

**Queensborough Community College  
Academic Senate**

To: Prof. Kathleen Villani, Secretary, Steering Committee  
From: Dr. Rosemary Iconis, UFS representative, for QCC  
Date: 27, February 2007

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**The 326<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session of the University Faculty Senate  
The City University of New York  
Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 6:30 p.m.**

- I. Minutes of January 30, 2007 were approved**
- II. Kathryn Richardson, Chair of UFS Research Committee, encouraged faculty involvement in the University Committee on Research Awards.**

Involvement includes establishing guidelines for grant disbursement, forming grant review panels, and selecting grant recipients.

- III. Vice Chancellor Malave reported on the CUNY 2007/2008 State Executive Budget and City Preliminary Budget Recommendations**

Highlights with regard to Community Colleges include:

- A) In the State Executive Budget, state aid per FTE has been increased by \$100, to \$2,625.
- B) The City Preliminary Budget recommends City support for Community Colleges of \$187.7 million, which is an increase of \$7.1 million over the City Adopted Budget.
- C) The Governor's Executive Budget does not propose a tuition increase.

- IV. Vice Chancellor Dobrin, Chief Information Officer Brian Cohen, and Deputy Chief Operating Officer Ron Spalter reported on the ERP.**

- A) We need to replace the antiquated systems and, to some extent, standardize the ways things are done at the University.
- B) We need to manage our data with a uniform database.
- C) We need to introduce new functionality, i.e. a workforce management system.

- D) The issue of privacy must be addressed.
- E) Negotiations have yielded excellent packages from two software vendors.
- F) Benefits include: moving toward a paperless environment;  
reducing costs and eliminating errors.
- G) Someone on each campus needs to be responsible to disseminate information about ERP and to train others.
- H) Concerns about cost; privacy; too much homogeneity (individual campuses losing individuality) were addressed during the question/answer session.

**V. Professor Baumarin led a discussion on the CUNY Policy Regarding the Disposition of Allegations of Misconduct in Research and Similar Educational Activities**

Several individuals questioned the document's fairness to those whose research conduct is being questioned, i.e. they do not always have the right to be accompanied by legal counsel.

**VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.**