

Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York

MINUTES
of the September 12, 2006 meeting of the
Academic Senate

President Eduardo J. Martí called the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 3:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

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

Absent, as determined from the attendance sheet circulated at the meeting, were:

Absentees 11

James Valentino	Antonella Ansani	Jean Darcy
Jeffrey Hest	Robert Kueper	Georgia Mc-Gill
Margaret Reilly	Matthew Trachman	Reuvain Zahavy
Robert Fredericks	Tana Murray	

II. Consideration of minutes of the May 9, 2006 meeting:

A **motion** was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept the May minutes with one correction to the attendance: Vice-President Rosemary Zins attended the May 9, 2006 meeting. (*Attachment A of the September 12, 2006 Agenda.*) There were no negative votes and no abstentions.

III. Communications from:

President Marti: President Eduardo J. Martí welcomed everyone back from summer leave and then referred to his written report (*Attachment B of the September 12, 2006 Agenda.*):

- President Martí stated most items in his report were addressed at the faculty meeting of September 8, 2006, but inquired if anyone had questions.
- President Martí had just come from a meeting of the remedial Task Forces and he stated the work of all the Task Forces was excellent. All recommendations were approved. The President particularly liked and supports that all recommendations include more involvement by faculty.
- The Library Task Force Report is complete. Changes to the Library – now referred to as the Learning Center – commenced over the summer. The President encourages all to visit the Learning Center. Eventually the Academies will be located in the Learning Center and the President is hopeful the students will utilize them.
- President Martí referred to Attachment B (page 11) – Physical Plant activities – and commended Vice-President Call and all others involved for all activities accomplished over the summer. The President believes the campus is more inviting to the students.
- President Martí stated that \$1 million dollars had been raised, in addition to the \$1 million dollars for the Holocaust Resource Center and Archives.

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- President Martí invited all to attend on September 18, 2006 the naming of the Holocaust Resource Center and Archives in honor of Harriet and Kenneth Kupferberg.
- Last Sunday was the opening of the latest exhibit in the Holocaust Resource Center: Sousa, The Dominican Republic: A Refuge from the Holocaust in the Tropics. The President encourages faculty in social sciences and history to assign their students to visit this exhibit which celebrates the courage of the Dominican people to accept Jewish refugees.
- In the Art Gallery, soon to come to a close, is the Andy Warhol exhibit. Faustino Quintanilla was the curator for this exhibit which will be shown next in Seoul, Korea, and then the Dominican Republic. President Martí commended Mr. Quintanilla for the success of this exhibit and the benefit it will provide to Queensborough.
- Enrollment has increased by approximately 550 students. The President commended Dr. Culkin for suggesting and offering to coordinate an inter-department task force which will address the opening and canceling of classes based on enrollment, and ways with which to deal with late admissions.
- Senator Pecorino inquired if late enrolled students were able to register for full programs and if they were correctly advised to take only courses in their programs, citing TAP concerns if they were to take classes that were not part of their programs. Vice-President Hartigan responded that not all students were able to enroll in full programs and some were admitted but had no classes and were encouraged to return in January.
- President Martí referred to the disallowance per the recent TAP audit which was originally estimated at approximately \$145 million dollars but was subsequently reduced to \$600,000 thanks to the efforts of the Office of Academic Affairs, the Financial Aid Office and the Financial Office. This amount will be paid back over a 3 year period. The disallowance affects all departments. It is imperative that students are properly advised.

Steering Committee:

Dr. Philip Pecorino, Chair of the Academic Senate Steering Committee, welcomed and introduced the new President of Student Government – Mr. Lin Lee. Mr. Lee introduced the Vice-President of Student Government, Mr. Ithmar Geffard. Dr. Pecorino then referred to his written report (*Attachment C of the September 12, 2006 Agenda*):

- The Agenda and attachments continue to be distributed electronically. A few paper copies are available at the Senate meeting.
- If anyone is using ‘clickers’ and have suggestions for the use of clickers at the Academic Senate meetings, please refer your suggestions or requests for a demonstration to the Steering Committee.
- All documents for the Academic Senate and standing committees are posted on the Governance pages of the QCC website. Dr. Pecorino thanked the Academic Computing Center and in particular, Mr. Dave Moretti, webmaster, for their support.
- All standing committees of the Academic Senate have their full complement of membership. Tomorrow, September 13, there will be a meeting of the committee chairs. Chairperson Pecorino mentioned the Committee on Computer Resources that works with Mr. George Sherman, Director IT, as an example of a standing committee and the administration working well together.
- The planning stages of a faculty survey is in process. An attempt will be made to prepare the survey in a manner that coordinates with Middle States survey requirements. In addition, the Steering Committee is looking at how the Senate might support the Middle States review process committees.

