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Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York

MINUTES
of the February 8, 2010
Academic Senate

Interim President Diane Call called the fifth 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 i-clickers at the meeting, there were eight absentees.

Edlin, Margot	Hersh, Brenda	Holden, Todd	Jue, Chong
Kuszai, Joel	Steele, Karen	Visoni, Gilmar	Yao, Haishen

II. Consideration of minutes of the December 14, 2010:

- A **motion was made, seconded, and approved** to approve the December 14, 2010 minutes (*Attachment A of the February 8, 2011 Agenda*). This vote passed unanimously.

III. Communications from:

Interim President Call:

- Interim President Call referred to her written report (*Attachment B of the February 8, 2011 Agenda*).
- Interim President Call began by directing everyone's attention to the communication from the Board of Trustees. She then welcomed everyone back, and then proceeded to refer to her report. Interim President Call thanked the staff members in Enrollment Management, Student Affairs, Finance and Administration, Information Technology, Academic Chairs, Academic Affairs, *especially the Registrar staff* for their tireless efforts in launching the CUNYfirst system. As of the morning of the senate meeting, approximately 14,000-15,000 students have been registered, but there are some who have not yet submitted their payments.
- Interim President Call again thanked all the individuals who worked during the week-end and holiday periods to facilitate registration on CUNYfirst, and indicated that since the college is the vanguard institution, our experience will benefit the rest of the University.
- Interim President Call reported that Admission and registration for the fall and summer will begin soon creating robust offerings over the summer months.

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- Interim President Call referred to a message that was sent out from the office of Chancellor Goldstein on the initial analysis of the state budget, and that the University is united to lobby for restoration of funds, and that we will be joining other schools in Albany.
- Interim President Call informed the senate that fifty (50) of our colleagues, including fifteen faculty members, have elected to participate in the Early Retirement Program, and that they will be truly missed. The intent is to replace the teaching faculty, and that because we are still under hiring freeze these replacements will not include non-classroom faculty.
- Interim President Call also reported that three teams are recipients of the second round of Pedagogical Research Grants for Spring 2011, selected for funding up to \$15,000, and that many of the recipients have launched previous pilots.
- Interim President Call indicated that the month of January was abuzz with several dozen faculty and staff participating in faculty developing activities including the second eLearning Institute, Writing Intensive Certification, and a Learning Communities Think Tank. Interim President Call thanked the faculty project leaders through the Office of Academic Affairs for these endeavors.
- Interim President Call commented on the remarkable response in attendance for the Convocation held on Friday, February 4, 2011 with the theme “Are We Making a Difference?” and the exciting and informative presentations on the innovative strategies employed by faculty. These presentations were recorded and can be accessed from the College website.
- Interim President Call reported that grant funding for the Mathematics Team, led by Drs. G. Michael Guy, Jonathan Cornick, Andrew Russell, and Robert Holt has captured the attention of the University, and that it is hoped the impact of this initiative will be evident.
- Interim President Call announced that there is a clarion call by the University for discussion and development of a framework on General Education with specific learning outcomes. Engagement in these discussions, it is hoped, will serve to address articulation agreements throughout the University.
- Interim President Call reported that the Queensborough students will compete in the **American Mock Trial Associations’ Regional Mock Trials Tournament** to be held at Yale University on the weekend of February 10-12, and noted that Queensborough Community is the only community college to participate in this round of the competition, which includes Yale, Princeton, NYU, Dartmouth, Cornell, Boston College, and Brown. Interim President Call thanked the advisors, Professors Ted Rosen, Kelly Ford, Drs. Steve Hammel and Marjorie Deutsch.

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The case will focus on the issues of negligence and product liability.

- Interim President Call reminded everyone that Chancellor Mathew Goldstein will visit the campus on Wednesday, March 30 at 10:30 A.M. in the Medical Arts, Room 136, and that faculty, staff and students are invited to attend and engage with the Chancellor. Chancellor Goldstein will be addressing the budget outlook for FY 12 as well as University initiatives. In the meantime, Interim President Call indicated that she will be forwarding the College’s challenges and concerns in advance.
- Other Upcoming Events:
 - Presidential Lecture - Wednesday, March 30, 2011
Speaker Dr. Donald Tricarico, Social Sciences)
– Title, TBA. The speaker was selected by a committee composed of VP Karen Steele, Drs. Sasan Karimi, Amy Traver, Mark Van Ells.
 - Twenty-fourth annual **Partners for Progress Gala** – Thursday, April 28, 2011 at Terrace on the Park. List of honorees are listed in the Interim President Call’s report.
- Interim President Call reported that Phase II of the campus renovations will be the cafeteria in the Science Building.

