# Queensborough Community College 

The City University of New York
MINUTES
of the March 13, 2012 Academic Senate

Interim President Diane Call called the sixth regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 3:17 p.m.

## I. Attendance:

The complete Senate roster is available at
http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicSenate/roster.html

As determined from the attendance taken by the i-clickers at the meeting, there were fifteen absentees.

Blake- Campbell, Barbara
Gray, Peter
Jue, Chong

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Holden, Todd
Luby, John
Weber, Craig
SG Administrative VP
SG Treasurer

## II. Consideration of minutes of the February 14, 2011:

- A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to approve the February 14, 2012 minutes (Attachment A of the March 13, 2012 Agenda). This vote was passed unanimously.


## III. Communications from:

Interim President Call: Interim President Call referred to her written report
(Attachment B of the March 13, 2012 Agenda)

- President Call began her report with news that the referendum on our revised Queensborough Community College Governance Plan has been accepted as presented by the faculty and students of our College.
- President Call congratulated all our faculty leaders, especially Professor Tarasko, Dr. Tai, Dr. Pecorino and Dr. Bales who helped shape and advance important revisions in our Governance Plan. She thanked them for their dedication to the College and commitment to shared governance-and she thanked all those faculty and students who participated in this referendum.
- President Call gave an update on enrollment. Advisement and registration for Summer sessions and the Fall 2012 semester began March 5th. Our goal to advise all continuing students by June $30^{\text {th }}$. She urged faculty to encourage current students to complete their advisement/registration process as early as possible. President Call thanked Ann Tullio for her hard work.
- President Call discussed a scholarship opportunity for students who are close to 30 credits (or half of their total degree credit requirements) after this semester. The scholarship will allow them to take a QCC course for free this summer. For more information, please contact Dean Michele Cuomo in the Office of Academic Affairs. She will be contacting eligible students in May. Those students eligible to graduate in either June or August should apply for graduation through the CUNYfirst system.
- President Call announced that on March 13, 2012 the Dean's list ceremony will be held for students who completed half their degree programs in 1 year.
- This year's Commencement is scheduled for June 1, 2012. All faculty and HEOs are expected to participate.
- President Call gave an update on Pathways. The University is using our template and accepting some rationale that we issued.
- Our faculty representatives on the CUNY review committees are:
- English Composition, Dr. Linda Reesman, Professor and Chairperson of English
- Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning, Dr. Joseph Bertorelli, Professor and previous chairperson, Mathematics and Computer Science
- Life and Physical Sciences, Dr. Paris Svoronos, Professor and previous Chairperson, Chemistry
- World Cultures and Global Issues, Dr. Edmund Clingan, Associate Professor, History
- U.S. Experience in its Diversity, Dr. Peter Bales, Associate Professor, Social Sciences and History
- Creative Expression, Professor Georgia McGill, Professor and Chairperson, Speech Communication and Theatre Arts
- Individual and Society, Dr. Joseph Culkin, Professor and Chairperson, Social Sciences
- Scientific World, Dr. Bryn Mader, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences and Geology
- President Call congratulated all faculty and staff who have been awarded grants for their research and programs: Queensborough has been awarded a $\$ 1$ million grant from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation to renovate our main parking lot, under the Green Innovation Grant Program. Dean Arthur Perkins of Campus Facilities, authored the proposal and will serve as project director.
- President Call welcomed Ms. Laura Kotkin, who has been named the Director of Development. Ms. Kotkin began her career at QCC, and most recently served in this position at the CUNY Law School.
- President Call completed her report by reminding everyone to attend these upcoming events:
- Elections for our 2012-13 Student Government Executive Board will be held from March 23 through March 29. Faculty and staff are asked to alert students to this governance process, and encourage them to meet the candidates at a Forum on Wednesday, March 21 from 1 --3 PM in the Humanities quad-and to vote!
- The Academic Senate has begun its process of application for/election to membership on Academic Senate Committees and/or as Senators at Large. The electoral process will begin with filing nominating petitions (due March 8) in advance of elections in April. Faculty have been sent further information from the Committee on Committees via QCC email.
- On Wednesday, March 21, a celebration of our newly tenured faculty colleagues and those with CCE will be held at 4:00 PM in the Oakland Dining Room. Honorees include: Dr. Margot Edlin, Professor Christina Tucker-Manzo, Ms. Annette Perez-Lopez, Mr. Ken Mohan, Mr. Peter Irigoyen, Ms. Susan Hock, Mr. Bahar Baheri, Mr. Ernie Jackson, Ms. Diane Carey, Ms. Elise Denbo and Mr. Weier Ye.
- The Office of Career Services will host our annual Job Fair on Wednesday March $21^{\text {st }}$ in the Student Union. All students are invited to participate in this event, which offers an increasingly rare opportunity for our students to present themselves to employers for summer, part and full time employment.
- Our Technology Fee Intern Awards Reception will be held on Wednesday, March 28 at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Dining Room. Tech Fee interns serve in tech support roles in a number of departments, including in IT staffing the Help Desk, in our Learning Centers, and in the ACC. More than 15 interns have gone on to become full time staff members at QCC.
- The Spring 2012 Faculty Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in M 136. Sponsored by the Faculty Executive Committee, this meeting combines updates and actions on faculty business, as well as informative presentations and discussions on topics of importance to our academic community. The FEC also holds annual elections for several important college committees. All faculty are encouraged to attend in the April 4 meeting, and to consider seeking membership on such committees as Student Discipline, Academic Review, Academic Integrity, and the Boards of the QCC Association and Auxiliary Enterprises. Faculty will receive additional information about the election process in the coming weeks.
- Partners for Progress will be held April 26, 2012.

