

**STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CUNY
MONTHLY REPORT
September 10, 2013**

1. Senate Matters: Composition and Membership

All positions in the Academic Senate are filled. Kathleen Rowe resigned as the adjunct member elected in 2012. She has been replaced by the first alternate: Georgeanne Albanese. We thank Kathleen Rowe for her service.

2. Committee Matters: Composition and Membership

As we enter the academic year this is our understanding of QCC Academic Senate Standing

Committees: Members and Designees, 2013-2014

	COMMITTEE on	Chairpersons	Steering Committee Designees	President's Designees
1	Academic Development/Elective Academic Programs	Howard Sporn	Nidhi Gadura (Biology)	Ms. Jane E Hindman

2013-14: Committee on Academic Development & Elective Programs (5 Members)

Name	Rank	Department	Role
Ferrari-Bridgers, Franca	Assistant Professor	Speech Communications & Theater Arts	
Francis, Leslie	Assistant Professor	Business	
Roblodowski, Christopher	Assistant Professor	Biological Sciences	
Salis, Andrea	Assistant Professor	Health, Physical Education, & Dance	
Sporn, Howard	Assistant Professor	Mathematics & Computer Science	

2	Admissions	Ford, Kelly	Delores Weber (Nursing)	Ms. Laura Bruno
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2013-14: Committee on Admissions (5 Members)

	Name	Rank	Department	Role
1	Capozzoli, Gina	Lecturer	Student Affairs	
2	Cheng, Steven	Lecturer	Mathematics & Computer Science	Secretary
3	Dehipawla, Sunil	Assistant Professor	Physics	
4	Ford, Kelly	Assistant Professor	Business	Chair
5	Shin, Jun	Associate Professor	Chemistry	

3	Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness	Brannon, Shale	L. James Bentley (Nursing)	Assoc. Dean Arthur Corradetti
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2013-14: Committee on Assessment & Program Effectiveness (7 Members)

#	Name	Rank	Department	Role
1	Bannon, Shele	Assistant Professor	Business	Chair
2	Beck, Sheila	Associate Professor	Library	

Damas, M. Chantale	Assistant Professor	Physics		
Lynch, Barbara	Instructor	Speech Communications & Theater Arts		
McLaughlin, Susan	Assistant Professor	Biological Sciences & Geology	Secretary	
Santoro, Maurizio	Associate Professor	Foreign Languages & Literatures		
4	Awards and Scholarships:	Lall-Ramnarine, Sharon	George Muchita	V.P. Ellen Hartigan
<u>2013-14: Committee on Awards (3 Members)</u>				
#	Name	Rank	Department	Role
1	Lai, Wei	Instructor	Foreign Languages & Literatures	Secretary
2	Lall-Ramnarine, Sharon	Associate Professor	Chemistry	Chair
3	Park, Kee	Assistant Professor	Engineering Technology	
5	Bylaws	Tian Ren	Peter Bales (Social Sciences), Senate Parliamentarian	Dean Liza Larios
<u>2013-14: Committee on Bylaws (5 Members)</u>				
#	Name	Rank	Department	Role
1	Ansani, Antonella	Professor	Foreign Languages & Literatures	
2	Goldhammer, Eva	Assistant Professor	Social Sciences	Secretary
3	Hammel, Stephen	Assistant Professor	Business	
4	McKay, Devin	Professor	Library	
5	Ren, Tian	Associate Professor	Mathematics & Computer Science	Chair
6	Ceremonial Occasions	none	Shenaz Georgilis (Nursing)	V.P. Ellen Hartigan
<u>2013-14: Committee on Ceremonial Occasions (3 Members)</u>				
#	Name	Rank	Department	Role
1	Ambruso, Kimberly	Assistant Professor	Nursing	
2	Cesarano, Michael	Assistant Professor	Speech Communications & Theatre Arts	
3	Loeffler, Helmut	Assistant Professor	History	
7	Committees	Ed Volchok	Jeffrey Schwartz (ET), Senate Tech Officer	V. P. Karen Steele
Harris, Eugene BIO		term expires May 2014		
Volchok, Edward BUS				
Yuster, Richard ET				
Bialo-Padin, Aithne HIST		term expires May 2015		
Carroll, Julia AL				
Spencer, Cheryl NU				
Boccio, Donna MA		term expires May 2016		
Jankowski, Jeffrey SOC SCI				
Sarno, David CHEM				
8	Computer Resources	Wendy Ford	Roland Scal (Biology)	V.P. Sherri Newcomb
<u>2013-14: Committee on Computer Resources (7 Members)</u>				
#	Name	Rank	Department	Role
1	Banks, Kimberly	Assistant Professor	English	
2	Ford, Wendy	Assistant Professor	Business	Chair
3	Golden, Kenneth Sean	Associate Professor	Art & Design	
4	Guo, Wenli	Assistant Professor	Physics	Secretary
5	Jia, Peijun	Assistant Professor	Library	

