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**Queensborough Community College**  
The City University of New York

**MINUTES**  
**of the October 13, 2009 meeting of the**  
**Academic Senate**

President Eduardo J. Martí called the second 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 taken by the iclickers at the meeting were:

J. Darcy	T. Shemanski
P. Azrak	C. Thompson
G. Colalillo	G. Visoni
L. Feliciano	P. Wallach

**II. Consideration of minutes of the October 13, 2009 meeting:**

A **motion** was **made, seconded, and approved** with revisions to accept the September minutes. (*Attachment A of the October 13, 2009 Agenda*). There were no negative votes and no abstentions.

**III. Communications from:**

**President Marti:** President Marti referred to his written report (*Attachment B of the October 13, 2009 Agenda*.) focusing on some of the following:

- President Marti encouraged those present to examine the minutes of the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York.
- President Marti remarked once again on the overwhelming increase in enrollment, reflecting an overall increase of 17%, with a 30% increase in freshman alone, bringing the enrollment numbers to a total of 15,200. As a result of the increase, the college received a visit from representatives from CUNY's Central Administration, who were amazed at how well the college managed the increase without incident.
- President Marti reported that by October 15, 2009, an enrollment plan for Spring and Fall will be sent to Vice-Chancellor Alexandra Logue.
- President Marti shared that he anticipated that the current enrollment trend will continue through Spring and

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Fall 2010, which will require him to declare that the campus has reached its full capacity of 15,000.

- President Marti indicated that he is cognizant of the fact that services are stretched to the maximum and that he would be meeting with Dr. Tai and Dr. Gillespie, head of the Faculty Council.
- President Marti commended Vice-President Ellen Hartigan on her hard work in ensuring that the orientation sessions were effective.
- President Marti made mention of the three-page Middle States report following Dr. Petrisko's visit and the need to call a campus-wide meeting for October 20, 2009 – a first occurrence since his presidency at Queensborough Community College.
- President Marti reemphasized that the community will have a full description of the concerns and the process by which they will be resolved. President Marti underscored that this was a matter of urgency which will require the full cooperation of the entire campus community.
- President Marti reiterated that the Middle States recommendations are serious, but not to the extent where the college's accreditation standing was in jeopardy. President Marti declared that the upcoming campus-wide meeting would be one where the college's efforts would be celebrated, as well as a forum where discussion on improvement will take place.
- President Marti discussed the impending \$53 million budget cuts for CUNY, primarily for the Senior Colleges, but that he was hopeful that management and Union would stand in solidarity against the proposed cuts. President Marti said that he would be counting on the senior colleges to reciprocate when the cuts are directed to the City Colleges.
- President Marti also alluded to the fact that Central Administration has been astute in reserving resources to offset the impending cuts. As a result, President Marti implied that there would be sufficient funding to maintain current services and the various initiatives at Queensborough Community College.
- President Marti reminded everyone about the scheduled Open House for Queensborough faculty and staff in the new Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center from noon to 6:00PM, October 14, 2009, as well as the official Grand Opening of the Center on October 18, 2009.

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- President Marti once again implored faculty to utilize the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center as a learning laboratory and to use the history of the Holocaust experience as space to combat prejudice and fight hate crime.
- President Marti congratulated the Student Services Organization and members of Student Government on their participation in the Student Leadership weekend.
- President Marti drew attention to other upcoming events, such as the October 28, 2009 Presidential Lecture Series, featuring Dr Michio Kaku, a Henry Semat professor of Theoretical Physics and Professor of Physics at the CUNY Graduate Center. Additionally, mention was made of the Conference of the College on October 30, 2009, an event developed by Dr. Sheena Gillespie.
- Senator Pecorino inquired about the possibility of increasing more full-time faculty lines, to which President Marti responded that these faculty lines will be released in the coming week to begin the search process.
- VP Call further stated that the Enrollment Management aims at proposing a plan to account for the enrollment plan with a goal to increase full-time faculty, and that the Lines Committee will continue to work with the College's Personnel and Budget committee.
- Senator Pecorino requested that the President explain the criteria on how the college determines how many students are taught by full-time faculty:
  - Instructors
  - Lecturers
  - Substitutes

**IV. Senate Steering Committee:**

- Chair Tai welcomed Professor Georgina Albanese who will be serving as adjunct Representative, Alumni Representative Diane Carey and student representatives.
- Chair Tai indicated that the Steering Committee has been communicating with the Student Government and that we now have student members on all committees.
- Chair Tai also informed the Senate that the Steering has met with fourteen (14) Chairs of the Academic Senate and that they have been informed of the process of letting the Committee know what is happening and what the Steering Committee expects of them.