Senate Steering Committee: Chair Tai referred to her written report:
(Attachment C of the March 13, 2012 Agenda) focusing on some of the following:

- Chair Tai reminded faculty and staff who are interested in continuing on a committee on which they currently serve that committee membership must be applied for every year. There are no "automatic" committee appointments, so we hope all interested members of faculty and HEOs have submitted applications.
- Members of faculty, HEOs, and Adjuncts will be invited to nominate themselves or colleagues to run for the Academic Senate. Chair Tai encouraged members of our college community to consider service on this important body.


## V. Monthly Reports of Standing Committees of the Academic Senate

- Committee on Curriculum (Attachment F)- RESOLUTION

The Committee on Curriculum has acted to send the following recommendation to the Academic Senate.

- New Courses in Math

DEPARTMENT of MATHEMATICS and COMPUTER SCIENCE
MA-119 College Algebra 4 class hours 3 credits
Prerequisites: MA-010 or exempt from remedial mathematics, or permission of the department. Co-requisites: May be taken as a co-requisite to MA-121
Description: A basic presentation of the fundamental concepts of college algebra. Systems of linear equations, inequalities, linear, quadratic, exponential and logarithmic functions.

## Rationale:

This course will replace MA 120 for non-STEM students. STEM students will take MA 119 (this course - College Algebra) plus MA 121 (Trigonometry). Looking at the statistics for Spring and Fall 2011, approximately $80 \%$ of QCC students taking MA 120 are non-STEM students. These students do not need trigonometry for their curriculum. The trend in mathematics education is to allow different tracks for students with different educational goals. Baruch, CSI, Hunter, John Jay, Queens, and York do not include trigonometry in their College Algebra courses, therefore MA 119 should satisfy their requirements for a College Algebra course. Students who complete MA 119 with a C or better will be able to take MA 336 (Statistics) and MA 303 (Number Systems). The goal is to improve students' chances of succeeding in College Algebra and increase the pipeline for MA 336 and MA 303.

- A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to approve the new courses in Math ( Attachment F of the March 13, 2012 Agenda).


