

Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York

MINUTES
of the April 12, 2016
Academic Senate

President Diane Call called the seventh regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 3:17 P.M.

I. Attendance:

57 votes were recorded at the time attendance was taken; 62 members of the Academic Senate cast votes during the meeting.

Absentees: Rosemary Zins, Monica Trujillo, Isabella Lizzul, Georgina Colalillo, Anthony Kolios, Jannette Urciuoli, Charles Neuman, Simran Kaur, Lana Zinger, John Luby, Richard Tayson, Ricky Panayoty, Jodi-Ann Grant, Shriromani Sukhwa, Mariya Karisa Picache, Asif Mobin and Maryam Hira.

II. Consideration of minutes of the March 8, 2016 meeting of the Academic Senate:

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted 54-0-0 to approve the March 8, 2016 minutes as presented (see Attachment A of the March 8, 2016 Agenda). Did not vote: David Humphries, Anne Marie Menendez, Gilmar Visoni, Franca Ferrari, Jose Osorio, Barbara Blake-Campbell, Eileen White, and Issac Ayisi.

III. Communications from:

1. President Call

President Call referred to her written report (Attachment B of the April 12, 2016 Agenda.) For the full report, visit: http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academic senate/docs/ay2015-16/April-2016/Attachment-B_PresidentsReport_4-12-16.pdf

An update on the BTECH high school was provided by principal Hoa Tu and Denise Ward.

2. Senate Steering Committee Report

Chair Dr. Peter Bales referred to the written report (Attachment C of the April 12, 2016 Agenda). For the full report, visit: http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academic senate/docs/ay2015-16/April-2016/Attachment-C_SteeringCommitteeReport_April-2016.pdf

IV. List of Graduates for January 2016 (Attachment E of the April 12, 2016 Agenda)

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted 57-0-0 to approve the list of graduates for January 2016 (see Attachment E of the April 12, 2016 Agenda). Did not vote: Anne Marie Menendez, Barbara Blake-Campbell, Mangala Tawde, Issac Ayisi and Tulasha Thapa.

V. Monthly Reports of the Committees of the Academic Senate

1. Committee on Committees: Election of Committee Members (Attachment G of the April 12, 2016 Agenda)

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58 Chair of the Committee on Committees, David Sarno presented the slate for assignments to standing
59 committees of the Academic Senate.
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61 A **motion** was **made, seconded, and adopted 60-0-0** to accept by a single ballot the entire slate
62 of candidates presented by the Committee on Committees for service on Academic Senate
63 standing committees (see *Attachment G of the April 12, 2016 Agenda*). Did not vote: Anne Marie
64 Menendez and George Muchita.
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66 **2. Committee on Bylaws** (Attachment F of the April 12, 2016 Agenda)
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68 Chair Stephen Hammel presented a resolution to add at least one ceremonial occasion to the charge for
69 the Committee on Ceremonial Occasions (*Attachment F of the April 12, 2016 Agenda*):
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71 “The Senate should immediately to designate at least one official ceremonial occasion, such as
72 graduation or other significant event and therefore promptly populate the membership of said Committee.”
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74 A **motion** was **made, seconded, and adopted 40-19-1** to designate graduation as at least one
75 significant event to be included on the charge for the Committee on Ceremonial Occasions (see
76 *Attachment F of the April 12, 2016 Agenda*). No votes: Diane Call, Paul Marchese, Liza Larios,
77 Karen Steele, Denise Ward, Stuart Asser, Kathleen Villani, Jean Galvin, David Humphries, David
78 Lieberman, Kip Montgomery, Bob Rogers, Georgia McGill, Shele Bannon, Kelly Ford, Regina
79 Rochford, Eileen White, Julian Stark and Pedro Irigoyen. Abstention: Alexandra Tarasko. Did not
80 vote: Edward Volchok and George Muchita.
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83 **3. Committee on Course and Standing** (*Attachment H of the April 12, 2016 Agenda*)
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85 Committee on Course and Standing Chair Nina Sarkar presented a resolution to change a grade policy in
86 the Department of Nursing (*Attachment H of the April 12, 2016 Agenda*), which reads in part:
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88 “The first C – or lower grade (not including a WU) that a student receives in any one nursing course will
89 be changed to a NC (no credit) and will not be included in the calculation of the grade point average
90 (GPA).”
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92 A **motion** was **made, seconded, and adopted 53-1-0** to change a grade policy in the
93 Department of Nursing (see *Attachment H of the April 12, 2016 Agenda*). No vote: Pedro
94 Irigoyen. Did not vote: Bob Rogers, Andrew Nguyen, Michael Cesarano, Lin Maan, Barbara
95 Blake-Campbell, Eileen White, Ann Tulio, and George Muchita.
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98 **4. Committee on Curriculum** (*Attachment I of the April 12, 2016 Agenda*)
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100 **New Courses**