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- There have been two nominations for Service to Governance awards. A committee will be formed to review these nominations; the committee membership consists of Senator Jay Appleman, an administration representative, and a Faculty Executive Committee representative.

UFS Representative: The report on CUNY UFS Meeting of 5-9-06 was received. (*Attachment D of the September 12, 2006 Agenda.*)

IV. List of June 2006 QCC Candidates for Graduation:

Dr. Marti requested a motion to approve the list of candidates for June 2006 graduation. (*Attachment E of the September 12, 2006 Agenda*) The motion was **made, seconded, and approved.** There were no negative votes and no abstentions.

V. Reports of Academic Senate Standing Committees:

Committee on Committees:

- Senator Cesarano referred to his report (*Attachment F of the September 12, 2006 Agenda.*) citing one addition: moved from the alternates: Georgia McGill to assume the seat of Prof. Alex Tarasko who is on leave.

Committee on Course and Standing:

- The report (*Attachment G of the September 12, 2006 Agenda.*) to renew the Sub-Committee: the Committee on CPE Appeals was received.

VI. Annual Reports (*Attachments H - Q of the September 12, 2006 Agenda.*) :

Committee on Bylaws:	Annual Report received.
Committee on Committees:	Annual Report received.
Committee on Computer Resources:	Annual Report received noting one correction in the Members 2005 – 2006 section of the report: the Secretary was Geoffrey Burleson, Music.
Committee on Continuing Education:	Annual Report received.
Sub-Committee on Course and Standing – Committee on CPE Appeals:	Annual Report received.
Committee on Curriculum:	Annual Report received.
Committee on Distance Education:	Annual Report received.
Committee on Environment, Quality of Life and Disability Issues:	Annual Report received.
Committee on Publications:	Annual Report received.
Committee on Student Activities:	Annual Report received.

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VII. Naming of the Holocaust Resource Center and Archives

President Martí referred to the Resolution for the Naming of the Holocaust Resource Center and Archives As the Harriet & Kenneth Kupferberg Center (*Attachment R of the September 12, 2006 Agenda.*) A motion was **made** and **seconded** to approve the resolution. The following was discussed:

- Senator Pearl suggested that the Resolution be reworded to include the names of both Harriet and Kenneth in the text of the Resolution.
- President Martí appreciated the suggestion and stated it would be modified.
- Chairperson Pecorino stated that the President presented the Resolution to the Steering Committee after the May meeting of the Academic Senate. The Resolution was referred to the Committee on Environment, Quality of Life and Disability Issues and they recommended approval of the Resolution. The Steering Committee also approved the Resolution when the College was not in session so it could be presented to the Board of Trustees in June. It is reported now to properly observe Governance. To alleviate this situation in the future, the Committee on Environment, Quality of Life and Disability Issues will formulate and propose a policy on the naming of facilities which will better serve the College and facilitate the approval process.

The Resolution was **approved**. There were no negative votes and no abstentions.

VIII. Creation of Special Committee of the Academic Senate on a Student Bill of Rights and Student Complaints Process

President Martí referred to the Resolution for the Creation of Special Committee of the Academic Senate on a Student Bill of Rights and Student Complaints Process. (*Attachment S of the September 12, 2006 Agenda.*) A motion was **made** and **seconded** to accept the resolution. The following was discussed:

- Dr. Dina Dahbany-Mirgaglia suggested the title be changed to ‘Faculty and Student Rights and Responsibilities’.
- A motion was **made** and **seconded** to discuss the suggested change in name for this proposed special committee. Parliamentarian Paul Weiss confirmed that the only motion on the floor was the title change of the proposed special committee. The following was discussed:
 - Dr. Dahbany-Mirgaglia stated she believed that ‘Faculty’ should be included in the name of the proposed special committee because faculty have rights also.
 - Senator Pecorino responded that he opposed the suggested name change for this proposed special committee because this proposal is the result of Student Government; that to include ‘Faculty’ as part of the charge of the committee would make the charge of the committee too broad and too cumbersome for the committee to handle; and this matter involves the Board of Trustees and other matters. In addition, CUNY is working on a standardized student complaint process. All this effected the name of the proposed special committee.
 - Dr. Dahbany-Mirgaglia stated that in her experience with problems with students that there is no method with which faculty can complain about the students. Dr. Dahbany-Miragaglia believes the name of the proposed special committee provides students with more power and diminishes faculty which is unconscionable in a place of education.
 - Senator McColloch suggested the Senate call the question on the amendment.

224 → A motion was **made, seconded** and **approved** to call the
 225 question. There was one negative vote: T. Gerson, and no
 226 abstentions. The discussion was ended.