## New Courses in DEPARTMENT of ELECTRICAL and COMPUTER ENGINEERING

 TECHNOLOGYET-375 Introduction to Robotics 3-Hours Lecture, 3-Hours Laboratory, 4-Credits
Prerequisite: ET-510 or ET 540 or ET-110 or permission of the ECET Department
Co-requisite: None Description:

This course is designed to introduce robotic construction, programming, operation and basic theory to the students. Topics included are electronic components, analog and digital signals, CPU, microcontroller, I/O ports, continuous rotation and servo motors, light sensors, ultrasonic sensors, IR sensors, encoders, robot controllers, structure and motion of a robot, power, and programming of robots. Also covered are building a gear formation, speed and torque, transmitter and receiver, and autonomous mobile robots. Students will construct and test microcontroller based robots in the laboratory.

Rationale: The field of robotics is one of the fastest growing fields in engineering and technology around the world. Students desire this course to stay informed with this emerging technology and the demand for a course in robotics is high. The field of robotics utilizes electronics, mechanics, and computer programming concepts to design and build a mobile
robotic system, which is capable of autonomous behavior. Teamwork is essential in order to successfully construct a functioning robot. An exciting aspect of robotics is that it offers activities for everyone on the team including electronic design, mechanical design, electronic construction, mechanical construction, and computer programming. Robotics provides a unique opportunity for students and teachers to apply their knowledge of mathematics and science, along with their hands on skills, to build a practical autonomous robot. One of the best parts of the experience of designing and building a robot is that the team members learn from and help each other. Therefore, all of the team members can make positive contributions to the project whether they enjoy applying their theoretical knowledge, hands on skills, artistic abilities, or management skills. The expected enrollment for this course will be about 20 students per semester.

- A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to approve the new courses in ECET ( Attachment F of the March 13, 2012 Agenda).


## New Courses in: DEPARTMENT of SPEECH and THEATRE <br> TH134 Stage Makeup 1 lecture hour \& 2 studio hours/week 2 credits <br> Prerequisites: (and/or) co-requisites: none <br> Description:

Theory and practice of theatrical stage makeup. Project based learning with a concentration on the design and practical application of stage makeup for a variety of characters. Proper use of tools and materials used in the application of stage makeup techniques. Comprehension of terminology and function used in makeup design.

## Rationale:

The creation of this course addresses a concern voiced by our external reviewers during programmatic review. Additionally, the skills taught in this course are supportive of student work in practicum courses and enhances their employability in the theatre. During the two semesters during which the course was offered as an experimental course, we discovered that students were able to grasp and employ the elemental design concepts covered in the course enthusiastically and with more ease than in some other design offerings. Students took great pride in the creative work accomplished in this course, often choosing to publish their work electronically. TH 134 should go on to serve as a foundational course to other theatre design courses. The course had strong enrollment and ran successfully as devised. The scheduling of the course will be adjusted so that it is offered in one 3 hour segment rather than across two days to allow for a lab period that will better support the lecture.

- A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to approve the new courses in Speech and Theatre( Attachment F of the March 13, 2012 Agenda).


## Removal of Courses in:DEPARTMENT of MATHEMATICS and COMPUTER SCIENCE

## MA-120 COLLEGE ALGEBRA AND TRIGONOMETRY

Pre-requisite: MA-010 or MA-013 or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test Hours: 3 Class Hours 2 Recitation Hours 3 Credits

- A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to remove MA-120 ( Attachment F of the March 13, 2012 Agenda).

Course Revisions in: DEPARTMENT of HEALTH , PHYSCIAL EDUCATION and DANCE
HE-102 Critical Issues in Health Education: Change in Title and Description
From: HE 102 [Critical Issues in Health Education]
Description:

This is a [concentrated] course [of study involving research and discussion of critical health issues dealing with] mental health, addictions and [dependencies], exercise, [diet], human sexuality, major diseases and their [relation to morbidity and longevity]. [Students are also required to attend Health Lecture Series programs and/or related field experiences as a complement to classroom activities].