101 DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
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103 **HIST-203 Economic History of the Ancient World, HIST-204 Topics in Slavery, HIST-212**
104 **History of Piracy and the Sea, HIST-219 History of the Mediterranean, HIST-223 History of the**
105 **Cold War, HIST-247: “History of the Modern Middle East, 1795-2011 and HIST-263 History of**
106 **American Cities** (*Attachment I of the April 12, 2016 Agenda*).
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109 Senator Edmund Clingan asked unanimous consent to present seven courses (HIST-203, HIST-204,
110 HIST-212, HIST-219, HIST-223, HIST-247 and HIST-263) for a single vote.
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112 A motion was **made, seconded, but failed** 31-7-8 to approve HIST-203, HIST-204, HIST-212,
113 HIST-219, HIST-223, HIST-247 and HIST-263 as new courses in the Department of History
114 (*Attachment I of the April 12, 2016 Agenda*). No votes: Liza Larios, Karen Steele, Denise Ward,
115 Stuart Asser, Kip Montgomery, Georgia McGill, Regina Rochford. Abstentions: Diane Call,
116 Kathleen Villani, Michel Hodge, Bob Rogers, Joel Kuszai, Shele Bannon, Kelly Ford, Alexandra
117 Tarasko. Did not vote: Laura Sabani, Andrea Salis, John Talbird, Reuvain Zahavy, Andrew
118 Nguyen, Michael Cesarano, Wilma Fletcher-Anthony, Maan Lin, Barbara Blake-Campbell, Julia
119 Carroll, Mangala Tawde, Eileen White, Julian Stark, Pedro Irigoyen, George Muchita and Tulasha
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123 ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

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125 **ET-580 Object Oriented Programming** (*Attachment I of the April 12, 2016 Agenda*).

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127 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 44-1-1 to accept ET-580 Object Oriented
128 Programming as a new course in the Department of Engineering Technology (*Attachment I of the*
129 *April 12, 2016 Agenda*). No vote: Georgia McGill. Abstentions: Alexandra Tarasko. Did not vote:
130 Aithne Bialo-Padin, Anne Marie Menendez, Gilmar Visoni, Reuvain Zahavy, Andrew Nguyen,
131 Michael Cesarano, Wilma Fletcher-Anthony, Shele Bannon, Maan Lin, Barbara Blake-Campbell,
132 Kelly Ford, Edmund Clingan, Mangala Tawde, Eileen White, George Muchita and Tulasha Thapa.

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134 **ET-585 Computer Architecture** (*Attachment I of the April 12, 2016 Agenda*).

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136 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 47-0-0 to accept ET-585 Computer Architecture as
137 a new course in the Department of Engineering Technology (*Attachment I of the April 12, 2016*
138 *Agenda*). Did not vote: Aithne Bialo-Padin, Gilmar Visoni, Reuvain Zahavy, Andrew Nguyen, Michael
139 Cesarano, Wilma Fletcher-Anthony, Shele Bannon, Maan Lin, Barbara Blake-Campbell, Kelly Ford,
140 Edmund Clingan, Mangala Tawde, Eileen White, George Muchita and Tulasha Thapa.

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143 DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

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145 **ENGL-205 Literary History** (*Attachment I of the April 12, 2016 Agenda*).

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147 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 48-0-0 to accept ENGL-205 Literary History as a
148 new course in the Department of English (*Attachment I of the April 12, 2016 Agenda*). Did not vote:
149 Aithne Bialo-Padin, David Lieberman, Gilmar Visoni, Reuvain Zahavy, Andrew Nguyen, Michael
150 Cesarano, Wilma Fletcher-Anthony, Maan Lin, Barbara Blake-Campbell, Edmund Clingan, Mangala
151 Tawde, Eileen White, George Muchita and Tulasha Thapa.

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153 **ENGL-206 Genre** (*Attachment I of the April 12, 2016 Agenda*).