IV. Senate Steering Committee:

Chair Tai began by inviting persons new to the Academic Senate to stand. She then welcomed the new prospective CLT representative, Mr. John Luby.

- Chair Tai referred to her report (Attachment C of the February 8, 2011 Agenda). She offered good wishes for Margaret Reilly who has resigned from the Senate due to sabbatical leave.
- Chair Tai discussed the University Faculty Senate’s involvement with the initiative to foster higher education in the Prisons. Chair Tai reminded the senate that when this effort was first launched, Queensborough Community College had the largest representation, and encouraged continued support for those who were incarcerated and are seeking to move on with their lives.
- Chair Tai presented the proposal for the creation a Special Budget Advisory Committee of the Academic Senate to function in the following ways:
 - * to serve in an advisory capacity to the President on matters of the College budget in its entirety including the Resource Allocation Process
 - * to hold the discussions and transactions of this Budget Advisory Committee confidential
 - * to report to the College Advisory Planning Committee (CAPC) and the Academic Senate any recommendations of this special committee, if needed

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* to issue a report to the Academic Senate at the end of its duration as to its continuation as a standing committee albeit perhaps with some changes to its composition and charge if thought needed.

- The proposal was met with lively discussions on the floor. Some questions clarified how this committee would be effective in influencing change.
- Interim President Call referred everyone to examine the strategic plan for the College to get an insight of what the ultimate goals and intent are for the college.
- The **motion** was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept the proposal of a creating a Special Budget Advisory Committee of the Academic Senate (*Attachment C of the February 8, 2011 Agenda*) with fifty affirmative votes, and one abstention from Senator Michael Cesarano.
 - Chair Tai informed the members of the Academic Senate that in January 24, 2011, the City University of New York Board of Trustees passed a new policy which prohibits the use of tobacco on all grounds and facilities under CUNY's jurisdiction – indoor and outdoor- as well as tobacco industry promotions and marketing on campus properties, and tobacco sponsorship of athletic events and athletes.
 - Chair Tai acknowledged members of student body who were present, and mentioned the importance of students' involvement in the Academic Senate. This she and hailed as a lesson in civic engagement. Chair Tai also mentioned that the Honor Society, Phi Beta Kappa will be one of several student organizations that will be involved in the no-smoking ban efforts.
 - Chair Tai encouraged suggestions and recommendations for implementation process of the no-smoking ban, and that parties can e-mail, Mr. Dion Pincus, or Drs. Tai and Bales.
 - Chair Tai led discussions on the CUNY Start, or the "College Transition Initiative" (CTI), where students who showed evidence of significantly inadequate preparation in all three remedial areas of reading, writing and mathematics can receive an alternative form of intervention.
 - Chair Tai indicated there is concern that the CTI program is being implemented without any interface with the governance , faculty and staff of this institution. Another lively discussion ensued.
 - Interim President Call informed the Senate that the CTI program is very prescribed in curriculum and pedagogy, and that the proposal for such a program would be placed outside the degree environment. Additionally, the University has presented the CTI as an Administrative Initiative.

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- Parliamentarian Dr. Phil Pecorino commented that the contents of the CTI program should be transparent to all, and that so far there is no data as to the performance of those who participate in this immersion program pass rate, or their performance in credit bearing courses.
- Interim President Call suggested that there are good reasons for trying an alternative initiative to benefit our students, that it is not intended to exclude any student from attempting credit-bearing Program.
- Senator Denise Ward also indicated that making the program available through the continuing education division was efficient, in student interest, and not unprecedented in the organization of the CLIP program.
- Chair Tai then moved on to the proposal of a Special Committee on General Education Learning Outcomes, focusing on discussion concerning the University’s articulation policy. A question from Senator Bourbon was whether the Senate would consider representations from the Academies, to which Chair Tai agreed.

- The **motion** was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept the proposal of a Special Committee on General Education learning Outcomes (*Attachment C of the February 8, 2011 Agenda*). The vote was passed unanimously.

V. Committee on Committees (Attachment F)---ELECTION

- Senator Sheila Beck presented the new CLT representative, John Luby as a replacement for retiring Senator Charles Pranci.

- The **motion** was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept Mr. John Luby as the new Senior College Laboratory Technician (*Attachment F of the February 8, 2011 Agenda*). The vote was passed unanimously

VI. Monthly Reports of Standing Committees of the Academic Senate

Committee on Committees (Attachment F)---**ELECTION** – Report accepted as presented

New Business:

Demonstration of CUNYFirst

- Mr. Ralph Romanelli conducted a demonstration on how faculty may access class rosters and download into EXCELL.
- Interim President Call thanked Mr. Romanelli.

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Blake-Campbell, RN, PhD.(Secretary)
Emily S. Tai
Steering Committee of the Academic Senate.