

COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL AND ARCHIVAL RESOURCES (CAR)  
Meeting Minutes: February 29, 2012

Attendees:

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| Rosemary Zins       | – Vice President for Institutional Advancement   |
| Susan Agin          | – Managing and Artistic Director of the<br>Queensborough Performing Arts Center (QPAC)                   |
| Dr. Arthur Flug     | – Executive Director of the Kupferberg Holocaust<br>Resource Center and Archives                         |
| Dr. Emily Tai       | -- Associate Professor of History  |
| Meg Tarafdar        | – Director, Center for Excellence in Teaching and<br>Learning (CETL)                                     |
| Isabella Lizzul     | – Assistant Professor of Massage Therapy<br>(Chair of CAR Committee)                                     |
| Jeffrey L. Schwartz | – Instructor of Electrical and Computer Engineering<br>Technology (ECET)<br>(Secretary of CAR Committee) |
| Julia Carroll       | – Associate Professor of Basic Educational Skills  |
| Lorraine M. Cupelli | – Assistant Professor of Nursing   |
| John Gilleaudeau    | – Instructor of Social Sciences  |
| Zivah Perel         | – Associate Professor of English   |

Absentees:

- Faustino Quintanilla – Executive Director of the QCC Art Gallery

The meeting began at 1:00 p.m.

Everyone approved the minutes of our Oct. 31, 2011 meeting.

**CULTURAL CONNECTION VIDEOS**

Prof. Gilleaudeau has not yet been sent a link for the videos that have been made about the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives and the QCC Art Gallery, but Phil Roncoroni and Victor Peña are very excited about the results. Prof. Gilleaudeau hopes to do another filming in late March with QPAC with Prof. Lizzul and others talking about the work their massage therapy students have done with visiting dance companies.

Vice President Zins said that she wants the videos that have already been made to be reviewed and up by **Monday, March 12**, in time for her meeting with Pres.

Call. This meeting is in preparation of the gala to be held on March 14, at which two art students will be honored.

## **NEH GRANT PROPOSAL**

We received exactly one grant proposal for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), which was from Dr. Sarah Danielsson in the History Department, who specializes in Modern Europe and Genocide. Vice President Zins has asked Dr. Danielsson to expand her proposal with the help of Dr. Tai, although the substance was there, before they send it on to the NEH. This committee will not be shown the proposal until it has been revised, but Vice President Zins and Dr. Tai told us that it involves a series of seminars given by Dr. Danielsson's colleagues in Genocide Studies and that the money from the grant would go toward food, lodging, and the seminars themselves. Vice President Zins will get a firm date from History Department Chair Dr. Gilmar Visoni-Alonzo for when the grant proposal will be completed.

## **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

Descriptions of how cultural connections are being made continue to be impressive and moving.

Director Agin and Prof. Lizzul talked about massage therapy students working with the visiting Russian ballet company and plan to work with them again. When they return there will also be a nutrition component with Dr. Lana Zinger's students at the end of March. The Business Department will look at budgets for QPAC shows. The Chemistry Department will be involved in the study of flame-resistant fabrics and hypoallergenic make-up.

Prof. Cupelli continues to work with Dr. Flug to have beginning nursing students interview Holocaust Survivors to provide the students with a cultural, ethnic, and end-of-life perspective on patients that they might not get otherwise. Prof. Cupelli's descriptions were so moving that Vice President Zins asked her to speak at the Fund Board meeting.

Director Tarafdar discussed how these are high-impact learning experiences for students. She plans to have a CETL-coordinated panel in the fall to discuss these and other Cultural Connection projects.

Our next meeting was scheduled for **Tuesday, March 27 at 11:00 a.m.**

At 2:00 p.m. Prof. Lizzul moved to adjourn the meeting. Several attendees seconded this motion.

*Minutes recorded by Jeffrey L. Schwartz*