## To: HE 102 Health, Behavior and Society <br> Description:

This fundamental course focuses on the relationship between health and human behavior by exploring the psychological, biological, and socio-cultural perspectives of health. Topics for discussion emphasize disease prevention and lifelong health promotion for the individual and the community. Learning experiences are designed to enable students to develop analytical reasoning skills in order to make informed health decisions and to promote and maintain wellness across diverse cultures. This course will examine major health areas of importance to the individual and society including nutrition, mental health, stress, sexuality, exercise science and addictions.

Rationale: The revised title and description expands and updates the current health areas.

## IS-151 Health of the Nation Change in Title and Description

From: IS-151 Health of the Nation 2 hours, 2 credits
Prerequisites and/or co-requisites: none

## Description:

This course provides an examination of the health status of different populations in the United States. Concepts of epidemiology, health promotion and disease prevention are discussed. The characteristics of special populations are addressed, as are some of the major threats to the health, safety and welfare of individuals and society.
Friendly amendment to withdraw to withdraw IS 151

## To: HE-151 Health and the Nations 2 hours, 2 credits

## Description:

This course examines global public health issues throughout the world. The health status of diverse populations as well as the major threats to the health, safety and welfare of society will be discussed. Strategies to control the spread of major diseases and the impact of local, national and international policy decisions on individuals and communities will be explored. Topics for discussion include food ecology, health disparities, access to health care, controlling infectious disease, and reducing environmental hazards.

## Rationale:

The proposed title will more precisely describe this course. The focus of the course has shifted from a wholly domestic health perspective to a more global health approach.

PE-540 Introduction to Physical Fitness 1 credit, 2 hours
Prerequisites and/or co-requisites: none

## From:

Description:
[This course is designed to introduce the importance of lifetime physical activity. This course uses non-competitive, cooperative games, lead-up activities and traditional sports, to implement major fitness components in an environment that puts the emphasis on fun.]

## To: <br> Description:

A comprehensive approach to preparation of a physically active lifestyle, this course focuses on building sound exercise and activity habits that can carry on throughout one's lifetime. Emphasis will be on an extensive review of physical fitness components, design and initiation of a personal fitness plan, and active engagement during fitness activities

## Rationale:

The revised description (and subsequent course program) is needed to adequately reflect current trends regarding health, physical education and physical fitness. The prevalence of obesity in our society speaks to the importance of physical fitness knowledge and practice among our student body. Contrary to the original course description, physical fitness does not necessarily need to be acquired through sports, lead-up activities nor cooperative games. The new course direction will focus on personal physical fitness assessment, programming, and practice. It will also be designed as a complementary course to HE-102 Health, Behavior and Society.

- Senator Weiss asked to postpone the changes made to IS 151. This was accepted as a friendly amendment.
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved with one negative vote from Senator Asser and one abstention from SG President to approve the courses revisions in HPED ( Attachment F of the March 13, 2012 Agenda).

Course Revisions in: DEPARTMENT of CHEMISTRY

## CH-151 General Chemistry I

FROM: Prerequisite: MA-120 or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test. TO: Prerequisite: MA-119 and MA-121 or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test.

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved with three negative votes from Senators Stark, Lieberman and Pantaleo and one abstention from SG President to approve the new changes to CH-151 ( Attachment F of the March 13, 2012 Agenda).


## Course Revisions in: DEPARTMENT of MATHEMATICS and COMPUTER SCIENCE

MA-121 ELEMENTARY TRIGONOMETRY Hours: 1 Class Hours 1 Credit
FROM: Co-requisite: May be taken as a co-requisite to MA-119. May be taken as a corequisite to MA-440 for students who have passed an intermediate algebra or college algebra course that has no trigonometry with a C or better.
TO: Co-requisite: May be taken as a co-requisite to MA-119. May be taken as a corequisite to MA-440 for students who have passed with a grade of $C$ or better an intermediate algebra or college algebra course that has no trigonometry.

