

Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York

MINUTES
of the February 13, 2018
Academic Senate

President Diane Call called the fifth regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at -
3:19 PM

I. Attendance:

68 votes were recorded at the time attendance was taken; **70** members of the Academic Senate were present during the meeting (note: the first vote of the Senate was a mis-vote; the second vote was the official attendance).

Absentees: Georgina Colalillo, Joanne Chang, Peter Irigoyen, Sarah Aguirre, Sibyl Guiwen Xie, David Salvador.

II. Consideration of minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting of the Academic Senate:

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted **68-0-0** to approve the **December 12, 2017 minutes as presented** (see *Attachment A of the February 13, 2018 Agenda*). Did not vote: William Anthony-Fletcher, Kareshma Khamraj.

III. Communications from:

1. President Call

President Call referred to her written report (*Attachment B of the February 13, 2018 Agenda*.) For the full report, visit the [Academic Senate website](#).

Senator Clingan asked about the Excelsior Scholarship. The President responded that about 400 students had applied last year; 85 qualified.

Senator Lieberman delivered a prepared statement on the floor of the senate. He referenced the *New York Times* article from 12/26/17 which named him as someone who had published, as a co-author, in a “predatory journal.” He spoke of grants that he earned, his promotion to full professor, winning the faculty excellence award, all prior to the publication of this article in 2008. He also said that when he published in the journal, it was listed on Scopus (database of peer-reviewed journals). He pleaded for collegiality and argued that we all have a common goal here and we should be providing guidance to one another. He said, “The idea is not to make everybody look bad, it’s to try and help everybody look good.”

2. Senate Steering Committee Report

Chair Dr. Joel Kuszai referred to the written report (*Attachment C of the February 13, 2018 Agenda*). For the full report, visit the [Academic Senate website](#).

A discussion of the anti-bullying initiative was raised. Chair Kuszai spoke of various “scenarios” the subcommittee has encountered, one being the complaint “My chair hates me,” which leads to difficulties in promotion.

Senator Franco raised the subjective nature of the term “bullying” and questions whether “My chair hates me” is truly bullying. She argued that the term “bullying” needed to be defined.

56 Senator McGill urged Associate Professors who have problems with their chairs to work with chairs from
57 other departments to secure promotion.
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59 Chair Kuszai shared the results of the meeting that he, Senator Stark had with VP Newcomb regarding
60 flyer posting and other free speech issues. That conversation is ongoing.
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62 **IV. Election of HEO**

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64 An election was held—handled by CoC Chair Loeffler and assisted by committee member Elizabeth
65 Toohey—to fill the vacancy left after the retirement of Mr. George Muchita. The candidates and votes
66 were as follows: Carol Alleyne 20, Matthew Konkol 8, Joe Labozetta 4, David Moretti 18, Miguel Quiroz 5,
67 Renee Rhodd 12. Carol Alleyne was elected.
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69 **V. Monthly Reports of the Committees of the Academic Senate**

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71 **1. Committee on Committees:** The Academic Senate received the Monthly Report for October
72 through December of 2017 (*Attachment D of the February 13, 2018 Agenda*).
73 **2. Committee on Curriculum:**

74 75 76 **1. Course Revision**

77 **BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES AND GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT AND THE HEALTH, PHYSICAL** 78 **EDUCATION AND DANCE DEPARTMENT**

79 Remove prerequisites for BI 503 General Epidemiology
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82 A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 64-1-0** to **approve** changes to BI 503 in the
83 Departments of Biological Sciences and Geology and Health, Physical Education and Dance
84 (*See Attachment E of the February 13, 2018 Agenda*). Voted No: Julian Stark. Did not vote: Joel
85 Kuszai, Maan Lin, Shannon Kincaid, Kenneth Pearl, Richard Tayson.
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87 **2. Program Revision**

89 **BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES AND GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT AND THE HEALTH, PHYSICAL** 90 **EDUCATION AND DANCE DEPARTMENT**

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92 Program revision of A.S. Public Health (*See Attachment E of the February 13, 2018 Agenda*).
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94 A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 66-0-0** to **approve** changes to the A.S. Public
95 Health program in the Departments of Biological Sciences and Geology and Health, Physical
96 Education and Dance (*See Attachment E of the February 13, 2018 Agenda*). Did not vote: Maan
97 Lin, Shannon Kincaid, Patrick Wallach, Richard Tayson.
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99 **3. New Program**

100 **THE HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND DANCE DEPARTMENT**

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102 New Dual/Joint A.S. Degree in Public Health leading to the B.S. degree at York College.
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105 A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 65-1-0** to **approve** the new dual/joint program in
106 the Department of Health, Physical Education and Dance (*See Attachment E of the February 13,*

107 2018 Agenda). Voted No: Barbara Blake-Campbell. Did not vote: Maan Lin, Shannon Kincaid,
108 Mangala Tawde, Richard Tayson.

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110 **3. Committee on Food Insecurity:** The Academic Senate received the Monthly Report for February
111 2018 (*Attachment F of the February 13, 2018 Agenda*).

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V13 Old Business

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115 Revision to the General Education Outcomes (*Attachment G of the February 13, 2018 Agenda*).

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117 A **motion** was **made**, **seconded**, and **adopted 62-3-2** to **approve** the new General Education
118 Outcomes. Voted No: Bob Rogers, Mangala Tawde, Julian Stark. Abstained: Laura Sabani, David
119 Lieberman. Did not vote: Reuvain Zahavy, Maan Lin, Richard Tayson.

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V21 New Business

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125 The meeting was adjourned at **4:18 PM**

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127 Respectfully Submitted,
128 John Talbird
129 Secretary, Steering Committee of the Academic Senate