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

**MINUTES
of the March 8, 2016
Academic Senate**

President Diane Call called the sixth regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 3:19 P.M.

I. Attendance:

55 votes were recorded at the time attendance was taken; 60 members of the Academic Senate cast votes during the meeting.

Absentees: David Lieberman, John Talbird, Andrew Nguyen, Barbara Blake-Campbell, Mangala Tawde, Charles Neuman, Simran Kaur, Lana Zinger, Pedro Irigoyen, George Muchita, Ricky Panayoty, Jodi-Ann Grant, Shriromani Sukhwa, Issac Ayisi, Mariya Karisa Picache, Tulasha Thapa, Asif Mobin, Maryam Hira, and Emil Parrinello.

II. Consideration of minutes of the February 16, 2016 meeting of the Academic Senate:

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted 49-0-0 to approve the February 16, 2016 minutes as presented (see *Attachment A of the February 16, 2016 Agenda*). Did not vote: Laura Sabani, Gilmar Visoni, Isabella Lizzul, Franca Ferrari, Georgina Colalillo, Jose Osorio, Maan Lin, Cheryl Spencer, Regina Rochford, and Patrick Wallach.

III. Communications from President Call

President Call referred to her written report (*Attachment B of the March 8, 2016 Agenda*.) For the full report, visit: http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicSenate/docs/ay2015-16/March_2016/Attachment-B-Presidents-Report-March-2016.pdf

Dr. Trujillo, in reply to Dr. Call's discussion of the New York State budget negotiations, expressed concerned about the state of affairs raised by a meeting of department chairpersons with Chancellor Milliken.

The BTECH update was provided by Susan Greenberg, an English teacher at BTECH.

IV. Senate Steering Committee Report

Chair Dr. Peter Bales referred to the written report (*Attachment C of the March 8, 2016 Agenda*). For the full report, visit: http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicSenate/docs/ay2015-16/March_2016/Attachment-C-Steering-Committee-Report-March-2016.pdf

Chair Bales informed the Academic Senate that it was asked to vote to name three faculty representatives for two subcommittees of the Common Core Review Committee, from which one would be selected for each subcommittee.

Dr. Clingan, made the point that the Senate would be voting for three but these are nominations, since only one representative will be chosen by the chancellor to serve on each committee.

56 Dr. Bertorelli made the following statement: “Isn’t this absurd that the chancellor will choose from our
57 selections? These committees were supposed to be determined by the faculty. This is a contradiction of
58 the terms of Pathways. They gave us very little and now they’re taking even the little away by making the
59 final choice on these committees. Courses are going through that were not approved by the chancellery
60 and this just makes things worse. I think we should somehow express objection to the continuation of
61 Pathways by this system.”
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63 Chair Bales made a motion to place Dr. Bertorelli’s statement on the record but later amended the motion
64 to propose that the Steering Committee develop language for a communication to Chancellor Milliken
65 about the CCRC process.
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67 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 54-3-2 to have the Steering Committee draft
68 language for a communication to Chancellor Milliken about the CCRC process to be approved at
69 the April 2016 meeting of the Academic Senate. No votes: Stuart Asser, Kip Montgomery, Bob
70 Rogers. Abstentions: Paul Marchese, Liza Larios. Did not vote: Maan Lin.
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72 Chair Bales made a motion that we use a paper ballot to choose one name to be forwarded to represent
73 QCC on the CUNY CCRC.
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75 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 50-7-0 to have the Academic Senate use paper
76 ballots for the selection of one name to represent QCC on the CCRC. No votes: Monica Trujillo,
77 Sasan Karimi, Andrea Salis, Amy Traver, Anthony Kolios, Alexandra Tarasko and Julian Stark.
78 Did not vote: Reuvain Zahavy, Maan Lin, Eileen White.
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80 Dr. Kincaid and Dr. Traver distributed 56 paper ballots. They counted the ballots and recorded the results:
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82 Subcommittee One: “English Composition,” “Creative Expression,” World Cultures and Global Issues,”
83 and “U.S. Experience in its Diversity.”
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85 Beth Counihan (English) 47
86 Liisa Yonker (Speech & Theater) 36
87 Larissa Honey (Social Sciences) 30
88 Helmut Loeffler (History) 22
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90 Subcommittee Two: “Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning,” “Life and Physical Sciences,”
91 “Scientific World,” and “Individual and Society.”
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93 Todd Holden (Physics) 37
94 Michael Guy (Math) 35
95 Eva Goldhammer (Social Sciences) 34
96 Nathan Chao (Eng. Technology) 28
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98 Two ballots were returned blank and one senator refused to return the ballot.
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100 **V. Monthly Reports of the Committees of the Academic Senate**

101 **Committee on Curriculum** (*Attachment E of the March 8, 2016 Agenda*) 102

103 **1. Course Revisions** 104

105 *DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY*

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107 Change in History Department course prefix from HI to HIST (*Attachment E of the March 8, 2016*
108 *Agenda*).
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110 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 51-0-0 to approve the change of the History

