

Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York

MINUTES
**of the March 9, 2010 meeting of the
Academic Senate**

President Eduardo J. Martí called the sixth regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 3:10 p.m.

I. Attendance:

The complete Senate roster is available at
http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/Governance/AcademicSenate/academic_senate_roster.asp

As determined from the attendance taken by the iclickers at the meeting, there were sixteen absentees.

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| Darcy, Jean | Hersh, Brenda | Martiny, Nico | Sandson, Stephanie |
| Feliciano, Leen | Juca, Gladys | Mumu, Sadia | Scal, Stephanie |
| Feldman, Elyn | Kolios, Anthony | Pecorino, Philip | Thompson, Chanel |
| Zinger, Lana | Montero, Kate | Prancl, Charles | Visoni, Gilmar |

II. Consideration of minutes of the February 9, 2010 meeting:

A **motion** was **made**, **seconded**, and **approved** to approve the February minutes with the following change. (*Attachment A of the March 9, 2010 Agenda*). The motion was passed unanimously.

III. Communications from:

President Marti:

President Marti welcomed everyone to the sixth regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate and urged everyone to review the Board of Trustees communications as several important matters have been submitted for its consideration. President Marti then referred to his written report (*Attachment B of the March 9, 2010 Agenda*).

- President Marti referred to the information on the Freshman Academies. Particular attention was called to two specific areas:
 - The analysis of the data to monitor whether or not the current Fall 2009 cohorts are on track to graduate in three years at a rate of 22 to 22.6%, which has been charged to Victor Fichera. President Marti emphasized that although the goal of moving Queensborough Community College from 18% to 22.6% might appear unlikely, it is in fact not an unrealistic goal, when considering that the National graduation average rate is at 22%.
 - The recognition of the Freshman Academy of Fall 2009 as only the beginning of a four-part initiative, where the activities of each successive year will be informed by what occurs in the preceding years.

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- President Marti predicted that by year 2012, every full-time Freshman in the college would have been impacted. President Marti emphasized that the Freshman Academies were developed by the faculty, and that it is a college-wide initiative that is going remain as long as the faculty chooses.
- President Marti announced that his proudest moment as President of Queensborough Community College thus far, was two years ago in October, 2008, at the Conference of the College when he announced that the Freshman Academies were no longer something that he felt that he started or created. To the contrary, the Freshman Academies are totally different from the model that was created in the beginning; and the credit goes to the faculty of this College. President Marti stressed that the Academies are extremely special because they transcend all the systems of the college, in that they are institutionalized, which is a peculiar trait of our institution. Further, they are replicable and affordable, and are not dependent on any outside grant. In essence, the Academies are a program that is germane to Queensborough Community College based on a decision that was made.
- President Marti reported that Enrollment figures are currently at 10,808 FTEs for the Fall semester. The retention rate is yet to be determined, as the College has to make a decision on a cut-off date for New Freshmen enrollment. President Marti urged faculty to encourage their students to register early, so that the College can determine the number of seats that are available. President Marti emphasized the need for more students to have the opportunity to have access/entry to a College environment that can provide them with quality education.
- President Marti was delighted to report that the College is positioned to receive over one million dollars, an amount bequeathed from the estate of one Norman P. Joon deph. President Marti commended the fundraising efforts of VP Rosemary Zins and her team, and Faustino Quintanilla, executive director and curator of our Art Gallery who made the acquaintance of Mr. Norman P. Joondeph as they shared a love of art. Mr. Joondeph first donated some of his artwork (contemporary) to our art gallery and the relationship continued over 21 years. President Marti informed the Senate that this donation has been earmarked for the Art Gallery. Additional donations have come in from:
 - Barnes & Noble in the sum of \$100,00.00
 - Ameena Hakim, a recent Nursing graduate in the sum of \$50.00
 - Eva Barboro Fund
- President Marti made several additional announcements:
 - An upcoming Retiree Event where President Marti will joined by Kurt R. Schmeller to make a plea for donation to their Professional Alma Mater..
 - The College's 50th Anniversary barbecue which promises to be a spectacular event.
- President Marti concluded by informing the Senate that the item of the Assessment proposal will require an extremely important vote, and

