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Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York

MINUTES
of the September 13, 2011
Academic Senate

Interim President Diane Call called the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 3:15 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 nineteen absentees.

Blake- Campbell, Barbara	Cesarano, Michael	Fletcher- Anthony, Wilma
Gray, Peter	Holden, Todd	Jue, Cheng
Kuszai, Joel	Larios, Liza	Lin, Maan (Jenny)
Mckay, Devin		SG President Pro Tempore
Zin Nwe Aung. SG Admin V.P		Leilani Blira-Koessler. SG Exec. VP
Marilyn Rodriguez. SG VP evening		Nekesha St. Rose. SG VP part time
Tullio, Ann	Volchok, Edward	Yao, Haishen

II. Consideration of minutes of the September 13, 2011:

- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the May 10, 2011 minutes (*Attachment A of the September 13, 2011 Agenda*). This vote was passed unanimously.

III. Communications from:

Interim President Call: Interim President Call referred to her written report (*Attachment B of the September 13, 2011 Agenda*) focusing on some of the following:

- President Call welcomed everyone to the new academic year and applauded the faculty members, students and administration on their hard work with the strategic plan.
- President Call congratulated the community on registering over 15,000 students this semester, including almost 4000 freshmen. We now have over 350 full time faculty/CLTs and over 650 adjunct faculty colleagues.
- President Call welcomed new faculty colleagues: Twenty seven full time faculty were hired spring 2011/fall 2011. President Call asked each department to provide mentors for new faculty.
- President Call also welcomed Elizabeth Lackner, Director of Institutional Research; Mavis Hall, Affirmative Action and Compliance Officer; and Dr. Ian Beckford, Academic Assessment Manager for Learning Outcomes.

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- President Call announced that we met our strategic objectives established by the College Advisory Planning Committee, and have been noted by the University as being in the top tier among all the CUNY colleges.
- President Call recounted her meeting with Chancellor Goldstein wherein he congratulated QCC on our academic programs; the strength of our faculty and their research and scholarship; improved student learning; our student and academic support services; the fundraising and enterprise activities, and our sound fiscal policies.
- President Call proudly announced that QCC is one of six community colleges throughout the country to receive a \$500,000 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Challenge Grant.
- President Call also thanked the faculty leaders of this effort: Dr. Sarah Danielsson, Dr. Susan Jacobowitz, and Dr. Emily Tai.
- President Call announced that *Edge for Success*, our fundraising campaign to raise \$25 million by 2015 has been moved to the “public” phase. The “silent” part of our campaign has already raised \$21.5 million so we have \$3.5 million to go.
- President Call congratulated the work on dual joint degree programs with our senior college partners, including: a joint degree in *Nursing* with Hunter College, and a joint degree in *Career and Technical Teacher Education* with New York City Technical College.
- President Call reminded the Senate that this year there will be a faculty led effort to review our general education objectives in the context of the University’s Pathways Project.
- President Call thanked Dr. David Lieberman, Dr. Pat Schneider and Professor Marge Reilly for their willingness to serve on the University’s working committee.
- President Call further iterated that a special committee of the Academic Senate on General Education, chaired by Dr. Bertorelli, will lead campus discussions and activities related to this important topic.
- There was an inquiry by Senator Pecorino concerning the workload and timeline of the Pathways to which Vice President Steele responded that she does not foresee any extra work.
- President Call continued the discussion by encouraging everyone to stay aware and urged that department participation will be important. President Call announced that much of the work will fall on each department.

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- President Call applauded the efforts of our Services for Students with Disabilities office (SSD) for creating and issuing an Accommodations Card which is compliant with the ADA.
- President Call completed her report by reminding everyone that the College has received a request from the University for input from our campus as the CUNY Office of Academic Affairs finalizes the CUNY Master Plan.
- President Call encouraged all members of our campus community to review the framework of topics and questions posed in the document and to offer comments/suggestions (to Dr. Artie Corradetti) for the College's official response. There will be several opportunities for discussion of/comments on the Master Plan and the College's response to the questions posed. *The Office of Academic Affairs will host a 'Campus Conversation' for faculty and HEOs on the CUNY Master Plan on Thursday, September 22 at 3:00 PM in the Oakland Dining Room.*

