

Queensborough Community College  
The City University of New York

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

President Eduardo J. Martí called the third regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 3:05 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 13

Indra Avens	Geoffrey Burleson	Ellen Feldman
Deborah Fitzgerald-Royce	Ken Golden	Phyllis Pace
Kenneth Pearl	Robert Fredericks	Tanya Murray
Nicholas Hunt-Walker	Jamal Bilel	Julio Romero
Madeline Gonzalez		

**II. Consideration of minutes of the September 12, 2006 meeting:**

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the October minutes (*Attachment A of the November 14, 2006 Agenda*). There were no negative votes and no abstentions.

**III. Communications from:**

**President Marti:** President Eduardo J. Martí referred to his written report (*Attachment B of the November 14, 2006 Agenda*):

- The President called on Vice-President Hartigan to provide the update on the search for a new Vice-President of Academic Affairs. Vice-President Hartigan stated that the search is underway with the Search Committee accepting and reviewing applications. Four candidates have been invited to meet with the Search Committee, but the Search Committee is still accepting applications. The Search Committee hopes to recommend three or four finalists to the President by the end of November or the beginning of December. Vice-President Hartigan commended the Search Committee for their excellent work.
- The President commended Ms. Dolly Martinez, Executive Director of Search and Evaluation for the University, for suggesting using a data base which as a free service provides the names of 900 sitting vice-presidents. They have been sent emails informing them of our search and we have received several responses. This will be an excellent tool to be used in future searches and the President thanks Ms. Martinez for informing us of this service.
- The Search for a Chief Librarian is underway and it is hoped that the position will be filled by the Spring semester.
- The Middle States Steering Committee, chaired by Assistant Dean Arthur Coradetti, has scheduled their first meeting for November 27, 2006.

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- The President has requested the Office of Testing to place a hold on the CLA testing due to turmoil within the University regarding this instrument. The President wants to be very clear that the hold is not due to a conflict of interest issue. The President still believes the CLA test is a good instrument for measuring value added and hopes there will be more discussion regarding this instrument.
- The Committee on External Assessment has made a recommendation to go forth with the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) which will be done in the Spring.
- The President met with both the College Advisory Planning Committee, and the Student Government regarding the Compact. The Compact provides to each college twenty percent of the funding for new initiatives. Each college must then raise eighty percent of the funding through philanthropy, tuition increases, and productivity initiatives. Note that when the Compact refers to new initiatives it includes the continuation of previous new initiatives as well as current new initiatives. Some of the funding has already been allocated to the PIE, then about seventy percent will go to the current new initiatives. It will be well into the summer when it becomes clear as to what CUNY will be doing with the Compact and the amount Queensborough will receive. At this time, there is reasonable assurance that we will receive the funding through the Compact. This would mean an additional \$1.5 million for new initiatives at Queensborough.
- The HRC is going forward as scheduled.
- The Homecoming was the first attempt to bring alumni back to the campus and encourage them to support a fund that will assist current students.
- The President commended the students named as University Student Senate scholarship winners, and Biology students for taking 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their division at the recent Metropolitan Association of College and University Biologists.
- Senator Steele commended the students that won the first round of the Federal Reserve Challenge. Senator Tai stated that many of the students that competed are members of Queensborough’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.
- The President stated the basketball season is about to begin and suggested we all support our students.

**Steering Committee:**

Chair Philip Pecorino welcomed Senator Joseph Goldenberg who replaces Senator Jeffrey Hest. Chair Pecorino then called on Student Government President Lee Lin to welcome the new student government officers: Tanya Murray, Nicholas Hunt-Walker, and Jamal Bilal. Chair Pecorino thanked the Student Government for names of students to serve on several of the Standing Committees. Chair Pecorino then referred to his written report (*Attachment C of the November 14, 2006 Agenda.*) and also mentioned the following additional items:

- Regarding the Special Committee on Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities and the Student Complaint Process, the PSC under article 2 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) has now asked the University for sessions to discuss the bearing of the proposed policy on the terms and conditions of the CBA. The University hoped that a policy on the Student Complaints Process would go to the Board of Trustees this month but it has been taken off the Agenda while discussions with the PSC have been scheduled. As a result, this Special Committee will not be able to present a report to the Senate by this December as originally anticipated.
- The President stated that the Students Bill of Rights and Responsibilities was prepared by the Student Government and sent to the Senate for approval and expressed concern on the delay of this approval and inquired

114 if it is possible to at least approve the Student Bill of Rights and  
 115 Responsibilities. Chair Pecorino responded that the concern is if a student  
 116 wishes to express a complaint about faculty, then there is no system in  
 117 place for due process in the handling of the complaints. It was agreed that  
 118 the Senate would act on the Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities and  
 119 on an interim policy regarding Student Complaints while awaiting a possible  
 120 action of the Board of Trustees.