MA-128 Calculus for Technical and Business Students
FROM: Prerequisite: MA-114 or MA-120 with a grade of C or better, or the equivalent. TO: Prerequisite: MA-114 with a grade of C or better or MA-119 and MA-121 with a grade of C or better in both courses, or the equivalent.

MA-240
FROM: Prerequisite: MA-120 or MA-114, or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test.

TO: Prerequisite: MA-119 and MA-121 or MA-114, or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test, Level II.

## MA-250

FROM: Prerequisite: MA-120 or MA-114, or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test, Level II.
TO: Prerequisite: MA-119 and MA-121 or MA-114, or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test Level II.

MA-260
FROM: Prerequisite: MA-120 or MA-114.
TO: Prerequisite: MA-119 and MA-121 with a grade of $C$ or better in both courses or MA114 with a grade of $C$ or better.

MA-303
FROM: Prerequisite: MA-120.
TO: Prerequisite: MA-119 with a grade of C or better.

MA-336
FROM: COMPUTER-ASSISTED STATISTICS

Computer Assisted Statistics
Prerequisite: MA-120 or MA-114 with a grade of C or better or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test, Level II.

## TO: STATISTICS

Prerequisite: MA-119 with a grade of $C$ or better or MA-114 with a grade of $C$ or better or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test, Level II.

## Description:

This course is an introduction to statistics and the use of a professional statistical software package. Topics include: descriptive statistics; probability; binomial and normal distributions; sampling; confidence intervals and tests of hypotheses.

## MA-440

FROM: Prerequisite: MA-114 or MA-120 with a grade of $C$ or better, or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test, Level II.
TO: Prerequisite: MA-119 and MA-121 with a grade of $C$ or better in both courses, or MA-114 with a grade of C or better, or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test, Level II.

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved with one negative vote from SG President to approve the new courses revisions in Mathematics and Computer Science ( Attachment F of the March 13, 2012 Agenda).


## Course Revisions: DEPARTMENT of PHYSICS

## PH-140

FROM:_Co requisite: MA-321 or MA-120 or MA-114 , or the equivalent
TO: Co requisite: MA-321 or MA-119 and MA-121 or MA-114 , or the equivalent

PH-201
FROM: Prerequisite: MA-114 or MA-120 or the equivalent, or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test, Level II.
TO: Prerequisite: MA-114, or MA-119 and MA-121 or the equivalent, or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test, Level II.

PH-240
FROM: Prerequisite: Permission of the Department based on one laboratory course in science or technology; MA-114, MA-120 or the equivalent; and ET-501, PH-303, BU-500 or the equivalent. TO: Prerequisite: Permission of the Department based on one laboratory course in science or technology; MA-114, MA-119 and MA-121 or the equivalent; and ET-501, PH-303, BU-500 or the equivalent.

PH-301
FROM: Prerequisite: MA-120 or MA-114 or equivalent or permission of the department. TO: Prerequisite: MA-119 and MA-121 or MA-114 or equivalent or permission of the department.

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved with one abstention from SG President to approve the new changes in the Physics Dept. ( Attachment F of the March 13, 2012 Agenda).


## Changes to Degree Programs [to be removed] to be added

Changes resulting from the removal of MA 120 and its replacement with MA-119 and MA-121

## 1. ) Understanding the Sequence of Remedial Coursework

## Mathematics Courses:

Math [120] 119 the Math requirement for the A.A. degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences and the A.S. meets Degree in Visual and Performing Arts.
It is STRONGLY advised that students planning to transfer to Queens College take 120] 119 prior to transferring.
Students planning to transfer into business programs at Baruch College are strongly advised to complete 120] 119 and MA 121 (if required) and MA-440 and MA-441.
2.) Courses with remedial Contact Hours or Credit Equivalents