Namdar, Hamid	Associate Professor	Engineering Technology		
Sideris, Paul	Assistant Professor	Chemistry		
9	Continuing Education	Barbara Rome	Emily Gordon (Academic Literacy)	Dean Denise Ward ***
<u>2013-14: Committee on Continuing Education (3 Members)</u>				
#	Name	Rank	Department	Role
1	Drini, Merlinda	Assistant Professor	Engineering Technology	
2	Jordan, Francis	Assistant Professor	Mathematics & Computer Science	Secretary
3	Rome, Barbara	Assistant Professor	Nursing	Chair
10	Course and Standing	Dahlke, Steven	Mike Cesarano (SP, TH)	Ms. Ann Tullio
<u>2013-14: Committee on Course and Standing (9 Members)</u>				
#	Name	Rank	Department	Title
1	Aikas, Rosie-Marie	Assistant Professor	Social Sciences	
2	Colalillo, Georgina	Associate Professor	Nursing	
3	Dahlke, Steven	Assistant Professor	Music	Chair
4	Nguyen, Andrew	Assistant Professor	Biological Sciences & Geology	
5	Sarkar, Nina	Assistant Professor	Business	
6	Urciuoli-Treue, Jannette	Assistant Professor	Student Affairs	
7	Warsi, Jilani	Associate Professor	Academic Literacy	
8	Wentrack, Kathleen	Assistant Professor	Art & Design	
9	Yao, Haishen	Associate Professor	Mathematics & Computer Science	
11	Cultural and Archival Resources	Lizzul, Isabella	Sebastian Murolo (Business)	V.P. Rosemary Zins
<u>2013-14: Committee on Cultural & Archival Resources (5 Members)</u>				
#	Name	Rank	Department	Role
1	Childers, Jodie	Assistant Professor	English	Secretary
2	Gilleaudeau, John	Lecturer	Social Sciences	
3	Lin, Maan	Associate Professor	Foreign Languages & Literatures	
4	Lizzul, Isabella	Assistant Professor	Health, Physical Education & Dance	Chair
5	White, Eileen	Associate Professor	Speech Communications & Theatre Arts	
12	Curriculum:	Aranca Borrachero	Emily Tai (History)	Assoc. Dean Arthur Corradetti
<u>2013-14: Committee on Curriculum (7 Members)</u>				
#	Name	Rank	Department	Role
1	Borrachero, Aranzazu	Associate Professor	Foreign Languages & Literatures	Chair
2	Chauhan, Moni	Associate Professor	Chemistry	Secretary
3	Jacobowitz, Susan	Associate Professor	English	
4	Klarberg, David P.	Professor	Biological Sciences & Geology	
5	Kolios, Anthony	Associate Professor	Business	
6	Zinger, Lana	Associate Professor	Health, Physical Education and Dance	
7	Yuster, Richard	Professor	Engineering Technology	

13	eLearning:	Blake-Campbell, Barbara	Raul Armendariz (Physics)	Mr. Bruce Naples
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2013-14: Committee on eLearning (7 Members)

