

Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York

MINUTES
of the September 8, 2009 meeting of the
Academic Senate

President Eduardo J. Martí called the first 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

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

J. Darcy	D. Klarberg	G. Albanese	G. Juca
S. Gillespie	R. Yuster	P. Weiss	S. Mumu
J. Valentino	J. Pantaleo	C. Thompson	
F. Cotty	P. Wallach	L. Feliciano	

II. Consideration of minutes of the May 12, 2009 meeting:

A **motion** was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept the May minutes. (*Attachment A of the September 8, 2009 Agenda*). There were no negative votes and one abstention.

III. Communications from:

President Marti: President Marti referred to his written report (*Attachment B of the September 8, 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 commended the members of the Administration and the Department Chairs for all their hard work over the summer months to prepare for what he calls the largest enrollment in the history of Queensborough Community College.
- President Marti stated that the Freshman Academy started out with 4000 instead of the 2000 students which were anticipated.
- President Marti spoke to the increase in enrollment and that the college will need to provide quality service of spite of those numbers.
- President Marti emphasized the need for everyone to be vigilant in noting any need for repairs, seating availability, services and counseling, and that all should

be mindful of how they are responding to the increased numbers of students.

- President Marti indicated that so far he was pleased with the climate on the campus. In walking around, he commented that students appeared well oriented to the campus, and were navigating their way with ease.
- President Marti commended Ellen Hartigan on her hard work in ensuring that the orientation sessions were effective.
- President Marti stated that the reputation of Queensborough Community College is soaring within the University, as well as nationally.
- President Marti recalled that his goal in the year 2000 was that the College would be a place where people come to learn how to teach at a community college and he expressed that at this time his goal has been reached.
- President Marti underscored that his hope is to double the graduation rate of full time students by the year 2012.
- President Marti acknowledged Dean Ward's contributions to the Strategic plan, and further stated the second year of the plan would be evaluated and revised as needed rather than establish a new strategic plan at this time.
- President Marti also congratulated Sherry Newcomb on her role in the college and the revenue sharing model she created.
- President Marti welcomed everyone to a new academic year, and that he was delighted to be a part of the Senate.
- Senator Pecorino inquired about the resolutions of last meeting regarding term limits for Department chairs, and how would President Marti address the matter to Chancellor Goldstein. President Marti indicated that he believed that the present structure was sound, and that there are processes in place to remove Chairs of Department if warranted. President Marti also indicated that he had affirmed his position on these matters in correspondence and would continue to do so in further communications with Chancellor Goldstein on this matter.

IV. Senate Steering Committee:

- Chair Tai welcomed Dean Denise Ward, who is replacing Dan King on the Academic Senate, Georgiana Albanese, who will be serving as adjunct Representative, and student representatives. Stephanie Sandson, Kate Montero and Nico Martiny Chair Tai commended the work done by prior student representatives.
- Chair Tai also welcomed new members of the Steering Committee; Susan Jacobowitz, Vice Chair, Barbara Blake-Campbell, Secretary and Parliamentarian, Dr. Philip Pecorino, and also Belle Birchfield, Technology Officer.
- Chair Tai apologized for the missing reports from Committee on Committees and Committee on Vendor Services. She also informed Committee chairs that if they needed to amend their reports, they could submit amended reports to be included in the Senate agenda in October.
- Chair Tai indicated that the Steering Committee would be piloting a new system in October, whereby the Agenda would be transmitted as individual document attachments, with the entire Agenda available on line at the Queensborough Governance Website. This new system would allow Senators to print files individually. Chair Tai invited Senators to share any comments they had about the new system over the coming months.
- Chair Tai drew the attention of Senators to the report of the Special Committee to examine the Assessment Database, and urged Senators to consider whether or not they wished further progress in the matter of assessment to be brought under Senate review through the establishment of a committee of the Academic Senate.
- Chair Tai indicated that members of the Committee on Gallery and Performing Arts had recommended that their committee be expanded to include consideration of the Harriet and Kenneth Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives, and that the Steering Committee was working with the Committee to craft a change in the Bylaws to reflect this recommendation.

V. List of June 2009 Candidates for Graduation

A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept the list of candidates for June 2009 graduation. (*Attachment E of the September 8, 2009 Agenda*). There was one negative vote and no abstentions.

VI. Annual Reports of Committees (*Attachments F-U of the September 8, 2009 Agenda*):

Committee on Academic Development and Elective Programs:	Annual Report Received
Committee on Awards and Scholarships:	Annual Report Received
Committee on Bylaws:	Annual Report received.
Committee on Ceremonial Occasions:	Annual Report Received
Committee on Committees:	Annual Report received/ not attached.
Committee on Computer Resources:	Annual Report received.
Committee on Continuing Education:	Annual Report received.
Committee on Course and Standing	Annual Report received
Sub-Committee on Course and Standing – Committee on CPE Appeals:	Annual Report received.
Committee on Curriculum:	Annual Report received.
Committee on Gallery and Performing Arts:	Annual Report Received
Committee on the Library:	To be Amended
Committee on Publications:	Annual Report received.
Committee on Student Activities:	Annual Report received.
Committee on Vendor Services:	On Website Access
Committee on Writing in the Disciplines/	Annual Report received.

VIII. Old Business

IX: New Business

- Dr. Marti stated that all faculty and Senators should be aware of the assessment protocol for the Freshman Academies, and that there are a series of workshops arranged by Dr. Galina scheduled for September 24, 2009 through September 25, 2009.
- President Marti announced that there will be a Reception for the campus community in the form of an all day Open House at the Holocaust Center, Wednesday, October 14, 2009, from 12 Noon until 6 P.M.
- Dr. Marti concluded by thanking Dr. Diane Call for accepting the position of Acting Provost and Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration.
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- Dr. Belle Birchfield announced the opportunity for all faculty and Senate members to learn more about the use of Clickers in the Classroom, by attending one of two workshops scheduled on 9/15/09 and 10/02/09...
- Dr. Marti wished everyone a good semester

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Barbara Blake-Campbell,
Secretary