

Queensborough Community College  
The City University of New York

**MINUTES**  
of the March 11, 2014  
Academic Senate

President Diane Call called the sixth regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 3:15 p.m.

**I. Attendance:**

58 votes were recorded at the time attendance was taken; 66 members of the Academic Senate cast votes during the meeting. (See the Voting Report, Attachment A-2.)

**Absentees:**

Philip Pecorino	17
Devin McKay	John Luby
Chiung Chang	Georgiana Albanese
Paul Weiss	Isabella Lizzul
Richard Yuster	Lida Ramos Arce
Julia Carroll	Chaojun Dong
Kip Montgomery	Latiffa Facey

**II. Consideration of minutes of the February 11, 2013:**

- A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously adopted to approve the February 11, 2014 minutes as presented (see Attachment A-1 of the March 11, 2014 Agenda).

**III. Communications from President Call:** President Call referred to her written report (Attachment B of the March 11, 2014 Agenda.)

For the full report, visit:

[http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicsenate/docs/ay2013-14/March\\_2014/Attachment-B-Presidents-Report-3-11-14.pdf](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicsenate/docs/ay2013-14/March_2014/Attachment-B-Presidents-Report-3-11-14.pdf)

President call highlighted a few points from her written report, including:

- Acknowledgement of those who utilized the Starfish early-warning system;
- A reminder to identify students who may benefit from a Petrie Foundation emergency grant for students in difficult financial circumstances;
- An update on the Early College Initiative was provided by Dr. Birchfield, chair of the ECI curriculum planning committee. She discussed the skills mapping underway and upcoming website.
- Spring Presidential lecture to be given Dr. Jilani Warsi.
- Faculty members Dr. Andrea Salis and Dr. Megan Elias to participate in new CUNY Faculty Leadership Academy.

**IV. Senate Steering Committee Report:** Vice Chair Dr. Emily Tai referred to the written report: (Attachment C of the March 11, 2014 Agenda) and noted the following:

- 28 faculty standing for election to the Academic Senate. Chair Pecorino asked that they be thanked publicly.

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- For the first time, members of the faculty running for Senate were given opportunity to provide brief blurbs introducing themselves to the community.
  - The Steering Committee has been working with SGA President Jones to create a useful primer on participation in the Academic Senate.

57 **V. Monthly Reports of Standing Committees of the Academic Senate**

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59 **The Committee on Curriculum (*Attachment F of the March 11, 2014 Agenda*)**

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61 The Committee on Curriculum has sent the following recommendations to the Academic Senate:

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63 **1. NEW COURSE**

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65 **DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

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67 **HI-177: Greek and Roman mythology in its historical context**

68 3 hours, 3 credits

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- A **motion** was **made, seconded, and adopted** 64-0-0 to **approve** “HI-177 Greek and Roman mythology in its historical context” as a new course in the Department of History (*Attachment F of the March 11, 2014 Agenda*).

74 **2. NEW CONCENTRATION**

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76 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND DANCE**

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- The **motion** the new concentration in PRLS in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Dance **was withdrawn** by the Committee on Curriculum.

83 **VI. Old Business**

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86 **VII. New Business**

87 Chair of the Faculty Executive Committee, Alex Tarasko, brought up the following new

88 business:

89 Election for FEC Chair ends Monday, March 17 at 5pm. New chair will have election for 6

90 other members.

91 QCC delegation got one extra seat at UFS; 4 faculty running for 4 positions.

92 March 26 is Spring Faculty meeting. All are encouraged to attend. Distance Education is

93 theme. Panel will present research; faculty will discuss their experiences.

94 The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 PM

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96 Respectfully Submitted,

97 Joel Kuszai

98 Secretary, Steering Committee of the Academic Senate