

Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York

MINUTES
of the December 7, 2004 meeting of the
Academic Senate

President Eduardo J. Martí called the fourth regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 3:04 p.m.

I. Attendance:

The complete Senate roster is available at
http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/Governance/AcademicSenate/academic_senate_roster.asp

Absent, as determined from the attendance sheet circulated at the meeting, were:

Absentees 17

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| Jean-Pierre Paul | Aaron Krac | David Lieberman |
| Jo Ann Wein | Nathan Chao | Elyn Feldman |
| Devin Feldman | Brenda Hersh | Julia Ortiz-Griffin |
| Paul Weiss | Robert Fredericks | Bonnie Duen |
| Milciades Lora Jr. | Michael Mutlu | Nephala De Abreu |
| Rose Topal | Justin Conway | |

II. Consideration of minutes of the November 9, 2004 meeting:

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the November 9, 2004 minutes.

III. Communications from:

President Marti:

President Eduardo J. Marti began by wishing everyone a happy holiday and then referred to his written report. The state revenue picture does not look good and there are clouds on the horizon for the budget, particularly from higher energy and health care costs. Despite some difficulties, Queensborough should be all right and President Marti emphasized that we cannot cease in our quest for a clean campus, innovative pedagogy and services for our students.

The money is secure for our two major capital request items – a new technology building and the Holocaust Resource Center.

The Capital budget for community colleges will provide money for health and safety issues related to infrastructure, rather than new campus projects. We have requested funds for the gymnasium roof, the fire alarm system and security doors.

The first draft of the Strategic Plan is almost complete. President Marti urged everyone to look at the Plan and that focus groups made up of Chairs, HEO's and Student Government representatives will meet in January through February.

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President Marti thanked those who worked on getting the campus ready for the EPA inspection. Queensborough received only twenty-four minor citations, the best in CUNY.

The Middle States Commission accepted Queensborough's Periodic Review Report reaffirming our accreditation.

Vice President Lapidus

The administration listened to concerns voiced by the faculty and have eliminated the Suggestion Box, since it wasn't being done well. Student suggestions will be handled through a new system with Susan Curtis receiving student comments. She will send them to the appropriate Vice President and responses will be sent directly to the student within a two-week period.

Senate Steering Committee:

Dr. Philip Pecorino, Chairperson of the Academic Senate Steering Committee, began by mentioning that the changes to the Suggestion Box are an example of Collegial Governance. He then referred to his written report. Next February the Senate minutes and agenda will only be distributed via email, although a few printed copies will be available in the Senate meeting room.

Two meeting rooms with a computer and projector are available for use by Senate Committees. Committees wishing to use Medical Arts 127 should contact Dr. Pecorino at ext. 3058, while those who want to use Humanities 345 should contact Susan Aiken at the Box Office.

Dr. Pecorino thanked Dr. Kyu Sung Kim, the Chief Librarian, for making five file cabinets located near the College Archives available to the Academic Senate.

IV. List of January 2005 QCC Candidates for Graduation:

A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept the List of January 2005 QCC Candidates for Graduation.

V. Monthly Reports of Committees:

UFS Representative: Report received.

Committee on College Environment:
Report received.

Committee on Curriculum:

Dr. Lorena Ellis presented the following from the Monthly Report:

New Courses:

Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept the following new course:
LC-214 - Intermediate Chinese II

VI. Annual Reports:

The following annual reports were received:
Committee on Awards and Scholarships

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VII. Unfinished Business:

None

VIII. New Business:

Dr. Jay Appleman, the PSC Chapter Chair, thanked those who wore purple in support of the PSC's contract demands. On Friday, December 17, a protest will take place at CUNY's administrative offices at E. 80th St. at 8:30 a.m. Dr. Appleman also requested that Dr. Pecorino submit a report on the UFS Fall Conference, "Defining and Defending Academic Freedom," which took place on December 3.

President Marti said the electronic advisement system has gone live. He urged faculty to take a look and asked the Senate Steering Committee to provide time for a short presentation on the system at a future Senate meeting. Final grades will be distributed through email, which will also serve to encourage students to make use of the email system.

Vice President Ellen Hartigan said that we are 1000 students ahead of last year at this time and thanked everyone for their cooperation.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Pearl
Secretary