Math [120] -119 Credits 3.0 equated credits [5.0] 4.0
MA-114*, 119, [120], 121
APPLIED AND SPECIALIZED COURSES: Mathematics (Page 70)
MA-114*, 120, 119 and 121, $\ldots$
*MA-114, 120, 119 and 121, ...
3.) Requirements for the Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree component for the Dual Joint Degree program with Queens College, Liberal Arts and Sciences and Education
MA-303 number systems
NOTE: If required based upon QCC/CUNY Math Placement Test, Math [120] -119 must be completed prior to MA-303.
4.) Liberal Arts and Sciences -Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree
Mathematics 3-4
Students may select from one of the following:
Math [120] -119*, 301,303,315,321,336,440,441,442
*Math [120] -119* fulfills the mathematics requirement only for the A.A. in Liberal Arts and Sciences and for the A.S. in Visual and Performing Arts.
5.) QCC/John Jay Dual/Joint Degree Program: A.S. in Criminal justice . (catalogue page 107)
[MA-120 College Algebra and Trigonometry 3]
MA-119 College Algebra 3
MA-121 Trigonometry 1
SUGGESTED SEQUENCE OF COURSES
MA-119 College Algebra 3
MA-121 Trigonometry 1
Note: Students who place out of MA-[120] -119 should take BU-203 (John Jay equivalent is STA 250), which means junior year skills course requirement in the B.A. in Criminal Justice program at John Jay College.
6.) Liberal Arts and Sciences (Mathematics and Science) A.S. (Page 110 in catalogue) Notes box changes
Mathematics MA-114, 119, 120, 121,128, 321, 240, 250,260, 261.
7.) Gallery and Museum Studies-Associate in Science A.S. Degree

MA-301 or -[120] - 119 Mathematics........... 3
MA-301 or -[120] - -119 Foundations of Mathematics or [College Algebra and Trigonometry 3]
College Algebra 3
8.) Visual and Performing Arts - Associate in Science A.S. Degree

Math [120] -119, 301,303,321,336,440,441.....3-4
9.) Chemistry

CH-151 General Chemistry I
Prerequisite: MA-[120] -119 and MA-121 or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test.

## 10.) Mathematics

MA-128 Calculus for Technical and Business Students
Prerequisite: MA-114 with a grade of C or better or MA--[120] -119 and MA-121 with a grade of C or better in both courses, or the equivalent.
MA-240
Prerequisite: MA-[120] -119 and MA-121 or or MA-114, or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test.
MA-250
Prerequisite: MA-[120]-119 and MA-121 or MA-114, or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test, Level II.

MA-260
Prerequisite: MA-[120] -119 and MA-121 with a grade of $C$ or better in both courses or MA-114 with a grade of $C$ or better.

MA-303
Prerequisite: MA-[120] -119 with a grade of C or better.
MA-336 [Computer Assisted Statistics] Statistics
Prerequisite: MA--[120] -119 with a grade of $C$ or better in both courses or MA-114 with a grade of $C$ or better or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test, Level II.

MA-440
Prerequisite: MA--[120] -119 and MA-121 with a grade of $C$ or better in both courses, or MA-114 with a grade of C or better, or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test, Level II.

## 11.) Physics

PH-140
Corequisite: MA-321 or MA-[120] -119 and MA-121 with a grade of $C$ or better in both courses or MA114 , or the equivalent

PH-201
Prerequiste: MA-114 or MA-[120] -119 and MA-121 with a grade of $C$ or better in both courses or the equivalent, or satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test, Level II.

PH-240
Prerequiste: Permission of the Department based on one laboratory course in science or technology; MA114, MA-[120] 119 and MA-121 with a grade of $C$ or better in both courses or the equivalent; and ET$501, \mathrm{PH}-303, \mathrm{BU}-500$ or the equivalent.