Name	Rank	Department	Role
Alaiz Losada, Susana	Instructor	Foreign Languages & Literatures	
Amaral, Jean	Assistant Professor	Library	
Blake-Campbell, Barbara	Assistant Professor	Nursing	Chair
Boccio, Dona V.	Professor	Mathematics & Computer Science	
Ferdenzi, Anita C.	Associate Professor	Social Sciences	
Haber, Julia	Assistant Professor	Business	
Meddles-Torres, Cheryl Diane	Assistant Professor	Biological Sciences	

14	Environment, Quality of Life, and Disability Issues	????	Matthew Lau (English)	V.P. Sherri Newcomb
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2013-14: Committee on Environment, Quality of Life and Disability Issues (5 Members)

#	Name	Rank	Department	Role
1	Bartels, Elizabeth	Assistant Professor	Social Sciences	
2	Carroll, Julia	Associate Professor	Academic Literacy	
3	Iakovou, Galatia	Assistant Professor	Nursing	
4	Moh, Nam Jong	Associate Professor	Mathematics & Computer Science	
5	Tawde, Mangala	Assistant Professor	Biological Sciences	

15	Library	Elizabeth DiGiorgio	Helmut Loeffler (History)	Professor Jeanne Galvin
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2013-14: Committee on the Library (3 Members)

#	Name	Rank	Department	Role
1	Carey, Diane	Lecturer	Speech Communications & Theater Arts	
2	Chang, Joanne Chiung Wen	Assistant Professor	Music	Secretary
3	DiGiorgio, Elizabeth	Lecturer	Art & Design	Chair

16	Publications	???	Philip Pecorino (Social Sciences)	Mr. Stephen Di Dio
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2013-14: Committee on Publications (3 Members)

#	Name	Rank	Department	Role
1	Mangra, Danny	Assistant Professor	Engineering Technology	
2	Pecorino, Philip A.	Professor	Social Sciences	
3	Sinclair, Alicia	Associate Professor	Health, Physical Education, & Dance	

17	Student Activities	Novick, Peter	Reuvain Zahavy (Mathematics)*	Assoc. Dean Paul Jean- Pierre
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2013-14: Committee on Student Activities (3 Members)

#	Name	Rank	Department	Role
1	Novick, Peter	Assistant Professor	Biological Sciences & Geology	Chair
2	Rosen, Ted	Assistant Professor	Business	
3	Garcia, Susan	Lecturer	Health Education	Secretary

18	Vendor Services	Proteasa, Gheorghe	Kevin Kolack (Chemistry)*	Assoc. Dean Bill Faulkner
<u>2013-14: Committee on Vendor Services (5 Members)</u>				
#	Name	Rank	Department	Role
1	Carvajal, Beata Warchol	Lecturer	Mathematics & Computer Science	
2	Honey, Larissa	Assistant Professor	Social Sciences	
3	Mooney, Christine	Assistant Professor	Business	
4	Proteasa, Gheorghe	Assistant Professor	Biological Sciences & Geology	
5	Rosa, Mary Ann	Assistant Professor	Nursing	
19	WID/WAC	Karen Mohan Puri	Julia Rothenberg (Social Sciences)*	Professor Glenn Burdi (OAA Faculty Fellow)
<u>2013-14: Committee on WID/WAC (5 Members)</u>				
#	Name	Rank	Department	Role
1	Burgers, Johannes	Assistant Professor	English	
2	Jimenez, Christopher J.	Assistant Professor	Speech Communication	
3	Maloy, Jennifer	Assistant Professor	Academic Literacy	
4	Pigza, Julie	Assistant Professor	Chemistry	
5	Puri, Karan Mohan	Assistant Professor	Mathematics & Computer Science	
20	Budget Advisement—Resource Allocation	<p>Stu Asser</p> <p>Members</p> <p>one (1) representative from the Steering Committee of the Academic Senate;</p> <p>Emily Tai</p> <p>one (1) representative from the Budget Committee of the College Personnel and Budget Committee/Committee of Chairs; Stu Asser</p> <p>one (1) representative from the Faculty Executive Committee; Joe Bertorelli</p> <p>and one (1) representative from Student Government;</p>	Emily Tai	Vice President Sherri Newcomb.

