

DATE: May 13, 2009

TO: Anthony Angulo, Manette Berlinger, Nadine Donahue, Martin Jacobs, Dean Paul Jean-Pierre, Chong Jue, Annette Lazaro, Devin McKay, David Moretti, Regina Polizzotto, Linda Reesman, Gisela Rivera, Scott Sherman, Howard Sporn, Emily Tai, Simon Ulubabov, Jannette Urciuoli, Constance Williams, Craig Weber, Ziomara Zamora

FROM: Nadine Donahue and Scott Sherman

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Senate Standing Committee on Student Activities of Wednesday May 13, 2009 at 3:35 p.m. in the Student Union Building

MINUTES

Present: Nadine Donahue, Chong Jue (new committee member), Kate Montero, Gisela Rivera, Scott Sherman, Howard Sporn

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. in the Student Union Building after a change of venue. The committee meeting was originally scheduled for 3:15 in Dean Paul Jean-Pierre's office (Library Building room 418), however an office emergency necessitated a change of location and Ms. Rivera kindly offered the use of her conference room in the Student Union Building.

The following topics were reported and discussed at the May 13th, 2009 meeting:

- Dr. Chong Jue, a newly elected member of the committee, was introduced to the committee. Dr. Jue's term of office as a member of the committee is from the date of his election on April 21, 2009 until September 1, 2010.
- Dr. Jue was informed about the committee's responsibilities.
- Dr. Jannette Urciuoli's emailed memoranda (of May 1, 2009 and May 7, 2009) to the chairpersons of Academic Senate Standing Committees regarding the new membership for the Standing Committees for academic year 2009-2010 were discussed.
- The committee's attempts to contact Professor Martin Jacobs and Professor Regina Polizzotto about today's meeting were discussed.

- Ms. Rivera reported that Wednesdays have become increasingly busy for her and the staff of the Office of Student Activities because college Club Hours are held on that day of the week. As a result, it is difficult for her to attend the committee meetings when they are held on Wednesdays.
- The committee discussed having the fall semester meetings on a different day of the week to accommodate Ms. Rivera's busy schedule on Wednesdays. The possibility of holding the committee meetings on Tuesdays was discussed. Dr. Jue expressed his willingness to have committee meetings on a day other than Wednesday.
- Professor Howard Sporn updated the committee on his continuing work collecting information on QCC student awards and accomplishments on behalf of the Academic Senate Standing Committee on Student Activities. Professor Sporn sent an email to the college's faculty and CLTs on April 22, 2009 asking for further information about recent student awards and accomplishments.
- The committee thanks Professor Sporn for all of his dedicated hard work collecting and compiling this important information on QCC student awards and accomplishments, and for his long service on this committee.
- The committee recommends that the new members of the committee for academic year 2009-2010 continue Professor Sporn's valuable work of collecting and compiling information on QCC student awards and accomplishments.
- Ms. Rivera reported on recent QCC student activities.
- Student Government elections were held in April 2009.
- Kate Montero was again elected to the college's Executive Board. The committee congratulates Ms. Montero on her election.
- All of the spring 2009 semester events organized by the Office of Student Activities were successful.
- The committee thanks Ms. Rivera for her dedicated work as Director of the Office of Student Activities and her many valuable contributions to this committee.
- Two hundred and eighty-eight new trees were planted on the QCC campus by over 80 volunteers as part of "The Dig In" event on May 1, 2009. This event was conducted with the help of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation.
- Professor Sherman mentioned that members of the Department of Biological Sciences and Geology expressed concern to him about the large number of non-native (i.e. exotic) tree species that were being planted on the campus instead of

native North American trees and their concern that the members of the Department of Biological Sciences and Geology were not being consulted about the species of trees being planted on the campus.

- “The Dream Act” rally took place on the campus on May 6, 2009. The event was well attended and included a barbecue and a concert performed by students from the college’s music society. Students obtained signatures to support legislation regarding immigration.
- Ms. Rivera reported that student club activities are all winding down for the semester.
- The election of a new Chairperson for the Academic Senate Standing Committee on Student Activities was held. Dr. Chong Jue was elected as the **new Chairperson** for the committee. Dr. Jue’s term of office as Chairperson will begin on September 1, 2009 and continue for one year until September 1, 2010.
- The preparation of the minutes of this last committee meeting for academic year 2008-2009 was discussed.
- The preparation of the committee’s Annual Report for academic year 2008-2009 was discussed.
- Professor Sherman will send Dr. Jue a copy of the “Email List for the Academic Senate Standing Committee on Student Activities.”
- Dr. Jue was informed about the availability of committee documents (e.g. “A Guide for Committee on Student Activities Members,” Annual Reports, Minutes of Meetings) on the QCC website under “Governance.”
- The next committee meeting will take place in the fall 2009 semester. The exact date, time, and location of the meeting will be decided. Dr. Jue in his capacity as the committee Chairperson will schedule the next committee meeting early in the fall 2009 semester.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Scott Sherman