111 Department prefix for all History to HIST from HI (*Attachment E of the March 8, 2016 Agenda*). Did
112 not vote: Shannon Kincaid, Isabella Lizzul, Reuvain Zahavy, Amy Traver, Maan Lin, Patrick Wallach,
113 Eileen White, Julian Stark and John Luby.
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115 Change the pre-requisite for five courses: HIST110, HIST111, HIST112, HIST127, HIST128. Dr. Visoni
116 offered a friendly amendment to the language for the pre-requisite to include Pre-requisite or Co-requisite
117 in order to clarify that students may take the course concurrently with English 101 (as co-requisite) but
118 they are not required to if they have already taken it (as a pre-requisite).
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120 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 49-0-2 to accept the changes to HIST110,
121 HIST111, HIST112, HIST127 in the Department of History (*Attachment E of the March 8, 2016*
122 *Agenda*). Abstentions: Anthony Kolios and Regina Rochford. Did not vote: Regina Rochford,
123 Shannon Kincaid, Reuvain Zahavy, Michael Cesarano, Amy Traver, Maan Lin, Patrick Wallach,
124 Eileen White, Julian Stark and John Luby.
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126 **2. New course**

127 *DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY*

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129 HIST 207 History of the Greeks and the Persians (*Attachment E of the March 8, 2016 Agenda*)
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131 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 49-0-1 to accept HIST 207 History of the Greeks
132 and the Persians as a new course in the Department of History (*Attachment E of the March 8, 2016*
133 *Agenda*). Abstentions: Karen Steele. Did not vote: David Humphries, Shannon Kincaid, Reuvain
134 Zahavy, Michael Cesarano, Amy Traver, Maan Lin, Patrick Wallach, Eileen White, Julian Stark and
135 John Luby.
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139 **3. Program Revision**

140 *DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY*

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142 Changes to Computerized Architectural and Industrial Design program. The new name is Architectural
143 Technology program (*Attachment E of the March 8, 2016 Agenda*).
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145 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 50-0-0 changes to Computerized Architectural and
146 Industrial Design program in the Department of Engineering Technology (*Attachment E of the March*
147 *8, 2016 Agenda*). Did not vote: Gilmar Visoni, Shannon Kincaid, Reuvain Zahavy, Michael
148 Cesarano, Amy Traver, Maan Lin, Patrick Wallach, Eileen White, Julian Stark and John Luby.
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152 **4. Special Report:** "RESOLUTION on the MERGER of the faculty and existing programs of the
153 Department of Academic Literacy with the English Department" (*Attachment F of the March 8, 2016*
154 *Agenda*)
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156 Dr. Ellis read the resolution into the minutes: "Be it resolved that, Queensborough Community
157 College: abolish the Department of Academic Literacy; merge the faculty and existing programs of
158 Department of Academic Literacy into the English Department; the name of the merged department shall
159 be the Department of English; recognize that the structure of the English Department shall reflect the
160 contents of two disciplines, 'English' and 'Academic Literacy,' until the department determines that the
161 two disciplines have been sufficiently integrated."
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163 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 51-0-0 the merger of the Departments of Academic
164 Literacy and English (*Attachment F of the March 8, 2016 Agenda*). Did not vote: Shannon Kincaid,
165 Reuvain Zahavy, Michael Cesarano, Amy Traver, Maan Lin, Patrick Wallach, Eileen White, Julian
166 Stark and John Luby.

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VI. Old Business

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VII. New Business

1. Steering Committee of the Academic Senate Special Subcommittee on Food Insecurity Report and Recommendations, March 2016

Vice Chair Dr. Emily Tai introduced “Steering Committee of the Academic Senate Special Subcommittee on Food Insecurity Report and Recommendations” (*Attachment G of the March 8, 2016 Agenda*) then Chair Bales made the following motion:

“Be it resolved that the Academic Senate adopts the recommendations of the Steering Committee of the Academic Senate Special Subcommittee, and

Be it further resolved that the recommendations be sent to the College Administration, and

Be it further resolved that the Steering Committee report to the Academic Senate at least once in each semester of 2016 and 2017 on the status of the recommendations.”

A motion was made, seconded, and approved 48-0-2 to accept the recommendations of the Steering Committee of the Academic Senate Special Subcommittee on Food Insecurity (*Attachment G of the March 8, 2016 Agenda*). Abstentions: Paul Marchese and Anthony Kolios. Did not vote: Georgia McGill, Franca Ferrari, Reuvain Zahavy, Michael Cesarano, Jose Osorio, Maan Lin, Patrick Wallach, Eileen White, Julian Stark and John Luby.

2. Report from the General Education Assessment Task Force

Dr. Steele provided an update on the General Education Assessment Task Force, inviting the faculty to participate in one of two discussions on March 21st and 22nd about Gen Ed outcomes and that faculty might review a report that had been circulated about the recent faculty survey. Dr. Steele also announced that the Task Force was planning to have something in writing for the Academic Senate by the May 2016 meeting and that this semester there would be assessment work on quantitative reasoning and information management and that rubrics for this were available on the Task Force website. She indicated that an electronic portfolio tool would be utilized and that support would be available from ACC for participating faculty and students.

3. Professor Tarasko raised the issue of limited parking and the crisis it presents for many faculty and staff on a daily basis.

4. Faculty Executive Committee Chair Dr. Pecorino announced the General Faculty Meeting on March 30 where the theme would be security on campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Joel Kuszai
Secretary, Steering Committee of the Academic Senate