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155 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 48-0-0 to accept ENGL-206 Genre as a new course
156 in the Department of English (*Attachment I of the April 12, 2016 Agenda*). Did not vote: Aithne Bialo-
157 Padin, Gilmar Visoni, Reuvain Zahavy, Andrew Nguyen, Michael Cesarano, Wilma Fletcher-
158 Anthony, Shele Bannon, Maan Lin, Barbara Blake-Campbell, Kelly Ford, Edmund Clingan, Mangala
159 Tawde, Eileen White, George Muchita and Tulasha Thapa.

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161 **ENGL-220 Introduction to Creative Writing** (*Attachment I of the April 12, 2016 Agenda*).

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163 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 49-0-0 to accept ENGL-220 Introduction to Creative
164 Writing as a new course in the Department of English (*Attachment I of the April 12, 2016 Agenda*).
165 Did not vote: Aithne Bialo-Padin, Gilmar Visoni, Reuvain Zahavy, Andrew Nguyen, Michael
166 Cesarano, Wilma Fletcher-Anthony, Maan Lin, Barbara Blake-Campbell, Kelly Ford, Edmund
167 Clingan, Mangala Tawde, Eileen White, George Muchita and Tulasha Thapa.

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Program Revision

Program revision for the A.S. in Engineering Science (*Attachment I of the April 12, 2016 Agenda*).

A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 49-0-0 to changes to the A.S. in Engineering Science (*Attachment I of the April 12, 2016 Agenda*). Did not vote: Aithne Bialo-Padin, Gilmar Visoni, Reuvain Zahavy, Andrew Nguyen, Michael Cesarano, Wilma Fletcher-Anthony, Maan Lin, Barbara Blake-Campbell, Kelly Ford, Edmund Clingan, Mangala Tawde, Eileen White, George Muchita and Tulasha Thapa.

VI. Old Business

The matter of the process of the April 2016 election of faculty to be nominated for service on the University-wide Common Core Review Committee (CCRC) was revisited by Steering Committee Chair Bales, who asked the senate to affirm the vote for the first subcommittee and revote the matter of the senate’s selections for the second subcommittee.

The vote tally from Attachment A of the April 12, 2016 agenda:

Subcommittee One: “English Composition,” “Creative Expression,” World Cultures and Global Issues,” and “U.S. Experience in its Diversity.”

- Beth Counihan (English) 47*
- Liisa Yonker (Speech & Theater) 36*
- Larissa Honey (Social Sciences) 30*
- Helmut Loeffler (History) 22*

A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 46-1-0 to send forward the top three names as selected for Subcommittee One at the March 2016 meeting of the Academic Senate (*see minutes in Attachment A of the April 12, 2016 agenda*). No vote: Philip Pecorino. Did not vote: Aithne Bialo-Padin, Gilmar Visoni, Reuvain Zahavy, Andrew Nguyen, Michael Cesarano, Wilma Fletcher-Anthony, Jose Osorio, Maan Lin, Barbara Blake-Campbell, Kelly Ford, Edmund Clingan, Mangala Tawde, Eileen White, Pedro Irigoyen, George Muchita and Tulasha Thapa.

According to Chair Bales, inconsistencies in how nominations were made in the voting for Subcommittee Two at the March 2016 meeting of the Academic Senate require that the Senate revote to determine its nominations for the CCRC Subcommittee Two.

The vote tally from Attachment A of the April 12, 2016 agenda:

Subcommittee Two: “Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning,” “Life and Physical Sciences,” “Scientific World,” and “Individual and Society.”

- Todd Holden (Physics) 37*
- Michael Guy (Math) 35*
- Eva Goldhammer (Social Sciences) 34*
- Nathan Chao (Eng. Technology) 28*

Senator Joe Bertorelli, Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, nominated Patrick Wallach to replace Michael Guy and electronic clickers were used to determine three names to send forward as nominations for the CCRC.

The results are as follows:

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225 Patrick Wallach 17
226 Todd Holden 13
227 Eva Goldhammer 11
228 Chao 6
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230 Fifteen members of the senate had left the meeting or did not vote.
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232 **VII. New Business**
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234 NONE.
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237 The meeting was adjourned at 4:57pm
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239 Respectfully Submitted,
240 Joel Kuszai
241 Secretary, Steering Committee of the Academic Senate