# Queensborough Community College <br> The City University of New York <br> MINUTES <br> of the April 13, 2010 meeting of the <br> Academic Senate 

President Eduardo J. Martí called the seventh regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 3:10 p.m.

## I. Attendance:

The complete Senate roster is available at http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/Governance/AcademicSenate/academic senate roster.asp

As determined from the attendance taken by the iclickers at the meeting, there were eleven absentees.

| Azrak, Paul | Darcy, Jean | Klarberg, David | Martiny, Nico |
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| Poulsen, Jane | Sandson, Stephanie | Scal, Roland | Shemanski, Thomas |

## II. Consideration of minutes of the February 9, 2010 meeting:

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the March minutes. (Attachment A of the April 13, 2010 Agenda). The motion was passed unanimously.

## III. Communications from:

President Marti: President Marti welcomed everyone to the seventh regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate.

- President Marti informed the Senate of the request of the Committee on Committee to move item \#5-Election of members of Standing Committees to item \# 3 to conduct the vote while there was quorum.
IV. Election of members of Standing Committees - ELECTION

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to modify the agenda to move item \#5 Election of members of Standing Committees to Item \#3. (Attachment H of the April 13, 2010 Agenda). The motion was passed unanimously.

- Dr. Regina Rochford presented the slate to the Senate and explained that of the 117 applications that were submitted, only 81 seats were available. As such, priority was given to tenured faculty, junior faculty, and then to Higher Education Officers, all equitably distributed across the Departments. Dr. Rochford asked that the Chairs of each department to inform their staff that they are required to apply each year to serve on Standing Committees.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the slate of Election of members of Standing Committees. (Attachment H of the April 13, 2010 Agenda). There were three negative votes from Jonas Falik, VP Ellen Hartigan and Lin Maan, and one abstention from Senator Anthony Kolios.

- President Marti thanked Dr. Rochford for all her hard work.
- President Marti then urged everyone to review the actions of the April meeting of the Board of Trustees as well as the Chancellor's report which mentions the $\$ 1$ million dollar gift from Mr. Norman P. Joondeph for the Art Gallery. President Marti indicated that this is the only time in the history of CUNY that we have received two $\$ 1$ million dollar gifts which is an attestation of how people feel about the College. President Marti reiterated once again that Mr. Joondeph, like Ameena Hakim, a recent Nursing graduate, made Queensborough Community College a priority in their giving.
- President Marti then referred to his written report (Attachment B of the April 13, 2010 Agenda).
- President Marti began with the 2009-10 budget, where the College/University is being asked to contribute $\$ 1.2$ million to the Program to Eliminate the Gap (PEG) for New York City. President Marti indicated that we cannot expect any extra funding, and that the College needs to be prudent with its spending. However, the hiring plans for 35 faculty members and 37 Administrators totaling 72 new positions will proceed to meet the demand of the overenrollment. Beyond that, there will be no hiring of new positions for the next two years, only replacements, should the need arise.
- President Marti announced that enrollment will be capped at 10,808 FTEs, and that he anticipates that the College will close admissions to new students some time in July; with the possibility of closing Registrations to all students sometime in latter part of July. That said, President Marti exhorted the Senate to announce to fellow faculty members to inform their students to register promptly to ensure the best possible options for their classes, as well as to complete their Financial Aid Applications by April 23, 2010.
- President Marti announced that the Open Hearing for the first draft Strategic Plan will be held May 19, 2010 to the Focus Groups: Department Chairs, Student Government and HEOs. Persons needing a copy of the Strategic Plan may contact the President's office. Eventually, everyone will be sent a copy of the plan.
- President Marti informed the Senate that over 300 persons have indicated that they will be attending the $50^{\text {th }}$ Anniversary Gala, and that through the Campaign efforts, other individual gifts are coming, and that it is expected that the College will surpass the goal of $\$ 3$ million.

Although VP Zins confirmed that the College is already at $\$ 2$ million, the President's goal is an Endowment of $\$ 2$ million.