PH-301
Prerequisite: MA-[120] -119 and MA-121 with a grade of $C$ or better in both courses or MA-114 or equivalent or permission of the department.

Note: Students may not receive credit for both MA-114 and MA-[120] -119 .

## Students who pass MA-114 may not also receive credit for MA-119, MA-120 or MA-121.

 Neither MA-119 nor MA-121 may be used as part of the 20-25 credit concentration in the A.S. in Liberal Arts and Sciences (Mathematics).- A question was brought up by Senator Culkin on procedure- should the departments involved in the QCC/John Jay Dual Degree Program been given a chance to further discuss these changes?
- VP Steele suggested all stakeholders should have a chance to be advised of the changes.
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved with two abstentions from SG President and Senator Kolios to approve the changes to all degree programs EXCEPT QCC/John Jay Dual Degree Program. This was accepted as a Friendly Amendment to withdraw this change until the departments and all stakeholders talk in more detail.
( Attachment F of the March 13, 2012 Agenda).
VI. Old Business
- Statement on Pathways (Faculty) (Attachment H of the March 13, 2012 Agenda).
- Dr. Bales iintroduced the Resolution on the PATHWAYS PROCESS and RESOLUTIONS of the CUNY BOT and described this vote as a symbolic action.


## Resolution on the PATHWAYS PROCESS and RESOLUTIONS of the CUNY BOT

WHEREAS the CUNY Board of Trustees and the Office of the Chancellor has implemented "Pathways" as a means to establish a universal core studies curriculum at CUNY as a means to ease transfer between its diverse colleges; and

WHEREAS the "Pathways" committees have been appointed by University administration rather than elected by the duly constituted governance bodies or faculty at both the college (Academic Councils and Senates) and the University level (the University Faculty Senate) that are proposing a new core curriculum for all of CUNY; and

WHEREAS this process stands in direct violation of the Academic Freedom Rights of the faculties, students, and administrators of the individual colleges of CUNY to make their own academic judgments to establish their own degree requirements; and

WHEREAS the Chancellery's and Board of Trustee's prohibition of required prerequisites and GPA's for core courses will result in a lowering of academic standards in General Education courses; and

WHEREAS the proposed "core" fails to include sufficient instruction in numerous areas, including but not limited to mathematics, foreign language, natural science, historical studies, philosophy, political science and Health; and

WHEREAS the Pathways Project provides for the inadequate, arbitrary and capricious constraint of a 30 credit Common Core and a 12 credit College Option for the baccalaureate curriculum;

WHEREAS Queensborough and the other colleges of CUNY were given only two weeks to respond to the draft Common Core proposal;

Be it RESOLVED that the Academic Senate of CUNY/Queensborough, comprised of faculty, students, and administrators, questions the legitimacy of the process by which "Pathways" has been implanted, and we believe that "Pathways" curricular changes are harmful to the academic reputation of Queensborough and the City University of New York, the careers of our graduates and faculty, and to shared governance and academic freedom.

Be it further RESOLVED that while the Academic Senate of CUNY/Queensborough recognizes the need to address transfer issues, it recommends that the "Pathways" initiatives be suspended by CUNY and fundamentally rethought in order to assist the colleges of CUNY to establish more dual-joint degree programs, enhanced articulation agreements and website assistance with transfer advisement to facilitate and support transfer and at the same time maintain the academic quality of all CUNY degree programs.

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved with seven negative votes from President Call, VP Hartigan, VP Steele, Liza Larios, Sherri Newcomb, Denise Ward and Rosemary Zins and four abstentions from Senators Rochford, Colalillo, Edlin and Salis to approve the Resolution on

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the PATHWAYS PROCESS and RESOLUTIONS of the CUNY BOT ( Attachment H of the March 13, 2012 Agenda).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 PM
Respectfully Submitted,
Lana Zinger EdD, CHES, R.D. (Secretary)
Steering Committee of the Academic Senate.

