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**Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York**

**MINUTES
of the October 14, 2014
Academic Senate**

President Diane Call called the second 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.

Absentees:

Monica Trujillo, Anne Marie Menendez, Kip Montgomery, Andrea Salis, Andrew Nguyen, Anthony Anthony, Julia Carroll, Richard Yuster, Charles Neuman, Lana Zinger, Audrey Maroney, SG, Programming VP. SG, VP Evening Students

II. Consideration of minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting of the Academic Senate:

- **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously adopted to approve the September 9, 2014 minutes as presented** (see *Attachment A-1 of the October 14, 2014 Agenda*).

III. Communications from President Call

President Call referred to her written report (*Attachment B of the October 14, 2014 Agenda*.) For the full report, visit: http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicSenate/docs/ay2014-15/October_2014/Attachment-B-Presidents-Report-10-14-14.pdf

Dr. Birchfield provided an update about the BTECH/Early College Initiative. She advised that the first QCC course to be offered would be a Speech course in Spring 2016 and that planning for that was underway. Dr. Pecorino asked whether it was the case that students will spend four years and get a high school diploma and then two years to get their associates degree, or would they take four years of high school courses and two years of QCC courses and be awarded both simultaneously upon completion of the six year program. Pecorino further asked about how funding would work, given that TAP money is for matriculated students. Speaking on behalf of the BTECH steering committee, Vice President Ward responded that the students would in fact be taking their high school courses over the six year term and will begin some college courses during the second year, completing both at the end of the six years and will not be matriculated while students in the program. VP Ward also indicated that there was funding for this for the duration needed through an agreement between CUNY Office of Early College Initiatives, the Department of Education and the industry partner, SAP. VP Ward said that a BTECH student was free to withdraw at any time from the program.

IV. Senate Steering Committee Report

Chair Dr. Peter Bales referred to the written report (*Attachment C of the October 14, 2014 Agenda*). For the full report, visit:

52 [http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicSenate/docs/ay2014-](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicSenate/docs/ay2014-15/October_2014/Attachment-C-SteeringCommitteeReport-October-2014.pdf)
53 [15/October_2014/Attachment-C-SteeringCommitteeReport-October-2014.pdf](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicSenate/docs/ay2014-15/October_2014/Attachment-C-SteeringCommitteeReport-October-2014.pdf)

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55 **V. Committee on Cultural and Archival Resources (CAR)—RESOLUTION**

56 A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 43-6-8 to approve** a change in the
57 bylaws to allow for a change in the charge for the Committee on Cultural Resources
58 (*Attachment E of the October 14, 2014 Agenda*). No votes: Larios, Ren, Rochford, Tai,
59 Tarasko, SG ExecVP. Abstentions/Did Not Vote: Call, Marchese, Steele, Zins, Santoro,
60 Galvin, Hodge, Maloy, Fletcher-Anthony, Blake-Campbell, Ford, Pecorino, Jacobowitz,
61 Tullio, Albanese, SG President.

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63 A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 44-3-10 to approve** the creation of a
64 special committee of the Committee on Cultural Resources (*Attachment E of the*
65 *October 14, 2014 Agenda*). No Votes: Larios, Jacobowitz, Weiss. Abstentions/Did Not
66 Vote: Call, Marchese, Steele, Zins, Galvin, Hodge, Young, Karimi, Lizzul, Maloy,
67 Fletcher-Anthony, Blake-Campbell, White, Pincus, Albanese, SG Exec VP, SG Admin
68 VP, SG Treasurer, SG VP PT Students.

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70 **VI. Common Core Course Review Committee (CCCRC) RESOLUTION—(Attachment F)**

71 A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 52-5-3 to approve** the sending of three
72 faculty names to the Common Core Course Review Committee (*Attachment F of the*
73 *October 14, 2014 Agenda*). No Votes: Pecorino, Jacobowitz, Tai, SG Ex VP, SG VP PT
74 Students. Abstentions/Did Not Vote: Zins, Galvin, Lin, Blake-Campbell, Albanese, SG
75 President, SG Admin VP, SG VP Treasurer, SG Pro Tempore.

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77 In a vote of the Senate, Dr. Beth Counihan was selected over Professor Liisa Yonker to
78 represent the College in the “Composition,” “English Composition,” “Creative
79 Expression,” and “Individual and Society” category.

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81 In a vote of the Senate, Dr. Edmund Clingan, Dr. Beth Counihan and Dr. Nidhi Gaduri
82 were approved to represent the College on the CCCRC.

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85 **VII. Monthly Reports**

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87 **Committee on Curriculum (attachment H)—Resolution**

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89 **1. Course Revisions**

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91 **Department of English—Course Sequencing Revisions**

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93 A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 59-0-0 to approve** a revision of the
94 Department of English course numbers and sequences (*Attachment H of the October*
95 *14, 2014 Agenda*).

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97 **2. Program Revisions**

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99 **Department of Biological Sciences and Geology—AS/BS QCC/York Dual/Joint**
100 **Biotechnology Degree Program**

102 A **motion** was **made, seconded, and adopted 58-0-0 to approve** a revision of the
103 Department of Biological Sciences and Geology AS/BS QCC/York Dual/Joint
104 Biotechnology Degree Program (*Attachment H of the October 14, 2014 Agenda*).

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106 **3. Program Deletion**

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108 **Department of Physics—Laser and Fiber Optics Technology Program**

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110 A **motion** was **made, seconded, and adopted 60-0-0 to approve** the elimination of the
111 Laser and Fiber Optics Technology Program (*Attachment H of the October 14, 2014*
112 *Agenda*).

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114 **4. New Courses**

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116 **Department of Social Sciences—PSYC245: Cross-Cultural Psychology**

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118 A **motion** was **made, seconded, and adopted 60-0-0 to approve** PSYC245 as a new
119 course in the Department of Social Sciences (*Attachment H of the October 14, 2014*
120 *Agenda*).

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122 Professor Borrachero read a statement from the Committee on Curriculum, and indicated it
123 applied to all past and present deliberations of her Committee. The statement reads as follows:

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125 “The Curriculum Committee reviews curricular proposals according to their intrinsic pedagogical
126 merit and their compliance with our College's curricular guidelines. Ever since the City
127 University of New York implemented the Pathways curriculum, the Committee has been
128 receiving proposals containing Pathways common core configurations or other Pathways
129 related elements. The Curriculum Committee would like to state that reviewing proposals
130 containing Pathways related items should not be construed as an endorsement of the Pathways
131 curricular initiative by the Curriculum Committee.”

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133 **VIII. Old Business**

134 **NONE**

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136 **IX. New Business**

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- 138 • In answer to a question from Dr. Pecorino, President Call discussed the 2013-14
139 Clery report, including protocols per federal, state and CUNY guidelines.
 - 140 • Dr. Bales received from John Luby a petition signed by 157 members of the faculty
141 regarding a referendum on the desire of CLTs to vote in departmental leadership
142 elections.
 - 143 • Dr. Steele provided an update on the General Education Assessment Task Force,
144 describing efforts of the committee and its communication of the status report with
145 the Curriculum Committee Assessment Committee, which is considering the
146 recommendations made by the task force. Dr. Steele mentioned the Campus
147 Conversation about general education, attended by more than forty faculty and staff
148 members. She also explained that the task force had met to discuss a rubric for the
149 general education outcome #1, which concerns communicating effectively through
reading, writing, speaking and listening.

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152 The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM

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154 Respectfully Submitted,

155 Joel Kuszai

156 Secretary, Steering Committee of the Academic Senate