- President Marti underscored the importance of the Study Abroad program which sponsored 8 students this spring to visit Saltsburg, funded by the Queensborough Community College fund and the Student Association. President Marti indicated that he has asked VP Hartigan to discuss with the students about donating to QSA budget to sustain and expand the Study Abroad Programs.
- President Marti described the discussions on the Community Dialogue concerning criteria for promotion as very timely, and that he intends to speak with Chairs about the process that is utilized to promote Junior Faculty members to attain the ranks of Associate Professor. The President suggested that faculty should create forums for such discussions.
- The President remarked that the judgment exercised by the P \& B and himself have to be very subjective, and he further delineated the promotion process and his role in the process.
IV. Senate Steering Committee: Chair Tai referred to her written report (Attachment C of the April 13, 2010 Agenda).
- Chair Tai began by supporting Dr. Rochford's remarks about timely submission of application to serve on Committees, which would prevent non-reappointment of faculty members who have contributed significantly to a committee.
- Chair Tai informed the Senate of her recent attendance at the UFS Task Force for Higher Education in the Prisons accompanied by Vice Chair Jacobowitz where there were discussions about education and training of persons who are incarcerated or who are being released. Chair Tai reported that there was considerable attendance of this meeting, which would support a program already in place at John Jay College, CUNY, from members of the Queensborough Community College faculty. Chair Tai invited anyone who might be interested in becoming more involved with the prison education program to contact her.
- Chair Tai exhorted faculty to read the Assessment Handbook and submit any feedback.


## V. Candidates for Graduation

- Fall 2009 - (Attachment E )- RESOLUTION
- January 2010 (Attachment F) - RESOLUTION
- President Marti presented the Candidates for Graduation with an Associates Degree referring to the Fall 2009 (Attachment E of the April 12, 2010 Agenda).


#### Abstract

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the Candidates who completed in Fall 2009 for January 2010 graduation. (Attachment E of the April 13, 2010 Agenda). The motion was passed unanimously.


- President Marti explained that the students listed on Attachment $F$ are potential students for June 2010 graduation, and have been invited to attend Commencement and that no vote was required at this time.


## VI. Monthly Reports of Academic Senate Standing and Special Committees

Committee on Bylaws (Attachment G) - RESOLUTION

- President Marti invited Dr. David Sarno to present on the matters of the Bylaws, Attachment G - Committee on Bylaws. Dr. Sarno indicated that there were four resolutions, and offered explanations and clarifications for questions on the floor.
- Item \#1 Proposal from the Committee on the Gallery and Performing Arts.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve Item \#1 -changing the proposed name for the Committee on the Gallery and Performing Arts to the Committee on Cultural and Archival Resources (Attachment G of the April 13, 2010). There was one negative vote from Senator Paris Svoronos, and one abstention from Leen Feliciano, (SGR).

- Item \# 2 Proposal from the Committee on Distance Education

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to increase the number of faculty members from five (5) to seven (7) (Attachment G of the April 13, 1010 Agenda.) There were five negative votes from Senator Asser Stuart, Melvin Gorelick, Bob Rodgers, Student Government Representative (SGR), Gladys Juca, and one other unidentified Student Government Representative. There was one abstention from Leen Feliciano, (SGR).

- Item \#3 Proposal from the Steering Committee: using email for committee business.
- This proposal stimulated lively discussion, and queries as to the appropriate times to use e-mail to conduct Committee business. Dr. Sarno responded to the comments, provided clarifications where necessary, and emphasized that e-mail should be used as a last resort when conducting Committee business. Parliamentarian, Dr. Phillip Pecorino reminded everyone that Committees are bound by the guidelines of Roberts Rules.

A motion was made, seconded, to ratify protocols and amendment specifying the use of e-mail to conduct committee business only when considered absolutely necessary. A
vote was taken, and results are pending. (Attachment G of the April 13, 2010 Agenda). The measure received thirty-six affirmative votes, there were twelve negative votes. $A$ debate concerning whether thirty-six votes would be considered sufficient to pass under current interpretations of the Perez decision concerning open meetings law ensued. The Steering Committee believes that while the measure received enough votes to pass according to QCC Bylaws, it failed to meet the more stringent requirements of the CUNY Central offices interpretation of the Perez decision. There were twelve negative votes from Senators Stuart Asser, Provost \& Senior VP Diane Call, Jonas Falik, Melvin Gorelick, Anthony Kolios, David Lieberman, Margaret Reilly, Bob Rogers, Paris Svoronos, Ann Tullio, Gilmar Visoni and Richard Yuster, and six abstentions from Senators Anne Marie Bourbon, Michael Cesarano, Eugene Harris, Georgina Colalillo, Phyllis Pace, and Leen Feliciano, (SGR).