3. Committee Matters: Activities

Of note are the following:

The Committee on Bylaws will be considering a resolution to remove the Committee on Ceremonial Occasions due to the action of the Senate in May , 2013 in which the Senate was opposed of creating any official College Ceremonies at all and for which the Committee might render service and recommendations and fulfill its charges.

The Committee on Environment, Quality of Life and Disability Issues will be considering what if anything is to be done to support a climate of mutual respect and the intolerance for bullying at the College.

4. University and College Wide Matters with Direct Bearing on the Senate

A. The University Faculty Senate

The 375th Plenary Session of The University Faculty Senate of The City University Of New York , Tuesday, May 7, 2013, 6:30 p.m. adopted no resolutions.

B. The CUNY BOT met on June 24, 2013 and took several actions. Available here:

http://policy.cuny.edu/board_meeting_summaries/2013/06-24/pdf/#Navigation_Location

No. 9 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – CHANCELLOR MATTHEW GOLDSTEIN:
No. 10 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – REGINA PERUGGI: outgoing President of Kingsborough Community College

No. 11 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – STEPHEN SHEPARD: outgoing dean of the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism

No. 12 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – WILLIAM L. POLLARD: outgoing President of Medgar Evers College

No. 1 CHANCELLOR'S UNIVERSITY REPORT resolution adopted to include Addendum, Errata and Table items.

No. 4 COMMITTEE ON FACULTY, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION:
QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE – NAMING OF THE CHARLES F. BOVA, SR. VETERANS MEMORIAL: Resolution unanimously adopted.

No. 6 COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS:
E. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK – ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MATTHEW GOLDSTEIN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: Resolution unanimously adopted.

F. [ADDED ITEM] THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK – UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT FEE PROPOSAL: Resolution unanimously adopted.

RESOLVED, That the University Student Government Fee currently set at 85 cents be increased by 60 cents per regular semester and summer sessions beginning with the Spring 2014 Semester, to be paid by all students at The City University of New York; and be it further
RESOLVED, That 25 percent of this increase be earmarked for the CUNY Athletic Conference to be spent in consultation with USS and under the Supervision of the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That 25 percent of this increase be earmarked for academic scholarships that are to be awarded under criteria and procedures developed by USS and authorized by the Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost; and be it further

RESOLVED, That 30 percent of this increase be added to operating budget of USS to be allocated in accordance with the Fiscal Accountability Handbook; and be it further

RESOLVED, That 20 percent of this increase be earmarked for USS Standing Committees, special task forces, System-wide programming and academic and professional development to be allocated by USS with the approval and review of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

EXPLANATION: The Board of Trustees is increasing the University Student Government Fee at the request of the University Student Senate Plenary and the majority of the Student Governments in the University in recognition of the fact that the fee has not changed in over ten years while costs of operation have risen significantly. The Board of Trustees is also earmarking parts of this fee increase to expand Student Scholarships and the growing Athletic Conference in the University. In addition, twenty percent of the increase will help fund expanded USS programs, committees and taskforces with the approval of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Allocations and budgeting for the USS fee will continue to follow the rules and regulations in the University Fiscal Accountability Handbook.

NO. 13. MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE – DESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT:

RESOLVED, That Rudolph F. Crew be designated president of Medgar Evers College effective August 1, 2013, at a salary to be recommended by the Chancellor to the Board of Trustees, subject to financial ability.

NO. 15. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (CENTRAL OFFICE) - APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR CORPORATE, FOUNDATION AND MAJOR GIFTS DEVELOPMENT:

5. Actions of the Steering Committee

A. Revision and reconstruction of the Academic Senate website

- Revised statement on the Academic Senate and its nature, structure and operations has been placed onto the site.
- An area will be created to report on activities of the Committees of the Academic Senate and the Senate itself.
- An area will be created and operated for discussions of matters set before the Academic Senate.