IV. Senate Steering Committee: Chair Tai referred to her written report: (*Attachment C of the September 13, 2011 Agenda*) focusing on some of the following:

- Chair Tai began by expressing regret at the passing of Dr. Tom Smith. A moment of silence was observed.
- Chair Tai welcomed Dr. Georgia McGill, who has been elected to serve as Dr. Smith's successor as Chair of the Department of Speech, Communication, and Theatre Arts.
- Dr. McGill announced that a memorial for Dr. Thomas Smith, will be held at 1:30 in M-136 on Wednesday, October 5, 2011.
- Chair Tai also welcomed Dr. Jilani Warsi to the Senate.
- Chair Tai informed the Senate that the Pathways initiative was unanimously passed by the Board of Trustees on 27 June, 2011; a University-wide fourteen-member Steering Committee was constituted and met, under the leadership of CUNY Law School Dean Michelle Anderson.
- Chair Tai additionally recognized the three members of our faculty appointed to serve on the thirty-nine member "working committee" that will interact with the Pathways Steering Committee: Dr. David Lieberman; Professor Margaret Reilly; and Dr. Patricia Schneider and urged the Senate to check the website detailing some of these transactions at <http://www.cuny.edu/academics/initiatives/degreepathways/planning-process.html>
- Chair Tai urged members of the Academic Senate and its committees to keep an eye out for the report this Steering Committee will release by November 1 at: <http://www1.cuny.edu/mu/academic-news/2011/08/04/a-message-to-cuny-faculty-regarding-pathways-project/>.

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- Chair Tai invited colleagues to review *The CUNY Master Plan and Proposals to Improve Success Rates for Students in Developmental Education at CUNY* and requested a response from instructional faculty who serve in the Mathematics Discipline Council, solicited by the CUNY Office of Academic Affairs.
 - Chair Tai invited contributions relevant to the future of remediation in CUNY and also asked those colleagues who took students abroad for feedback concerning a report issued by the CUNY Central Office with recommendations and guidelines for the conduct/organization of study abroad programs.
 - Chair Tai invited comments from Dr. David Lieberman about the Pathways Project.
 - Dr. Lieberman discussed the general procedures. The Steering Committee and Working Committee held a retreat on August 26, 2011. There is a great deal of information posted within the "Planning Process" section of the CUNY Pathways Project website (<http://www.cuny.edu/pathways>).
 - President Call reminded everyone to attend the 'Campus Conversation' for faculty and HEOs on the *Pathways Initiative and the Master Plan* on Thursday, September 22 at 3:00 PM in the Oakland Dining Room.
- A **motion was made, seconded, and approved** to approve the list of Graduates for June and August 2011--(Attachment E1 and E2). This vote was passed with no abstentions and/or any negative votes.

V. Monthly reports from Standing Committees

- Monthly Report from the Committee on Committees was accepted as presented. (**Attachment F of the September 13, 2011 Agenda**)

VI. Annual Reports from Standing Committees of the Academic Senate

All committee reports listed below were accepted as presented:

- Committee on Academic Development and Elective Programs (Attachment G)
- Committee on Admissions (Attachment H)
- Committee on Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness (Attachment I)
- Committee on Awards and Scholarships (Attachment J)
- Committee on Bylaws (Attachment K)
- Committee on Ceremonial Occasions (Attachment L)
- Committee on Committees (Attachment M)
- Committee on Computer Resources (Attachment N)
- Committee on Continuing Education (Attachment O)
- Committee on Course and Standing (Attachment P)
- Committee on Cultural and Archival Resources (Attachment Q)
- Committee on Curriculum (Attachment R)
- Committee on eLearning (Attachment S)

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- 216 • Committee on Student Activities (Attachment T)
- 217 • Committee on Vendor Services (Attachment U)
- 218 • Committee on WID/WAC (Attachment V)

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220 **New Business**

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- 222 • Dave Moretti presented the new website which was launched in late
- 223 August. There will be a collaborative effort to maximize the effectiveness
- 224 and accuracy of information for faculty, staff, students and visitors to the
- 225 site. The ACC will provide training.
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228 The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM

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232 Lana Zinger EdD, CHES, R.D. (Secretary)
233 Steering Committee of the Academic Senate.