- Item \# 4 Proposal from the Steering Committee: creation of a Committee on Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness.
- Several queries were raised regarding the activities of the Assessment Committee.
- Chair Tai indicated that by presenting this proposal to the Bylaws Committee, the intent was to keep Assessment within the purview of shared governance. Chair Tai emphasized the necessity of creating a committee that would show evidence of a "culture of assessment" to satisfy Middle States evaluation requirements.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the proposal for the creation of a new standing committee, the Committee on Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness. (Attachment G of the April 13, 2010). There were eleven negative votes from Senators Francis Cotty, Mona Fabricant, Leen Feliciano (SGR), Melvin Gorelick, Susan Jacobowitz, David Lieberman, Bob Rogers, Paris Svoronos, Ann Tullio, Gilmar Visoni and Richard Yuster, and two abstentions from Senators Edward Volchok and Paul Weiss.

## Committee on Committees:

Accepted as presented. (Attachment H of the April 13, 2010 Agenda)

## Committee on Curriculum:

( Attachment I)-RESOLUTION

## 1. Course Changes

DEPARTMENT of FOREIGN LANGUAGES and LITERATURE

## Prerequisite Change (1 Course)

## From: LC-122 Mandarin for Students of Chinese Heritage II <br> 4 class hours 4 credits <br> [Prerequisite/corequisites: Departmental permission.]

To: LC-122 Mandarin for Students of Chinese Heritage II
4 class hours 4 credits
Prerequisite: LC-121 with a grade of C or better, or departmental permission
Rationale: This course is the continuation of LC-121. Because language learning is a cumulative process, the mastery of LC-121 language skills at a C level or higher is necessary for a student to succeed in LC122. The majority of students who perform below C in LC-121 are unable to perform at a satisfactory level in LC-122.

> - A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the course change in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature. (Attachment I of the April 13, 2010 Agenda). There were no negative votes and one abstention from Leen Feliciano (SGR).

## DEPARTMENT of MATHEMATICS and COMPUTER SCIENCE

## Prerequisite Changes (3 courses)

1. From: MA-128 Calculus for Technical and Business Students 4 class hours 4 credits Prerequisite: MA-120 or MA-114, or the equivalent.

To: MA-128 Calculus for Technical and Business Students 4 class hours 4 credits
Prerequisite: MA-120 or MA-114 with a C- or better, or the equivalent.
Rationale: The Math Department requires students to earn a C- or better in MA 120 or MA 114 as a prerequisite for MA 440. To make requirements consistent across the various curricula, the prerequisite for MA 128 should also be a C- or better in MA 120 or MA 114. The department will assess the results of this change. We anticipate a higher success rate for students.
2. From: MA-315 Topics in Mathematics 3 class hours 3 credits
Prerequisite: MA- 301 or MA-303

To: MA-315 Topics in Mathematics 3 class hours 3 credits
Prerequisite: MA-301 or MA-303 or permission of the department
Rationale: MA 315 is used for independent study, as a catch-all course for transfer students, as a course for mathematics and science teachers taking courses for certification, and for students with special needs. It can be taught as an on-line course, a hybrid course, or a strictly in-class course. Since many of the students registering for this course have taken mathematics at another college or are non-matriculants with a BA degree, the department needs flexibility in the prerequisite for the course so we can evaluate students on an individual basis.
3. From: MA-336 Computer-Assisted Statistics 3 class hours 1 laboratory hour 3 credits Prerequisite: MA-120 [or 205] or MA-114, or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test, level II. [Students may not receive credit for both MA-332 and 336.]

To: MA-336 Computer-Assisted Statistics
3 class hours 1 laboratory hour 3 credits
Prerequisite: MA-120 or MA- 114 with a C- or better, or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test, level II. NOTE: MA 205 and MA 332 are no longer offered

Rationale: The Math Department requires students to earn a C- or better in MA 120 or MA 114 as a prerequisite for MA 440. To make requirements consistent across the various curricula, the prerequisite for MA 336 should also be a C- or better in MA 120 or MA 114. The department will assess the results of this change. We anticipate a higher success rate for students.

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the course change in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science (Attachment I of the April 13, 2010 Agenda). There were two negative votes from Senators Gladys Yuca and one unidentified Student Government Representative and one abstention from Edward Volchok.


## II. New Courses

## DEPARTMENT of FOREIGN LANGUAGES and LITERATURE (2 Courses)

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1. LA-111 Elementary Arabic I 4 credits (4 class hours, 1 lab hour) <br> Prerequisites: Placement by the Department of Foreign Languages
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This course is designed for students who have no previous background in Arabic. It focuses on the four essential language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. The alphabet, sound system, and basic greetings and expressions will be covered this semester. The main focus is on Modern Standard Arabic (MSA), although students are also trained to speak using spoken Arabic.