B. Discussions have begun on the restructuring of the Standing Committees of the Academic Senate. The Steering Committee and Committee on Bylaws will be working to restructure the committees of the Academic Senate and attempt to have them relate to the criteria for excellence of the Middle States Association for Accreditation. The new structure may include some of the present committees intact. Among the aims of this effort are:

- More members on committees
- Staggered terms to insure continuity
- Reducing the workload for MSA accreditation reviews

C. Recording of Votes

In order to comply with the Open Meetings Law and the need for a quorum in order to conduct official business, starting in the Fall of 2013 when matters are put to a vote in the Academic Senate there will be the options to vote in the affirmative or negative and all other members eligible to vote who are in attendance and not voting either yea or nay will be recorded as abstaining which would be an accurate rendering of what they are doing. The Open Meetings Law requires a report to the Public on how each member of the body who was present acted on matters put to a vote. Further, Robert's Rules of Order 11th Edition

“...To “abstain” means not to vote at all, and a member who makes no response if “abstentions” are called for abstains just as much as one who responds to that effect...” (p.45)

“ Although it is the duty of every member who has an opinion on a question to express it by his vote, he can abstain, since he cannot be compelled to vote. By the same token, when an office or a position is to be filled by number of members, as is the case of a committee, or a position on a board, a member may partially abstain by voting for less than for those for whom he is entitled to vote...”(p. 407)

If the Senate wishes to consider other options this should be brought up during the Senate meeting or to the attention of the Steering Committee. The principles challenges to be met are those who are elected to the Senate and do not attend and those who attend but do not participate in the voting.

D.An action taken due to discovery of a matter placed before the CUNY BOT after the last meeting of the Academic Senate

From: Pecorino, Philip
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2013 11:47 AM
To: Call, Diane B.
Cc: Tai, Emily; Kuszai, Joel; Pecorino, Philip; Bales, Peter
Subject: QCC Charles F. Bova, Sr. Veterans Memorial

President Call:

The CUNY BOT is about to consider approval of the measure below on the Naming of the Charles F. Bova, Sr. Veterans Memorial at QCC. It is our position that this is a matter that should have come through QCC governance for approval. It did not. Please recall that a similar set of circumstances obtained and actions transpired under President Marti with the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center at Queensborough Community College.

Now the Steering Committee can act under the bylaws.

Article 1 section 4

The Steering Committee of the Academic Senate shall represent the interest of and uphold the policies adopted by the Academic Senate when it is not in session. It shall report to the Senate, at its next regular meeting, such College actions that may have been implemented while the Academic Senate was not in session. If such action

requires the immediate establishment of new policy, a special meeting of the Academic Senate shall be called.

Section 2. Presidential Consultation.

The President shall inform and discuss with the Academic Senate or with the Steering Committee when the Senate is not in session, prior to his recommendation to the Board of Trustees on all College-wide matters which fall within the purview of the Academic Senate, where his recommendations will be in disagreement with the vote of the Academic Senate and in areas that could not have been presented to the Academic Senate because of the necessity of meeting a deadline.

I have secured the approval of the Steering Committee for this measure and will then report such to the Academic Senate.

Note: This action was approved by the CUNY BOT on 6-24-13 see item #4 on that agenda (see above)

6. Resolutions presented by the Steering Committee for the consideration and disposition by the Academic Senate

None for this meeting.

7. Shared Governance Discussions and the Academic Senate

In our readiness to entertain discussion of all other college-related matters, we wish to remind all members of Queensborough's faculty that all meetings of the Academic Senate are open to the public as per the 2006 Perez decision on Open Meetings Law, as noted in Article I, Section 3, b of the Bylaws of the Academic Senate:

Meetings of the Academic Senate shall be subject to the Open Meetings Law and the Freedom of Information Law. Under the Open Meetings Law, the public has the right to attend any meeting of a public body. Any time a quorum of a public body gathers to discuss business, the meeting must be held in public, subject to the right to convene an executive session under certain limited circumstances. Non-members must conform to the usual requirements of parliamentary procedure; the Parliamentarian will interpret and enforce the rules which include that no non-member of the body may speak without the permission of the body.

As always, we pledge to recognize any member of faculty who wishes to contribute to our dialogue.