

COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL AND ARCHIVAL RESOURCES (CAR)
Meeting Minutes: April 8, 2011

Attendees:

Susan Agin – Managing and Artistic Director of the Queensborough
Performing Arts Center (QPAC)

Dr. Arthur Flug – Executive Director of the Kupferberg Holocaust
Resource Center and Archives

Faustino Quintanilla – Executive Director of the QCC Art Gallery

Isabella Lizzul – Assistant Professor of Massage Therapy (Chair of CAR
Committee)

Julia Carroll – Associate Professor of Basic Educational Skills

Lorraine M. Cupelli – Assistant Professor of Nursing

Michael Ritchie – Lecturer in the Art and Design Department

Jeffrey L. Schwartz – Instructor of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Technology (ECET)

Excused Absences:

Rosemary Zins – Vice President for Institutional Advancement

John Gilleaudeau – Instructor of Social Sciences

The meeting began at 9:26 a.m.

Directors Agin, Flug, and Quintanilla sent a list of faculty members they have worked with to Prof. Lizzul, who then sent them to Dr. Meg Tarfadar, Associate Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) to organize a panel session encouraging faculty to Make the Cultural Connection.

ACTION ITEM: Prof. Lizzul will invite Dr. Tarfadar to our next meeting to help us plan the panel session.

All agreed that early Friday mornings have not been the most convenient time for us to meet. Since we have only one meeting remaining in the Spring 2011 semester, those present decided that Monday, May 16, at 2:30 was convenient. This is pending...

QUESTIONS: Are Vice President Zins and Prof. Gilleaudeau available on Monday, May 16, at 2:30 p.m.? Is Vice President Zins's office available at that date and time?

Prof. Lizzul said that among the annual duties of the CAR Committee is documentation of the charges, such as a list of art acquisitions and accomplishments of the committee.

ACTION ITEM: Prof. Lizzul will send all of the committee members a list of the information that is required.

At the previous meeting we discussed the possibility of having a film class record the interviews of Holocaust survivors that had been conducted at the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center, but Director Flug said that interviews had already been recorded and are on YouTube. (One such video is here: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l0bt_AwZRI)

Prof. Carroll was concerned that the use of Holocaust Survivor interviews would need to be approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB). Prof. Lizzul said that as long as the interviews were not being used in a research study, the IRB would not be involved. Director Flug confirmed that the survivors had granted permission for the use of their interviews.

Prof. Lizzul read the minutes from the Feb. 25, 2011 meeting, which were approved.

While the directors had not had much success getting feedback from professors, which was reported at the previous meeting, they have had “glimmers of hope”:

- Prof. Lorraine M. Cupelli and Prof. Mark Van Ells have brought classes to the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center.
- Director Flug reported an influx of students who have been told by instructors that they need to “go to a museum.”
- Director Agin reported that a student came to the box office saying that they “needed to see a show and write about it.”
- Director Agin also reported that twenty-two students in the Theater Department worked for pay backstage at a recent performance to convert the theater from an empty box to a Broadway-caliber performance space and back again.
- Director Quintanilla reported that classes come to the QCC Art Gallery pretty often to write papers about what they see there.

Director Quintanilla also reported that the QCC Art Gallery is a depository of Pre-Columbian art and Broadway paraphernalia, among other things.

All directors and other committee members were excited about the upcoming events at the Queensborough Performing Arts Center (QPAC), the QCC Art Gallery, and the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center.

Prof. Schwartz reminded the committee that the preliminary list of new CAR Committee members has been released. The only person on the list who was not on the committee next term was Prof. Zivah Perel.

ACTION ITEM: Once the date, time, and location of the next meeting have been confirmed, Prof. Lizzul will invite Prof. Perel.

At 10:11 a.m. Prof. Lizzul moved to adjourn the meeting. Several attendees seconded this motion.

Minutes recorded by Jeffrey L. Schwartz