227 > A motion was **made, seconded** and **failed** to change the name
 228 of the proposed special committee. There were 47 negative
 229 votes:

230	E. Martí	D. Call	M. McColloch
231	K. Steele	R. Zins	S. Asser
232	J. Bertorelli	A. Bourbon	J. Culkin
233	J. Falik	S. Gillespie	E. Hartigan
234	D. Feldman	A. Krac	J. Kurnit
235	D. Lieberman	J. Nagler	T. Smith
236	P. Svoronos	M. Wallace	J. Wein
237	J. Appleman	I. Avens	P. Azrak
238	P. Bales	G. Burluson	J. Carroll
239	H. Dunkelblau	L. Ellis	D. Fitzgerald-Royce
240	B. Hersh	A. Kashkin	J. Lin-Marinez
241	K. Montgomery	P. Pecorino	L. Reesman
242	R. Rockford	L. Stanley	K. Villani
243	C. Weber	R. Yuster	A. Ching
244	C. Pranci	A. Jagoda	J. Pantaleo
245	L. Lee	I. Geffard	

246 There were 8 abstentions:

247	G. Visoni	M. Cesarano	E. Feldman
248	K. Golden	A. Kolios	S. Nagarkatte
249	E. Tai	P. Weiss	

- 250 • A motion was made by Senator Hartigan to change the name of the
 251 committee to “Special Committee of the Academic Senate on a Student Bill
 252 of Rights and Responsibilities and the Student Complaints Process “ which
 253 was accepted as a friendly amendment.
- 254 • Chairperson Pecorino stated the membership will be as stated in the
 255 Resolution and will also include Dr. Joann Wein as the Dept. Chairperson
 256 representative.
- 257 • The motion to accept the Resolution for the Creation of Special Committee
 258 of the Academic Senate on a Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities and
 259 the Student Complaints Process was **approved**. There were no negative
 260 votes. There were 5 abstentions: J. Culkin, P. Azrak, S. Nagarkatte, P.
 261 Pace, P. Weiss.

262 **IX. Creation of Special Committee of the Academic Senate on the *Use of External Instruments for***
 263 ***Evaluations and Assessments***

264 President Martí referred to the Resolution for the Creation of Special Committee of the Academic Senate
 265 on the Use of External Instruments for Evaluations and Assessments (*Attachment T of the September 12,*
 266 *2006 Agenda.*). A motion was **made** and **seconded** to approve the resolution. The following was
 267 discussed:

- 268 • President Martí wished to address the first ‘whereas’ of this resolution. He
 269 temporarily stepped down as Chair of the meeting and Chairperson
 270 Pecorino presided over the meeting.
- 271 • President Martí expressed his interest in having an exam which measures
 272 value added. He believes that both the CLA exam and the CCSE are good
 273 benchmarks. The President belongs to the Board that designed the CLA

281 exam and he knows that this exam is not for punitive purposes and that
282 there is nothing in the exam which will identify individual faculty, student or
283 programs. Because of some debate in CUNY about the exam and some
284 publicity, President Martí requested the Steering Committee form a special
285 committee on External Assessment. The President stated that the purpose
286 of the proposed special committee is not to decide if we will use the
287 instruments, but rather to determine if there will be any impact that needs to
288 be addressed.

- 289 • Senator Bertorelli inquired if the CLA exam involves the IRB.
- 290 • President Martí responded that CUNY has stated it does not require the
291 IRB, but if the proposed special committee has concerns there are
292 mechanisms with which IRB can be involved.
- 293 • The President reinforced that the proposed special committee will review
294 both the CLA and the CSSE and that he welcomes this proposed special
295 committee.
- 296 • With no further discussion, President Martí resumed presiding over the
297 meeting.
- 298 • Chairperson Pecorino stated the following are the faculty members for this
299 proposed special committee:
 - 300 > Peter Bales
 - 301 > Judith Barbanel
 - 302 > Manette Berlinger
 - 303 > Joseph Culkin
 - 304 > Emily Tai
- 305 • The resolution was **approved**. There were no negative votes and no
306 abstentions.

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308 **X. Unfinished Business**

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310 Senator Svoronos responded to the earlier inquiry about clickers and stated the Chemistry Department has
311 clickers that may be useful for Senate meetings.

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313 The Steering Committee will determine if there are enough clickers and if they are compatible for use in the
314 Academic Senate meeting room.

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316 **XI. New Business**

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318 Senator Appleman announced the following PSC matters:

- 319 • On September 13, 2006, at 1pm in S222, there will be a very brief meeting to fill two delegate
320 positions.
- 321 • On September 27, 2006, there will be a meeting for new faculty presided by Dr. Paul Weiss.
322 This will be a luncheon meeting in the Oakland Building.
- 323 • On November 15, 2006, there will be a general meeting of the PSC Chapter. More detailed
324 information will be provided via email.

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326 Senator Gillespie announced the 4th Annual Faculty Conference will be on Friday October 20, 2006. More
327 detailed information will be provided via email.

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330 The meeting adjourned at 3.55 p.m.

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336 Kathleen Villani
337 Secretary