Rationale: Programs in Arabic language have already been incorporated very successfully into a good number of Community and Senior Colleges of CUNY, including LaGuardia and Kingsborough Community Colleges, and Queens and Hunter Colleges. Many students inquire about Arabic classes when they come to the Foreign Languages Department for advice and placement. We are certain that there is enough demand at this time to offer one Elementary Arabic I class every semester, and to continue expanding the program with the addition of Elementary Arabic II in the near future. As per our conversations with the directors of the Arabic programs at both Hunter and Queens Colleges it seems quite likely that we will be able to create a track for Arabic heritage speakers in the future, just as we have in the Spanish and Chinese programs.

Chinese LC-321 Business Chinese I 3 hours, 3 credits
Prerequisites and/or co-requisites: departmental permission
This course is designed for advanced speakers of Chinese. The curriculum provides advanced training in Chinese speaking, reading and writing skills using original business related materials. The emphasis of the course is on the mastery of general vocabulary and language structures used in the area of business. Social and behavioral cultural codes are also covered.

Rationale: Queensborough Communtiy College has a growing population of advanced speakers of Chinese. Many of these students are business majors. This course will be of great interest to these students as it will help them to learn the technical language of business in Chinese. The curriculum will also include reading business related materials and written communications within major business fields. For students who take Chinese to fulfill their language requirement, this course can serve as either the first or second course of the language classes they need. Students can also take this course as an elective. Enrollment of about 30 is expected the first time it is offered and it will be offered every semester.

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the new course in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature (Attachment I of the April 13, 2010 Agenda). There were four negative votes from Senators Gladys Yuca, Anne Marie Bourbon, and two unidentified Student Government representative, and one abstention from an unidentified Student Government representative.


## DEPARTMENT of MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY and DESIGN DRAFTING

MT-293 Parametric Computer Aided Design Drafting 1 class hour, 2 recitation hours, 3 laboratory hours, 3 credits

Co-requisites: MT-111
Introduction to the use of computer hardware and software for Mechanical Design Drafting. Applications of Parametric Computer Aided Design Drafting for increasing productivity. Concepts, commands and parameters involved in CAD systems. Students generate working drawings by interacting with the computer using graphics display terminals, parametric software, mouse and plotter.

Rationale: Students will learn to use the leading CAD software for Mechanical Design Drafting, currently Solid Works. To be competitive in today's job market our Mechanical Technology students need to be familiar with this industry standard. This new course will replace MT-488 Computer-Aided Design Drafting (CADD) in the MT curriculum. MT-488 (which focuses on Auto CAD) will be retained for the A.A.S. in CAID, as this is appropriate for Architectural Applications. The projected enrollment is 20 students and it will run every semester.

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the new course in the Department of Mechanical Engineering Technology and Design Drafting. (Attachment I of the April 13, 2010 Agenda). There were no negative votes, three abstentions from Senators Mona Fabricant, Gladys Yuca, and one unidentified Student Government Representative and one invalid vote from Leen Feliciano.


## DEPARTMENT of MUSIC (2 Courses)

1. MU 471, MU 472, MU 473, MU 474 - Percussion Ensemble. 2 studio hours; 1 credit

Prerequisites: None (and/or) co-requisites: None
Study, rehearsal and performance of classical, contemporary and world percussion ensemble repertoire. May be repeated for credit.

Rationale: Currently, the Music Department has a steady enrollment in Jazz Ensemble section E3, which is devoted to percussion-based repertoire. The demand for this class, in fulfillment of A.S. in Visual and Performing Arts (FA1), Music Concentration and A.A.S. in Music Electronics Technology (ME2) program requirements, is sufficient to warrant a dedicated course. In addition, having a more accurate name and description of the course in the catalog will alleviate much confusion amongst current and prospective music majors.

This course provides an opportunity for music and non-music majors to develop proficiency in a variety of techniques for percussion, explore the varied repertoire from standard percussion ensemble literature to percussion around the world, and the gain experience performing on stage with an ensemble.
2. MU-481, 482, 483, 484 Chamber Improvisation Ensemble 2 studio hours; 1 credit

Prerequisites: None (and/or) co-requisites: None

Exploration of creative expression, ensemble performance and focused listening through group improvisation, culminating in a public performance. Open to all instrumentalists (acoustic and electric) and vocalists. May be repeated for credit.

