

1 Minutes of February 10, 2009
2 Academic Senate

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4 The meeting was opened at 3:08 p.m. by President Eduardo Marti with a motion to approve the
5 agenda. A vote was taken to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2008 meeting.

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7 **I Attendance: The complete Senate roster is available at:**

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9 [:http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/Governance/AcademicSenate/academic_senate_roster.asp](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/Governance/AcademicSenate/academic_senate_roster.asp)

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11 As determined from the attendance taken by the iclickers at the meeting there were
12 sixteen absentees. Absent were:

13 F. Cotty	J. Darcy	D. Fitzgerald-Royce	K. Golden
14 E. Feldman	D. McKay	A. Tarasko	A. Garcia
15 C. Shillingford	M. Young	L. Stanley	E. Volchok
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18 **II. Consideration of minutes of the December 9, 2008 meeting:**

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20 A **motion was made, seconded, and approved** to accept the December minutes.
21 (*Attachment A of the February 10, 2009 Agenda*). There were no negative votes and no
22 abstentions.

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25 **III. The President presented his report to the Senate (Attachment B of the February 10, 2009**
26 **Agenda). He focused on several of the following topics:**

- 27 • Enrollment during spring 2008 was 11,713; spring 2009 12,591. More
28 full time and less part students are currently enrolling. There is a rise in
29 freshmen, transfers, and non-degree students
- 30 • \$385,000 was reinstated through the Program to Eliminate the Gap
31 (PEG)
- 32 • Community colleges were cut \$4.2 million from the state adopted
33 budget.
- 34 • Next year we can expect a reduction of \$3.6 million for CUNY
35 community colleges through the governor's proposal.
- 36 • Freshmen academies are ongoing with a goal to set up 10 freshman
37 coordinators (PVNs) by March 1st.
- 38 • Middle States Evaluation Team will be on campus March 15-19.
- 39 • QCC is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2009-2010. A steering
40 committee will be formed to direct activities for this event.
- 41 • Theatre students advanced in competition at the Kennedy Center
42 American College Theatre Festival with the production of *Jesus Hopped*
43 *on the A Train*.

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45 **IV. Steering Committee Report : (Attachment C of the February 10, 2009 Agenda)**

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47 • Chair Tai wished everyone a happy new year and thanked all
48 Senators who made the effort attend the Senate meeting despite
49 possible scheduling conflicts. She also thanked two outgoing

- 50 senators who will no longer be serving: Professor Samuel Cohen
51 and Professor Julian Stark.
- 52 • Chair Tai welcomed as Senator, Prof. Edward Volchok, and
53 acknowledged Dr. Kip Montgomery, who is the newly-elected
54 chair of the Department of Music.
 - 55 • Chair Tai advised that all members of Faculty, CLTs, and HEOs
56 should be in receipt of invitations to serve on committees of the
57 Academic Senate. She reminded everyone to fill out those forms,
58 and forward them to the Committee on Committees promptly. She
59 also reminded Chairs to get in touch with Dr. Urciuoli, and/or the
60 Steering Committee, should there be individuals who cannot meet
61 their Senate or Committee obligations.
 - 62 • Chair Tai thanked Dr. Joan Petersen, chair of the Committee on
63 Academic Development and Elective Programs, who would
64 present for the Senate’s Review, a faculty evaluation form for
65 faculty teaching in Asynchronous on-line courses. And she also
66 thanked the members of the Committee on Distance Education,
67 chaired by our new Senator, Dr. Edward Volchok.
 - 68 • In the work of other committees, Chair Tai thanked Vice-President
69 Call, and Georgina Colalillo, Co-Chair of the Committee on
70 Environment, Quality of Life, and Disability Issues, for keeping
71 lines of communication open during the latest phase of the
72 Asbestos Abatement project.
 - 73 • Regarding the Library, Chair Tai reported the following:
74 Queensborough is one of the few CUNY libraries that maintain a
75 complete collection of assigned texts. She also stated that the
76 Library continues to support information literacy through
77 providing both individualized and general research classes.
 - 78 • Chair Tai shared the following: In CUNY-wide matters, there were
79 two items that did not come to the Steering Committee’s attention
80 until after our report was circulated that are potentially of interest:
81 First, there is a state-wide campaign to raise support for CUNY—
82 which includes a proposal on the table to raise the requirements for
83 full TAP funding from 12 credits to 15 credits. The Chancellor has
84 sent out an advisory to urge faculty to visit, on their home
85 computers, <http://www.supportcuny.org/supportcuny/main.html>.
86 Chair Tai also urged members of the Senate to acquaint themselves
87 with the proposal for the new community college available at:
88 http://www1.cuny.edu/portal_ur/cmo/i/8/24/1.php.

91 V. An Evaluation form for On-Line courses was presented by Dr. Joan Petersen, Chair of the
92 Committee on Academic Development and Elective Programs. Senator Philip Pecorino
93 made a motion to approve the Distance Education Evaluation Form and Emily Tai
94 seconded the motion. Joan Petersen explained the need for the form to supplement an in-
95 class student evaluation of faculty presenting their courses online. Phil Pecorino
96 requested follow-up from the department chairs on the effectiveness of this new form as

97 they receive them. Bruce Naples commented that a hybrid course could be evaluated in
98 the classroom but an asynchronous course required the new online evaluation form.
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100 • A motion was **made, seconded**, and **approved** for the resolution which
101 passed with two no votes and three abstentions.
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103 VI.

104 Senator Pecorino reported from the Committee on Curriculum and a vote was taken to
105 approve the transfer of credits from AP courses.
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107 • A motion was **made, seconded**, and **approved** for the resolution which
108 passed with one abstention
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110 Senator Pecorino moved to approve proposed courses from the Department of Electrical
111 and Computer Engineering Technology (ET-360 Electronics and Automation for the
112 Home).

113 • A motion was **made, seconded**, and **approved** for the resolution which
114 passed with three abstentions
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116 Senator Pecorino moved to approve a course change in Radio and TV Broadcasting
117 (SP434 to SP274).
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119 • A motion was **made, seconded**, and **approved** for the resolution which
120 passed with one no vote and one abstention.
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122 VII. A proposal was made for a sub-committee of distance education for the development of
123 online programs.
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125 VIII. Jannette Urciuoli announced the use of electronic voting for the upcoming elections of the
126 Committee on Committees.
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128 IX. Sheena Gillespie announced the upcoming election of UFS (University Faculty Senate)
129 representatives.
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131 X. Student announcement was made for the Club Fair event on Wednesday, February 11, 2009.
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133 XI. President Marti notified the Senate of cafeteria and library space changes.
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135 The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.
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137 Respectfully submitted,
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139 Linda Reesman
140 Vice Chair Academic Senate
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