# Queensborough Community College The City University of New York

## MINUTES of the April 4, 2017 Academic Senate

President Diane Call called the seventh regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 3:16 PM

# I. Attendance:

61 votes were recorded at the time attendance was taken; 62 members of the Academic Senate were present during the meeting.

Absentees: Wilma Fletcher-Anthony (grand jury duty), Andrea Salis, Georgina Colalillo, Joanne Chang, Reuvain Zahavy, Anthony Kolios, Mangala Tawde, Barbara Blake-Campbell, Eileen White, Pedro Irigoyen, Peter Irigoyen, Emil Parrinello, SG Executive VP, SG Administrative VP, SG Programming VP, SG VP Evening Students, SG President Pro Tempore.

## II. Consideration of minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting of the Academic Senate:

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted 60-1-0 to approve the March 21, 2017 minutes as presented (see *Attachment A of the April 4, 2017 Agenda*). Voted No: SG VP PT Students; Did not vote: Sandra Palmer.

#### **III. Communications from:**

#### 1. President Call

President Call referred to her written report (*Attachment B of the April 4, 2017 Agenda*). To see the full report, visit: <a href="http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicSenate/docs/ay2016-17/April 2017/Attachment-B-Presidents-Report-April-2017.pdf">http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicSenate/docs/ay2016-17/April 2017/Attachment-B-Presidents-Report-April-2017.pdf</a>

President Call also welcomed to the senate the new Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Timothy Lynch on his first official day on campus.

#### 2. Senate Steering Committee Report

Chair Dr. Peter Bales referred to his written report (*Attachment C of the April 4, 2017 Agenda*). For the full report, visit: <a href="http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicSenate/docs/ay2016-17/April 2017/Attachment-C-SteeringCommittee-Report-April-2017.pdf">http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicSenate/docs/ay2016-17/April 2017/Attachment-C-SteeringCommittee-Report-April-2017.pdf</a>

Senator Clingan in colloquy with Chair Bales updated the senate about the anti-bullying resolution undertaken by the PSC Executive Committee and the Faculty Executive Committee. He noted that work was underway and that he hoped there would be a draft to circulate before the end of the semester and an eventual vote during the fall semester. Senator Pecorino and Vice Chair Tai responded with agreement that there should be as much public discussion as possible before the matter is brought to a vote. Chair Bales and Vice Chair Tai asserted and Senator Clingan agreed that the matter should be sent through a standing senate committee, such as the Environment, Quality of Life and Disability Issues committee for review. President Call reminded the senate that there are many groups that should be consulted, including students and staff.

#### IV. Monthly Reports of the Committees of the Academic Senate

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Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary, Steering Committee of the Academic Senate

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 PM

1. Committee on Committees: The Academic Senate received the Monthly Report for March 2017 and CoC chair Dr. Christine Mooney conducted an election of new members to standing committees of the Academic Senate.

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted 61-1-0 to elect the Committee on Committees slate of proposed new members to Academic Senate Committees (see Attachment D of the April 4, 2017 Agenda).

2. Committee on Curriculum: The Academic Senate received the Monthly Report for March 2017 (Attachment E of the April 4, 2017 Agenda) and acted on the following ítems:

#### 1. Course Revisions

#### **DEPARTMENT of HISTORY**

HIST 198 Introduction to the History of Borderlands

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted 60-2-0 to approve changes to HIST 198 Introduction to the History of Borderlands in the Department of History. (See Attachment E of the April 4, 2017 Agenda). Voted No: Isabella Lizzul and Julia Carroll.

### DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

ET 230 Telecommunications I

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted 60-2-0 to approve changes to ET 230 Telecommunciations I in the Department of Engineering Technology. (See Attachment E of the April 4, 2017 Agenda). Voted No: Isabella Lizzul; Did not vote: Edward Volchok.

#### ٧. **Old Business**

None.

#### VI. **New Business**

- VP Steele spoke about the Assessment for Fall 2016. General Education Assessment Task Force found that the results were lower then they had been for the previous two terms. One explanation is that more first term first year students were evaluated. The report will be poste don the Gen Ed Task Force website by the end of the week. Dr. Steele also referred to a report which she said would come to the senate in September.
- Vice Chair Tai presented the monthly report of the Committee on Food Insecurity (Attachment F), thanking senators for their donations. She also expressed that the committee was looking at different options for how to handle the fiscal aspects of running a food pantry.
- Senator Stark, chair of the Academic Freedom Committee, raised the issue of the March 22 directive from Human Resources and the question of email use and academic freedom.