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- Chair Tai spoke on the Smoking issue and indicated that Dion Pincus and Hayes Mauro have been working tirelessly to prepare a resolution, which will be presented at the November Senate meeting. Chair Tai also indicated that the Steering Committee is now in receipt of a full report from the Committee on Committee and that the file is available on the Governance website and will be included in the November documents.
- Chair Tai invited VP Hartigan and VP Call to report on the Enrollment Plan. VP Hartigan reported this was a continuation of the plan that has been reviewed by the Departments since March 2009 in anticipation of the Fall enrollment. VP Hartigan stated that this process will provide an update of the projections for Spring and Fall 2010 and that she was optimistic that the outcome will be a very “concrete plan”.
- Senator Pecorino asked if the President has had any word concerning the articulation of graduated students from Queensborough into four-year CUNY programs. President Marti responded that he was in contact with City College and that faculty of both institutions will continue to communicate so that the articulation of the program will be a seamless process.
- President Marti emphasized that the Senior Colleges are increasing their standards and that he wanted to be informed if there are any students who are having problems transferring to a Senior College. However, President Marti also noted that if a student graduates, then attempts to transfer, the possibility existed that this student could encounter some problems. President Marti further indicated that even if a student has graduated, that student must be credited 60 credits for the Senior College.
- Chair Tai commented on the Assessment meeting conducted by Dr. Petrisko and indicated that she had spent some time reviewing the Middle States website and discovered that there was a distinction between indirect evidence and direct evidence. Chair Tai stated that she gathered that Middle States preferred the use of Rubrics as scoring tools.
- Chair Tai suggested that there could be a role for the Special Committee on Assessment Database as a means to create an archive of assessment activity at Queensborough.
- President Marti expressed his agreement that the College has done substantial work, but stressed there is a need to link the pieces together.

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- President Marti delivered the news that Queensborough has scored in the top percentile in performance, except in the area of faculty diversity, and that this meant that the college will receive a bonus of \$65,000.
- President Marti communicated that he wanted to make an executive decision to earmark this bonus amount for grant funding, to any individual who wished to submit a proposal, to conduct observational or experimental studies examining student learning outcomes.
- President Marti concluded by congratulating Karen Steele, Millie Conte and the College Advisory Committee for their hard work.

**V. Annual Reports of Committees** (*Attachments E- I of the September 13, 2009 Agenda*):

<b>Committee on Committees:</b>	Annual Report Accepted.
<b>Committee on the Library:</b>	Annual Report Accepted.
<b>Committee on Vendor Services:</b>	Annual Report Accepted.

**VI. Committee on Curriculum (Attachment I)--RESOLUTION**

**DELETION of Degree Program**

**A.A.S. Medical Laboratory Technology Program**

Explanation: This program has been a part of the curricula in the Department of Biological Sciences and Geology. As of September 2002 students are no longer accepted into this degree program. Students are advised to enroll in the A.S. Degree Program in Health Sciences and follow the program articulations for transfer to the B.S. in Medical Laboratory Sciences at Hunter College or for the B.S. in Medical Technology at York College. It is best that the program be deleted from the College offerings

- A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept the deletion of Degree Program A.A.S. Medical Laboratory Technology Program (*Attachment I of the October 13, 2009 Agenda*). There was one negative vote and no abstentions.

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- Senator Anthony Kolios announced that the QCC Union Chapter General meeting will be held October 1, 2009 for the purpose of discussing suggestions for items to be added to the agenda for the next contract negotiations. Faculty should consider bringing in suggestions or forwarding them to Judy Barbanel or the Vice Chair. Senator Kolios also shared that the location of the meeting will be announced.
- Senator Paul Weiss suggested that the Academic Senate consider starting its monthly meetings at 3:10 PM to accommodate teaching faculty and the new schedule that begins classes ten minutes after the hour.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Blake-Campbell,  
Secretary