> Rationale: This course will expand the musical experiences that QCC is able to offer to A.S. Fine Arts and A.A.S. Music Electronics Technology majors. Offered fall and spring semesters, it will provide the experience and opportunity for students to expand their musical expression through non-idiomatic improvisation, removing the barrier of notated music. Students will gain ensemble experience that is vital to producing successful musicians and develop their skills in musical interaction, creative expression and musical intuition; develop focused listening; and broaden their musical vocabulary through group performances and directed listening. While some musicians and scholars disagree as to the feasibility of teaching improvisation, all agree that it is a vital experience for students of music, as it "secures the total involvement of the performer." (Derek Bailey Improvisation: Its Nature and Practice in Music, 17) The aim of this course is to provide that experience for students, in a low-risk setting, before they continue in their education or enter the professional world. Additionally, nonidiomatic improvisation "enables the emergence and cultivation of a personal voice...at any level of technical ability." (William L. Cahn Creative Music Making, 21)

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the new course in the Department of Music. (Attachment I of the April 13, 2010 Agenda). There were no negative votes and two abstentions from Gladys Yuca, and one unidentified Student government representative.


## III Degree Program Changes

## FROM: A.A.S. Degree Program in Mechanical Engineering Technology

 GENERAL EDUCATION CORE REQUIREMENTSEN-101, 102 English Composition I, II................................................................................................... 6
MA-114 College Algebra and Trigonometry for Technical Students....................... 4
MA-128 Calculus for Technical and Business Students...................................... 4
PH-201, 202 General Physics I, II......................................................................................................... 8
SS- OR HI- Electives in Social Sciences or History (HI-100 series)............................... 6
Sub-total 28

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

MT-111 Technical Graphics.....................................................................................................................................


MT-125 Metallurgy Laboratory.......................................................................... 1
MT-161 Fundamentals of Computer Numerical Control....................................... 3

MT-488 Computer-Aided Design Drafting (CADD) $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$
MT-345 Strength of Materials...................................................................... 3
MT-346 Strength of Materials Laboratory...................................................................... 1
MT-369 Computer Applications in Engineering Technology................................. 3
MT-900 Cooperative Education/Design Projects.............................................. 3

MT-492 Introduction to Virtual Automation..............................................................................................................................
MT-513 Thermo Fluid Systems...................................................................................... 3
MT-514 Thermo Fluid Systems Laboratory...................................................... 1
Sub-Total 36
Total Credits Required for the Mechanical Engineering Technology A.A.S. Degree Program
TO: A.A.S. Degree Program in Mechanical Engineering Technology
GENERAL EDUCATION CORE REQUIREMENTS CREDITS
EN-101, 102 English Composition I, II ..... 6
MA-114 College Algebra and Trigonometry for Technical Students.... ..... 4
MA-128 Calculus for Technical and Business Students ..... 4
PH-201, 202 General Physics I, II ..... 8
SS- OR HI- Electives in Social Sciences or History (HI-100 series) ..... 6
Sub-total ..... 28
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR
MT-111 Technical Graphics. ..... 2
MT-122 Manufacturing Processes ..... 3
MT-124 Metallurgy and Materials ..... 3
MT-125 Metallurgy Laboratory ..... 1
MT-161 Fundamentals of Computer Numerical Control ..... 3
MT-341 Applied Mechanics ..... 3
MT-293 Parametric Computer Aided Design Drafting ..... 3
MT-345 Strength of Materials ..... 3
MT-346 Strength of Materials Laboratory ..... 1
MT-369 Computer Applications in Engineering Technology ..... 3
MT-491 Computer Controlled Manufacturing (CCM) ..... 2
MT-492 Introduction to Virtual Automation ..... 2
MT-513 Thermo Fluid Systems ..... 3
MT-514 Thermo Fluid Systems Laboratory ..... 1
MT-900 Cooperative Education/Design Projects. ..... 3
Total Credits Required for the ..... 36
Mechanical Engineering Technology A.A.S. Degree Program ..... 64

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the new degree program changes in the Department of Mechanical Engineering Technology. (Attachment I of the April 13, 2010 Agenda). There were no negative votes and three abstentions from Senators Gladys Yuca, Leen Feliciano and one unidentified Student Government Representative.


## Committee on Environment, Quality of Life, and disability Issues

- Accepted as presented. (Attachment J of the April 13, 2010 Agenda).


## VII. Old Business

- None
- President Marti invited everyone to the Faculty Excellence Awards at the Oakland Room following the meeting.
VIII. New Business

> Dr. Sheena Gillespie, Chair of the Faculty Executive Committee addressed the Senate challenging the faculty to be more reflective in the classroom and to aim at "making the possible - actual."

- Alan Gabriella, Student Government Representative announced the upcoming student government elections asking faculty to encourage students to participate.

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Blake- Campbell, Secretary,
Steering Committee of the Academic Senate.

