

Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York

MINUTES
of the December 9, 2008 meeting of the
Academic Senate

President Eduardo J. Martí called the fourth regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 3:05 p.m.

I. Attendance:

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

As determined from the attendance taken by the iclickers at the meeting there were eighteen absentees.
Absent were:

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| D.King | S. Gillespie | M. Gorelik | A. Krac | J. Bertorelli | B. Birchfield |
| L. Zinger | E. Feldman | A. Tarasko | M. Trachman | H. Dunkelblau | A. Garcia |
| C. Shillingford | M. Biermann | M. Young | D. Klarberg | S. Jacobowitz | E.Harris |

II. Consideration of minutes of the November 11, 2008 meeting:

A **motion** was **made**, **seconded**, and **approved** to accept the November minutes. (*Attachment A of the December 9, 2008 Agenda*). There were no negative votes and no abstentions.

III. Communications from:

President Marti: President Marti referred to his written report (*Attachment B of the December 9, 2008 Agenda*.) focusing on some of the following:

- President Marti stated that based on the Chancellor’s decision, tuition will be increased up to \$400 per year for community colleges and up to \$600 for senior colleges. However, there will be no increase in tuition for the Spring semester. On December 16th, the Governor will propose his cuts and in January, the Mayor will outline his proposed cuts. Both are expected to be severe.
- President Marti announced that that it is likely that we will have an excess in enrollment for both the Spring and Fall 2009 semesters. There is concern about staffing, space and services for students. There is some thought to halting enrollment. In response to Senator Pecorino’s concerns about open admissions and the quality of support services being offered to students with an increase in enrollment, Dr. Marti reassured those present that this is not the end of open admission as that would be the contradictory to what we do at community colleges. Students should be encouraged to register early and distance education online courses need to be increased.
- President Marti commended Vice President Call and Senator Jim Valentino on the hard work they did to add the extra classrooms in the Technology building.
- President Marti stated that the evaluator who assessed QCC’s readiness for the Middle States visit felt that more attention needs to be spent on the area of assessment.

- President Marti reminded everyone about the Donor Appreciation reception being held at 6:00 p.m. in the Art Gallery.
- President Marti invited everyone to the QCC’s holiday lunch being held on December 23 and closed his report by stating that Queensborough is an extraordinary institution with an extraordinary faculty and that he is proud to serve as President.

Vice President Call:

- Vice President Call reported that Queensborough is need of an electrical upgrade and it is hoped that we will be getting \$35,000,000 to do this.
- The Holocaust Resource Center will be completed in a few weeks.

Senate Steering Committee:

Chair Tai referred to her written report (*Attachment C of the December 9, 2008 agenda*)

- Chair Tai expressed the concerns of the Steering Committee on distance education. She stated that that it is most important that faculty who teach these courses be evaluated and that there should be a limit on how many students can attend. Chair Tai said that the College is looking at various ways of launching Distance Ed classes.
- Chair Tai thanked those who worked on and supported the assessment database.

UFS Representative: The report on CUNY UFS Meeting of 11-25-08 was received. (*Attachment D of the December 9, 2008 Agenda.*)

IV. Monthly Reports of Committees

Committee on Curriculum:

Senator Pecorino presented the following new courses and forwards them for the consideration of the Academic Senate.

Courses Additions

Department of Mechanical Technology and Design Drafting

- MT-198 Mechanical Engineering Non-Liberal Arts and Sciences Transfer course

Department of Social Sciences

- CJ-198 Criminal Justice Non-Liberal Arts and Science Transfer course
- CJ-199 Criminal Justice Liberal Arts and Science Transfer course
- ED-198 Education Non-Liberal Arts and Science Transfer course

There was a discussion on the on the clarity of information on the report and the transferability of courses.

- A motion was **made, seconded**, and **approved** for the additions. The additions passed with one no vote and one abstention.

President Marti welcomed back Senator Falik.

V. Old Business (none)

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115 **VI: New Business**
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117 The ACC was congratulated on their award.
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119 Appreciation was expressed to the Student Government on their support of the Library renovations.
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121 The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.
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123 Respectfully submitted,
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125 Devin McKay,
126 Secretary