- 121 • The Special Committee for Review of the General Education Objectives,  
 122 chaired by Dr. Culkin, is on schedule and it is expected that the  
 123 recommendations will be forthcoming in the spring.
- 124 • The Special Committee on the Use of External Instruments for Evaluations  
 125 and Assessments has recommended using the CCSSE instrument, and will  
 126 soon have a report for the Senate.
- 127 • Chair Pecorino thanked the President for sharing the College Budget  
 128 Proposal for use of possible funds from the Compact with the College  
 129 Advisory Planning Committee which demonstrates the President’s support  
 130 of shared governance. In addition, the President extends his support further  
 131 by planning to meet again when the final determinations are made so that  
 132 the CAPC will be involved in the discussion of possible adjustments.
- 133 • The proposed University Computer Use Policy has been discussed at  
 134 length and it was expected to be submitted to the CUNY Board of Trustees.  
 135 The PSC has invoked Article 2 of the CBA regarding the proposed policy  
 136 and is particularly concerned with privacy and confidentiality issues. There  
 137 will be more forthcoming on this issue.  
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139 **UFS Representative:** The report on the CUNY UFS Meeting of October 24, 2006 was received.  
 140 (*Attachment D of the November 14, 2006 Agenda.*)  
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143 **IV. Reports of Academic Senate Standing Committees:**  
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145 **Committee on Committees:**

- 146 • The report was received (*Attachment E of the November 14, 2006 Agenda.*)  
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148 **Committee on Library:**

- 149 • The Committee on Library is proposing a Resolution on Library Privileges  
 150 for Retired Faculty (*Attachment F of the November 14, 2006 Agenda.*)
- 151 • Mr. George Sherman, Director of IT, responding to the President’s inquiry  
 152 regarding the status of email accounts for retired faculty, stated that  
 153 someone retiring may request to retain their email account. The request  
 154 must be approved by the Vice-President. If no request is made, the account  
 155 is suspended.
- 156 • A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** to adopt the Resolution on  
 157 Library Privileges for Retired Faculty. There were no negative votes and no  
 158 abstentions.

159 Whereas, faculty who retire remain a part of the College  
 160 Community,  
 161 Whereas, faculty who retire do not necessarily end their  
 162 participation in either the life of the College or in their discipline,

163 Be it resolved that, faculty who retire will retain their library  
 164 privileges including access to electronic databases on campus  
 165 and from off campus.

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168 **V. Annual Reports** (*Attachments G - I of the November 14, 2006 Agenda.*) :

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- 170 **Committee on Admissions:** Annual Report received.
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- 172 **Committee on Awards and Scholarship:** Annual Report received.
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- 174 **Committee on Library:** Annual Report received.
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- The President recognizes that members of all committees work hard to serve on the committees, and he especially thanked the members of the Committee on Awards and Scholarship and the Committee on Library for the enormous amount of work the past year.
- Chair Pecorino stated that all committees have submitted their annual report for 2005-2006 and they are posted on the Committee pages of the website. In addition, many committees also post their agendas and meeting minutes.

183 **VI. Old Business**  
 184 (none)

186 **VII. New Business**

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- The Steering Committee is proposing a Resolution on Privacy in the Classroom.
  - A motion was **made** and **seconded** to approve the resolution. There was discussion.
    - Senator Appleman made a **motion** which was **seconded** and **failed** to amend the wording of the proposed resolution removing the words 'or the authorization of'. There were 28 negative votes:
 

S. Gillespie	D. Feldman	A. Krac	J. Nagler
T. Smith	J. Valentino	J. Wein	A. Ansani
P. Bales	J. Carroll	F. Cotty	H. Dunkelblau
A. Kashkin	D. Klarberg	A. Kolios	J. Lin-Martinez
G. McGill	K. Montgomery	P. Pecorino	L. Reesman
R. Scal	L. Stanley	K. Villani	P. Weiss
    - There were 4 abstentions:
 

J. Bertorelli	S. Nagarkatte	M. Reilly	M. Trachman
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    - A motion was **made**, **seconded**, and **approved** to Table the Proposed Resolution on Privacy in the Classroom. There were eight negative votes:
 

T. Smith	J. Valentino	J. Wein	P. Bales
A. Kolios	G. McGill	P. Pecorino	K. Villani
    - There were two abstentions:
 

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    - Chair Pecorino stated to remove the proposed resolution from the Table requires a vote of the Senate according to Robert's Rules of Order.
  - A motion was **made**, **seconded**, and **approved** to postpone the 'Use of Open Space' until the next meeting. There were no negative votes and no abstentions.
  - Senator Appleman reminded everyone of the PSC Meeting on Wednesday November 15, 2006, at 1pm in S111. Senator Gerson will be doing a presentation of the welfare benefits, with emphasis on the dental plan. Senator Appleman also encouraged all to complete the online survey.

221 The meeting adjourned at 4.25 p.m.

223 Respectfully submitted,

225 Kathleen Villani  
 226 Secretary