

Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York

MINUTES
of the October 14, 2008 meeting of the
Academic Senate

President Eduardo J. Martí called the second 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 twenty two absentees. Absent were:

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| A. Krac | J. Nagler | L. Stanley | J. Falik | K. Montero |
| P. Azrak | J. Bertorelli | B. Birchfield | M. Cesarano | K. Steele |
| W. Fletcher-Anthony | E. Harris | F. Cotty | L. Zinger | K. Golden |
| J. Goldenberg | P. Pace | R. Zahavy | J. Darcy | P. Weiss |
| D. Klarberg | K. Montgomery | | | |

II. Consideration of minutes of the September 9, 2008 meeting:

A **motion** was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept the September minutes. (*Attachment A of the October 14, 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 October 14, 2008 Agenda*.) focusing on some of the following:

- President Marti stated that the budget is stable for this year but stated that there will be difficulties next year. As our budget is funded by the City of New York, the economic problems of Wall Street will impact on our funding. For this year, our over enrollment has provided a cushion to make up any deficits. He stated that next year, the program to eliminate the gap will have \$1.5 million in cuts but that we have a year to plan.
- President Marti indicated that students need to understand that there will be an increase in tuition and that they should be available for discussion. If the increase in enrollment continues, however, the \$1.5 million will be reduced.
- President Marti announced that the preliminary visit for the Middle States reaccreditation will occur on November 24 and that Ms. Millie Conte will be sending out a schedule of the visit. The evaluator will decide whether or not we are ready for the visit of the evaluating team.

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- President Marti encouraged everyone to attend the Conference of the College being held on October 17 as well as the Presidential Lecture being given by Eric Alterman on October 15.
- President Marti stated that the Student Leadership Weekend was a success and asked that everyone participate in November 12th's Walk to Aspire as well as the Sustainability Campus Council.

IV. Senate Steering Committee:

- Chair Tai thanked those senators who were in attendance and the student government representatives for serving on the Academic Senate.
- Chair Tai then referred to her written report discussing the bylaws issue being brought before the Senate regarding the person who presides over the Senate meetings. The Steering Committee supports the current approach to the leadership of the Senate. Senator Pecorino stated that President Marti supports shared governance and invited the President to attend the October 22 meeting of the Bylaws Committee.
- Chair Tai presented a resolution to propose a new committee to evaluate the assessment database. A motion was **made** and **seconded** to accept the resolution. The motion passed with one negative vote and one abstention.

V. UFS Representative: The report on CUNY UFS Meeting of 9-23-08 was received. (*Attachment D of the October 14, 2008 Agenda.*)

VI. Election of CLT-AT-LARGE

- An election was conducted for the CLT-AT-LARGE to the Academic Senate. *Charles Pranci* was nominated and elected unanimously.

VII. List of August 2008 Candidates for Graduation

A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept the list of candidates for August 2008 graduation. (*Attachment E of the October 14, 2008 Agenda.*) There was one negative vote and no abstentions.

VIII. Annual Reports of Committees (*Attachments F of the October 14, 2008 Agenda*):

Committee on Environment, Quality of Life and Disability Issues	Annual Report Received
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- Senator Pecorino commended the Committee on working well together and Senator Call announced that QCC has seven additional classrooms including four modular ones

VII. Monthly Reports of Committees

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Committee on Committees: Monthly Report Received

Committee on Course Curriculum

- Dr. Pecorino presented the following for consideration by the Senate (*Attachment H of the October 14, 2008 Agenda*): A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** for the following change. The change passed unanimously.

I. NAME CHANGES

Department

FROM: Art and Photography Department
TO: Art and Design Department

Rationale: suggested by external consultants who conducted last year’s program reviews. It reflects generally accepted changes in the arts disciplines and is thought to be a more accurate and up-to-date representation of the department’s mission and function

B) Degree Program

FROM: Fine and Performing Arts
TO: Visual and Performing Arts

Rationale: suggested by external consultants who conducted last year’s program reviews. It reflects generally accepted changes in the arts disciplines and is thought to be a more accurate and up-to-date representation of the department’s mission and function

- A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** for the following change. The change passed unanimously.
- Dr. Pecorino proposed the following changes:

II. ADDITIONS

A) Courses Additions

IS-198: Interdisciplinary Non Liberal Arts and Sciences Transfer Course

This course provides a means for awarding Non Liberal Arts and Sciences elective credit to interdisciplinary courses taken at another college which do not match specific QCC courses. Credits will be awarded conditional upon approval by the academic department.

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- A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** for the following addition. The change passed unanimously.

VIII. Old Business (none)

IX: New Business

- Dr. Corradetti presented a report on the self study for Middle States. He divided the issues and concerns into the following areas: **Governance; Faculty; Curriculum; Assessment and Space**. He said that the site team will be visiting from Sunday, March 15 through Wednesday, March 18, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Devin McKay,
Secretary