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**Queensborough Community College  
The City University of New York**

**MINUTES  
of the April 8, 2014  
Academic Senate**

President Diane Call called the seventh regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 3:15 p.m.

**I. Attendance:**

55 votes were recorded at the time attendance was taken; 62 members of the Academic Senate cast votes during the meeting. (See the Voting Report, Attachment A-2.)

Absentees: Michael Reiner, Rosemary Zins, Kip Montgomery, Bob Rogers, Gil Visoni, Jeanne Galvin, Jose Osorio, Eileen White, Jennifer Maloy, Mike Cesarano, Lorena Ellis, Charles Neuman, Dion Pincus, Ngawang Yangki, Chaojun Dong, Benjamin Linsy, Julie Ann Belaustegui

**II. Consideration of minutes of the March 11, 2014 meeting of the Academic Senate:**

- A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously adopted to approve the March 11, 2014 minutes as presented (see Attachment A-1 of the April 8, 2014 Agenda).

**III. Communications from President Call**

President Call referred to her written report (*Attachment B of the April 8, 2014 Agenda.*) For the full report, visit: [http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicsenate/docs/ay2013-14/April\\_2014/Attachment-B-Presidents-Report%204-8-14.pdf](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicsenate/docs/ay2013-14/April_2014/Attachment-B-Presidents-Report%204-8-14.pdf)

President Call highlighted a few points from her written report, including:

- Advisement has begun for Fall and Summer.
- A new task force for Military Transitional Services has been created to support the academic success of our student veterans.
- Work on the College Budget and Strategic Plan continues with open hearings scheduled for the Strategic Plan.
- Middle States periodic report due on June 1st. A draft will be circulated soon.

Dr. Karen Steele mentioned that a draft Middle States periodic review report would be made available by Dean Corradetti online and there would be means available to comment on the draft.

An update on the Early College Initiative was provided by Dr. Birchfield and Professor Francis.

**IV. Senate Steering Committee Report**

Chair Dr. Philip Pecorino referred to the written report (*Attachment C of the April 8, 2014 Agenda*) and noted the following:

- Election for members of the Senate faculty-at-large has been concluded.
- Chair Pecorino thanked those for their service who will not be returning and welcomed those new and those returning for another term on the Senate.
- Chair Pecorino asked for the sense of the Senate with respect to the process of voting on the Committee on Committees slate of committee members, to be voted upon by the Senate in the next item of the Agenda. He proposed that since there was no opposition to the slate in terms of

56 other nominations for committee membership, that the Secretary of the Steering Committee cast  
57 one vote on behalf of the Senate in order to elect the uncontested slate. There was no opposition  
58 to the proposed voting procedure.  
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60 **V. Monthly Reports of Standing Committees of the Academic Senate**

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62 **The Committee on Committees** (*Attachment E1 and E2 of the April 8, 2014 Agenda*)—**ELECTION**

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64 The CoC presented a slate of nominees for service on the Standing Committees of the Academic  
65 Senate. Given that there were no other nominees,

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67 • The Secretary of the Academic Senate Steering Committee cast a single ballot on behalf of the  
68 Senate to elect the Committee on Committees slate of nominees.  
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70 **The Committee on Curriculum** (*Attachment F of the April 8, 2014 Agenda*)

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72 The Committee on Curriculum has sent the following recommendation to the Academic Senate:  
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74 **COURSE REVISION**

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76 **DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES**

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78 LC-121 Elementary Mandarin I for Students of Chinese Heritage

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80 • A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted** 61-0-0 to **approve a change to** “LC-121  
81 Elementary Mandarin I for Students of Chinese Heritage” in the Department of Foreign  
82 Languages and Literatures (*Attachment F of the April 8, 2014 Agenda*).  
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84 **VI. Old Business**

85 NONE  
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87 **VII. New Business**

88 Professor Alex Tarasko, brought up the following new business:  
89 Election for FEC members would begin after spring recess; look for information from Dr.  
90 Pecorino, new FEC chair.  
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92 The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 PM  
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94 Respectfully Submitted,  
95 Joel Kuszai  
96 Secretary, Steering Committee of the Academic Senate