

Queensborough Community College  
The City University of New York

**MINUTES**  
**of the March 14, 2006 meeting of the**  
**Academic Senate**

President Eduardo J. Martí called the fifth 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](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/Governance/AcademicSenate/academic_senate_roster.asp)

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

Absentees 10

Deborah Fitzgerald-Royce	Aaron Krac	Julia Ortiz-Griffin
Linda Stanley	Alexandra Tarasko	Damaris Taveras
Regina Sullivan	Arthur Fu	Rafick Khan
Abhishek Roka		

**II. Consideration of minutes of the February 14, 2005 meeting:**

A **motion** was **made**, **seconded**, and **approved** to accept the March minutes. There were no negative votes and no abstentions.

**III. Communications from:**

**President Marti:**

President Eduardo J. Marti referred to his written report.

A program for implementation of the Plan for Integrated Education (PIE) is underway, under the direction of Vice-President McColloch.

The Learning Center Task Force is studying a conversion of the Library from a research-based library to a Learning Center.

Dr. Marti urged members of the faculty to cooperate with members of the Administration in reversing some of the disallowances claimed in the TAP audit.

Dr. Marti also discussed the State and Municipal Budget for 2006.

Dr. Marti reminded Academic Senate members that the second CUNY-wide General Education conference was scheduled to be held at Queensborough Community College on May 5, 2006. Queensborough was honored that Dr. Lee Schulman would be acting as keynote speaker.

Plans are also underway for a slightly modified June Graduation ceremony. Rehearsal has been eliminated, but the new ceremony will feature a more capacious tent, and departmental tables at which faculty may welcome and congratulate students.

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**IV. Senate Steering Committee:**

Dr. Philip Pecorino, Chair of the Academic Senate Steering Committee, offered the following remarks:

- It is the current determination of the Steering Committee of the Academic Senate that proper compliance with the New York State Court of Appeals Perez Decision will not require committees of the Academic Senate to engage in full reporting of their voting totals, as transactions of the Committees of the Academic Senate are only reported to the full Academic Senate at the behest of the Steering Committee. Therefore, a full record of all votes need only to be maintained for full meetings of the Academic Senate, as per procedures approved by the December 13, 2005 Academic Senate. ( Votes will be recorded as affirmative, except where senators submit explicit negative votes or abstentions.)
- Dr. Pecorino indicated that the Committee on Bylaws may need to hold a hearing determining whether a Committee on Academic Freedom should be established at Queensborough Community College, as per a recent University Faculty Senate notice.
- Dr. Pecorino reported that Queensborough Community College turned in extremely high rankings in the University Faculty Senate's "Faculty Satisfaction Survey," with nearly a third of the QCC faculty responding (a very high total) and many reporting levels of satisfaction with collegiality, Academic Freedom, and other conditions of employment either at or above the CUNY mean. Dr. Appleman offered praise for labor/management relations at Queensborough, while Dr. Anne-Marie Bourbon offered an indication that classroom and workspace allocations, were a widespread source of dissatisfaction, not only at QCC, but throughout CUNY as a whole—with 61% of QCC's faculty expressing dissatisfaction.
- A motion to approve the fall, 2005 Candidates for Graduation from Queensborough Community College was **made, seconded, and unanimously approved**, with no abstentions and no negative votes.
- A report on the 317<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session of the **University Faculty Senate** of the City University of New York on Tuesday, February 28, 2006 was submitted by Dr. Susan Jacobowitz, QCC representative to this body, and received.

**V. Monthly Reports of Committees:**

**Committee on Committees:**

- Dr. Peter Bales indicated that the Committee on Committees was in receipt of 114 applications for 81 places on committees of the Academic Senate. Placement was anticipated for all of these positions and 17 additional Steering Committee designees. This would leave 16 individuals who Dr. Bales hoped would consider additional venues for service to the college.
- Dr. Bales indicated that the Committee on Committees would be accepting petitions for nominations to fill 13 vacancies in Senate representation for faculty, HEOs, CLTs, and Adjuncts until **5 P.M. 16 March 2006**.

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**Learning Center Task Force:**

At Dr. Pecorino's query, Dr. Matthew Trachman indicated that the Task Force did not yet have anything to report to the Academic Senate.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

- Dr. Sheena Gillespie reported that a Spring meeting of the Faculty would be held from 12.45 to 3 P.M. on March 22, 2006. The meeting would feature a faculty panel reflecting on diversity.
- Dr. Jay Appleman reported that the Queensborough Chapter of the Professional Staff Congress would be hosting a debate of candidates for union leadership for the New Caucus and CUNY Alliance parties competing for election in Spring, 2006 on March 29, 2006 at a location to be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 3.35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily S. Tai  
Secretary