110 indicated that he is convinced that the processes used in assessment of
111 student learning lies with the faculty.
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116 **IV. Senate Steering Committee:** Chair Tai referred to her written report (*Attachment C of the March*
117 *9, 2010 Agenda*).
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- 119 • Chair Tai began by discussing the reports received from the Distance
120 Education and Special Committee for On-line Education Committee.
121 Chair Tai thanked the Administration for their unbridled support and
122 commitment in this endeavor.
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- 124 • Chair Tai also noted that the Steering Committee has been in contact
125 with the Vendors Service and Bylaws Committees, and implied that parts
126 or all of the matters being examined might be included in the April 13,
127 2010 Agenda. This would include the renaming of Art Gallery and
128 Performing Arts Committee. Chair Tai commended the efforts of all the
129 Committees involved.
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- 131 • Chair Tai commented on the University Faculty Senate Experience
132 Survey and indicated that the results reflect the voice of the
133 Queensborough's Full and Part-Time Faculty. Chair Tai indicated that
134 the Faculty Experience Survey brought to the forefront the many
135 mechanisms that are necessary for maintaining a college; which
136 underscore the need to have a comprehensive, integrated and
137 sustainable Assessment process, where a Culture of Assessment is
138 fostered.
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- 140 • Chair Tai then opened the floor for comments, and a motion was made
141 and seconded to approve the Assessment proposal after Chair Tai read
142 the motion found on Pages 4 through 6 of the Steering Committee
143 Report.
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- 145 • Senator Joseph Culklin requested clarification as to whether the
146 Assessment Committee would one which makes a judgment on the
147 quality of the Assessment, or one that will be receiving the Assessment
148 Reports, to which Chair responded that the intent was that it would be
149 more a receiving than evaluative mechanism.
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- 151 • Chair Tai responded to concerns about the faculty representation on the
152 Assessment Committee, and indicated that the aim was a have a wide
153 representation of the Departments of the College.
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- 155 • Senator Stuart Asser requested that revisions to the wording of the
156 proposal be made to reflect the composition of the Committee and that
157 these changes should also be reflected in the language of the Bylaws
158 before final submission for passing the resolution.
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- 160 • Dean Steele commented that the first year of the Assessment Committee
161 can be regarded as the 'pioneering year' when the scope of the activities
162 will challenging, yet intriguing. Dean Steele also implied that Committee
163 will be looking at how the information collected relates to the Middle
164 States and General Education objectives. Nevertheless, Dean Steele

165 emphasized that the Committee can be assured that they will receive
166 Administrative support.
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168 **V. Steering Committee Report** (*Attachment C of the March 9, 2010 Agenda*)—**RESOLUTION**

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171 • A **motion** was **made, seconded**, and **approved** to approve the Resolution as
172 presented. (*Attachment C of the March 9, 2010 Agenda*), There were no
173 negative votes and no abstentions.
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175 **VI. Monthly Reports of Academic Senate Standing and Special Committees**

- 176 • Committee on Committees (Attachment E) – Accepted as presented
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178 **VII. Old Business**

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181 **VIII. New Business**

- 182 • Sheena Gillespie announced that the Spring Faculty Meeting will be held March
183 24, 2010 with Key Note Speaker, Martin Kutnowski on the topic: “Lessons of My
184 First Learning Community”.
185 • VP/Provost Call invited everyone to attend the reception at the Oakland Room to
186 celebrate the newly tenured faculty members, as well as the upcoming weekly
187 Conversations, the next of which to be held March 1, 2010, being facilitated by
188 Chair Emily Tai.
189 • President Marti also announce the Presidential Lecture on “Eating the Past: Why
190 and How to Study Food History,” by Dr. Megan Elias (History). President Marti
191 reminded everyone of the Partners for Progress Gala to be held, April 29, 2010,
192 and the College’s 50th Anniversary Barbecue on May 4, 2010.
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197 Respectfully Submitted,
198 Barbara Blake- Campbell,
199 Secretary,
200 Steering Committee of the Academic Senate.
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