

Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York

MINUTES
of the May 10, 2005 meeting of the
Academic Senate

President Eduardo J. Martí called the eighth regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 3:04 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

Jean-Pierre Paul	Mel Gorelick	Robert Kueper
Robert Fredericks	Bonnie Duen	Milciades Lora Jr.
Arthur Fu	Nephala De Abreu	Katerina Kohoutkova
Abhishek Roka	Eunhye Kim	

II. Consideration of minutes of the April 12, 2005 meeting:

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the April 12, 2005 minutes.

III. Communications from:

President Marti:

President Eduardo J. Marti referred to his written report. The Partners for Progress Dinner was a great success raising more than \$200,000 dollars from the more than 460 people in attendance.

Steps are being taken to save the Homebound Program, which was adversely affected by the proposed cuts in the federally funded TRIO program. We are trying to correct a misunderstanding connected with the Homebound grant proposal that resulted in a lower score. President Marti asked everyone to rally behind the effort to save the program. One step is to go to www.supportcuny.org and send a letter to your elected representatives in support of the TRIO program. Other avenues are being explored and a meeting in support of the Homebound Program will take place at QCC on Friday, May 13.

The final draft of the strategic plan will be distributed in May. Comments should be sent to either President Marti or Dean Steele.

Mayor Bloomberg will be the Commencement speaker on June 3.

President Marti spoke about the nature of the relationship between the President and the Academic Senate. There is a need for trust and reciprocity, but he also emphasized that reciprocity does not mean a

surrender of responsibility on the part of the administration. He thanked the Senate for their support over the past five years and pledged to work with whoever was elected the next chair of the Academic Senate.

New senators were introduced: Julia Carroll, Ken Golden, Allan Kashkin, Kip Montgomery and Richard Yuster.

Senate Steering Committee: Dr. Philip Pecorino, Chair of the Academic Senate Steering Committee, asked to defer his report until after the election of a new chair.

IV. Elections

Election of Steering Committee: Dr. Philip Pecorino and Dr. Paul Weiss were nominated for the position of Chair. Dr. Weiss declined the nomination and Dr. Pecorino was elected.

Professor Kathleen Villani was nominated and elected Vice-Chair.

Dr. Emily Tai was nominated and elected Secretary

Dr. Pedro Meza was nominated and elected Parliamentarian.

Committee on Committees: Norton Reid, Michael Cesarano and Devin Feldman were nominated and elected to the Committee on Committees.

V. Additional Communications from:

Senate Steering Committee: Dr. Philip Pecorino, Chairperson of the Academic Senate Steering Committee, referred to his written report. The meeting of Academic Senate Standing Committee Chairpersons, the Steering Committee and the President and his representatives scheduled for tomorrow has been cancelled, since the Steering Committee will be working to clarify what “collegial governance” entails at QCC and what the charges to the Standing Committees will be over the next academic year.

President Marti was thanked for his action in response to two proposals that were submitted to the College Advisory Planning Committee. Vice-President Howard Lapidus was thanked for making it clear that it is now the practice of the College to have all planning connected to the Strategic Plan and central planning process. Dr. Clara Wajngurt was acknowledged for her work as Planning Advisor to the Academic Senate Steering Committee.

Work is still ongoing on the concept of collegial governance with the most recent meeting having taken place on May 6 between Dr. Pecorino, President Marti and Vice-President Lapidus. In the fall a report on the status of collegial governance on this campus will be issued. The administration was thanked for their offer of clerical support and released time in support of the work of the Academic Senate.

In the fall a “Sense of the Body” vote will be taken in the Senate to determine whether there is support for the initiatives undertaken by the Steering Committee.

Dr. Pecorino noted that if the recommendations made in the this year’s report of the Library Committee appear familiar to those who have seen the Committee’s reports over the last several years, it is because the issues they are addressing have not been dealt with by the

113 administration. As a result, the Committee has not attempted to address
114 more general issues such as the role of the library in the life of the
115 College. It is hoped that there will be an attempt to take the
116 recommendations of Senate Committees into account in all planning
117 processes at the College and that the Committee on the Library will now
118 expand its range of recommendations to include considerations of the
119 general importance of the Library to the College.
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121 In response to Dr. Pecorino's comments on collegial governance,
122 President Marti stated that he saw nothing new here and that he looked
123 forward to the arrival in the fall of a clarifying document on the
124 relationship between the Senate and the Administration.
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127 **VI. Review of Candidates for Graduation:**

128 Motion was made to approve the list of candidates for Spring 2005
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131 **VII. Monthly Reports of Committees:**

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133 **Committee on Curriculum:**

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135 Dr. Ellis presented the following from the Monthly Report:

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137 **Course Revisions:**

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139 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept revisions to:

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141 Department of Art and Photography:

142 AR-541 Advertising Design and Layout

143 AR-543 Design for Desktop Publishing
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147 Department of Nursing:

148 NU-101 Introduction to Nursing Care of Persons with Universal Self-Care Deficits

149 NU-102 Nursing Care of Persons with Developmental Self-Care Needs and
150 Selected Self-Care Deficits; Intermediate Level, Part 1: Writing Intensive

151 NU-201 Nursing Care of Adults and Family with Developmental Self-Care Needs
152 and Selected Self-Care Deficits; Intermediate Level, Part II.
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157 **New Courses:**

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159 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept the following new courses:

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161 Department of Art and Photography:

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165 **Deleted Courses:**

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167 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept the deletion of:

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169 Department of Art and Photography:
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AR542 Advertising Design and Multimedia

Program Revisions:

A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept the changes in the following programs:

Department of Art and Photography:

A.A.S. Degree in Digital Art and Design

VIII. Unfinished Business: Vice President Ellen Hartigan and Student Government Vice-President Rose Topal delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled: "Student Concerns 2005: A Follow-Up Report.

IX. New Business: Dr. Aron Krac introduced a resolution on a "Welcome Home Initiative." The resolution, which received the approval of the Academic Senate, is as follows:

Whereas: In the wake of the terrorist attack on our City and Nation on September 11th, 2001, many patriotic citizens volunteered to serve our Country in the military;

Whereas: Many of these soldiers have risked life and limb and some have given the "last full measure of devotion" to their Country;

Whereas: Many of these soldiers are now in need of our support both "in the field" and as they return home;

Whereas: The mission of the College is to support our Community and, in this regard, to aid these veterans to become integrated back into Society;

Whereas: The College Community wishes to extend and demonstrate our support and services to these Heroes of Freedom;

Be it Resolved: The Academic Senate supports the "Welcome Home Initiative" by creating an Ad Hoc Committee to perform the following actions:

1. The collection of "prepaid phone cards" to be distributed to Veteran's hospitals and other venues to allow our veterans to communicate with their families.
2. Provide access to the College's gymnasium facilities to returning veterans at no charge.
3. The establishment of an active Veteran's Club on Campus.
4. Make recommendations to relevant bodies concerning what further could be done at the College in keeping with the spirit of this resolution.

Dr. Tom Gerson will report on the Salzburg Seminar during the September Senate.

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Pearl
Secretary