

Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York

MINUTES
of the October 18, 2005 meeting of the
Academic Senate

President Eduardo J. Martí called the second 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

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

Absentees 13

Diane Call	Howard Lapidus	Stuart Asser
Julia Carroll	David Klarberg	Nathan Chao
Jeffrey Hest	Kenneth Pearl	Linda Reesman
Regina Sullivan	James Spinella	Craig Weber
Paul Weiss	Reuvain Zahavy	Abhishek Roka
Damaris Taveras	Rafick Khan	Hye Rim Hahn
Robert Kueper		

II. Consideration of minutes of the September 13, 2005 meeting:

Two corrections were offered to the minutes of September 13, 2005:
It was noted that Damaris Taveras had attended the meeting of September 13, 2005.
The guest speaker at the Third Conference of the College on October 28, 2005 will be Dr. William Kelly (not Dr. Florence Kelly, as recorded).
A **motion** was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept the corrected September 13, 2005 minutes.

III. Communications from:

President Marti: President Eduardo J. Marti referred to his written report.

Dr. Marti expressed concern for Dr. Fung Chen, Finance Officer at CUNY, who is gravely ill. He also indicated that the Presidential Lecture had been rescheduled to December 7, 2005. Dr. Nazmunnessar Mahtab, visiting Fulbright Scholar from Bangladesh, will speak on November 16, 2005.

Dr. Marti reported that the first evening of cold-calling potential alumni donors raised \$625.00. 39,000 letters have also been sent out in support of this campaign.

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53 28, 2005 will be Dr. William Kelly, new president of the CUNY Graduate
54 Center.
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57 **Senate Steering Committee:**

58 Dr. Philip Pecorino, Chair of the Academic Senate Steering Committee,
59 reported three items:
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- 61 • Plans are underway to appoint a faculty member as a research
62 assistant to the Steering Committee for special projects.
- 63 • With reference to the Committee on Environment, Quality of Life
64 and Disability Issues, the By-Laws will be examined in order to
65 determine a more appropriate purview of the committee.
- 66 • Dr. Pecorino distributed copies of Chancellor Goldstein’s memo
67 to CUNY College Presidents regarding the Fiscal Year 2006-
68 2007 Budget request, soliciting input to present to Dr. Marti on
69 behalf of the Senate at the meeting of the College Advisory
70 Planning Committee on Thursday, October 20, 2005, in
71 anticipation of a deadline of October 26, 2005.

72 Dr. Marti explained the components of the Chancellor’s “visionary”
73 budget, and emphasized that meaningful faculty input would need to take
74 into account QCC’s strategic plan.

75 Dr. Pecorino also indicated that Chancellor Goldstein had coupled his
76 indication that tuition increases would be required in his proposed budget
77 with an assurance that students were also to be consulted regarding
78 expenditures.
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80 The report of the **University Faculty Senate** was received.
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83 **IV. Elections**

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85 **Election of Steering Committee Members:**

86 Dr. Marti conducted an election for the selection of a Vice-Chair of the
87 Academic Steering Committee.
88 A motion to nominate Professor Jeffrey Hest, was **seconded** and
89 **approved**.
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91 Nominations were closed, and Professor Jeffrey Hest was unanimously
92 elected.
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95 **V. Approval of Summer, 2005 Candidates for Graduation:**

96 Dr. Marti requested a motion to approve the list of candidates for
97 Summer, 2005 graduation (as per October 18, 2005 attachment E).
98 The motion was **made, seconded, and approved**.
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101 **VII. Monthly Reports of Committees:**

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103 **Committee on Committees:**

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105 Dr. Peter Bales indicated that Dr. David Sarno would replace Dr. Richard Mandel on the Committee
106 on Course and Standing as October 18, 2005 Attachment F.
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Committee on Bylaws:

Annual Report received.

Committee on Environment, Bookstore, and Food Service:

Annual Report received.

VIII. Unfinished Business

Dr. Philip Pecorino introduced his resolution to create a special committee of the Academic Senate on General Education. The mission of this committee will be to conduct a Review of the General Education Objectives in light of the (a) mission of the College; (b) the information obtained from the course assessment and program review processes; and (c) recent pedagogic initiatives, to last until the end of May, 2007.

Vice-President McColloch indicated that the composition of the committee would be as follows:

- Vice President of Academic Affairs, Mark McColloch
- Office of Academic Affairs and Assessment and Program Review Process, Dean Karen Steele
- Natural Science, Francis Cotty, Committee on Curriculum
- Social Sciences, Joseph Culkin, Department Chairperson
- Professional Program, Maureen Wallace, Department Chairperson
- Professional Program, Kathleen Villani, Faculty
- Basic Educational Skills, Margot Edlin, Faculty
- Humanities, Belle Gironde, General Education Inquiry Group
- Humanities, Philip Pecorino, General Education Inquiry Group
- Mathematics, Sylvia Svitak, QCC Assessment Committee

The motion to accept the resolution was **made, seconded, and approved.**

IX. Announcements:

Vice President Hartigan announced Celebrating Diversity Day on Wednesday, November 9, 2005.

Dr. Jay Appleman announced an informational picketing session in support of contract negotiations, Wednesday, October 19, 2005, 12-2 P.M.

Dr. Sheena Gillespie invited faculty to the Twentieth Anniversary Dinner on Thursday, October 20, 2005 at 5.30 P.M.

Professor Joseph Nagler announced that Professor Stephanie Shih-yu Cheng would offer a piano concert in the Humanities Theater on Wednesday, October 19, 2005 at 1.15 PM .

Professor Elyn P. Feldman announced that Eddie Torres would offer a master Class on Salsa Dance on Wednesday, October 26, 2005 at 1 P.M.

Dr. Philip Pecorino announced the Presidential Luncheon for Chairs of all Standing Committees of the Academic Senate at 1pm Wednesday, October 19, 2005.

168 The meeting adjourned at 3.35 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

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