

Queensborough Community College  
The City University of New York

**MINUTES**  
**of the February 16, 2016**  
**Academic Senate**

President Diane Call called the fifth regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at **3:15 P.M.**

**I. Attendance:**

53 votes were recorded at the time attendance was taken; 61 members of the Academic Senate cast votes during the meeting.

Absentees: Bob Rogers, Andrea Salis, Belle Birchfield, Isabella Lizzul, Michael Cesarano, Amy Traver, Jose Osorio, Joan Dupre, Susan Jacobowitz, Richard Yuster, Simran Kaur, Ann Tullio, Ricky Panayoty, Jodi-Ann Grant, Shriromani Sukhwa, Mariya Karisa Picache, Tulasha Thapa and Asif Mobin.

**II. Consideration of minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting of the Academic Senate:**

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted 57-0-0 to approve the December 8, 2015 minutes as presented (see Attachment A of the February 16, 2016 Agenda). Did not vote: Charles Neuman, Patrick Wallach, Eileen White and Hira Maryam.

**III. Communications from President Call**

President Call referred to her written report (*Attachment B of the February 16, 2016 Agenda*.) For the full report, visit: [http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicSenate/docs/ay2015-16/February\\_2016/Attachment-B-PresidentsReport-2-16-16.pdf](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicSenate/docs/ay2015-16/February_2016/Attachment-B-PresidentsReport-2-16-16.pdf)

**IV. Senate Steering Committee Report**

Chair Dr. Peter Bales referred to the written report (*Attachment C of the February 16, 2016 Agenda*). For the full report, visit: [http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicSenate/docs/ay2015-16/February\\_2016/Attachment-C-SteeringCommitteeReport-Feb2016.pdf](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicSenate/docs/ay2015-16/February_2016/Attachment-C-SteeringCommitteeReport-Feb2016.pdf)

Dr. Tai gave an update on the work of the Food Insecurity Committee (FIC), in advance of a more complete report at the March meeting of the Academic Senate. In addition to discussing the charges of the FIC, she highlighted an event co-sponsored with several student clubs to be held later in February.

**V. Monthly Reports of the Committees of the Academic Senate**

**Committee on Bylaws**

Stephen Hammel, chairperson of the Committee on Bylaws, introduced a resolution modifying the name and charge of Committee on Continuing Education to The Committee on Pre-College, Continuing Education and Workforce Development (*Attachment F of the February 16, 2016 Agenda*).

A motion was made, seconded, and approved 59-1-0 to accept changes to the Committee on Continuing Education. No vote: Anthony Kolios. Did not vote: Hira Maryam.

Stephen Hammel, chairperson of the Committee on Bylaws, introduced a resolution modifying the charge

57 of the Committee on Publications (*Attachment G of the February 16, 2016 Agenda*).

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59 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 59-0-0 to accept changes to the Committee on  
60 Publications. Did not vote: Phil Pecorino and Hira Maryam.

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62 **Committee on Curriculum** (*Attachment I of the February 16, 2016 Agenda*)

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64 **1. Course Revisions**

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*DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH AND THEATER*

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67 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 60-0-0 to accept the change to SP-230 in the  
68 Department of Speech and Theater (*Attachment I of the February 16, 2016 Agenda*). Did not vote: Hira  
69 Maryam.

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*DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE AND GEOLOGY*

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72 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 59-0-0 to accept the changes to BI-503 in the  
73 Department of Biological Science and Geology (*Attachment I of the February 16, 2016 Agenda*). Did not  
74 vote: Regina Rochford, Hira Maryam.

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76 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 59-0-0 to accept the changes to BI-505 in the  
77 Department of Biological Science and Geology (*Attachment I of the February 16, 2016 Agenda*). Did not  
78 vote: Anthony Kolios and Hira Maryam.

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80 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 59-0-0 to accept the changes to BI-520 in the  
81 Department of Biological Science and Geology (*Attachment I of the February 16, 2016 Agenda*). Did not  
82 vote: Anthony Kolios and Hira Maryam.

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*DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS*

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85 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 56-0-2 to accept the changes to PH-111 in the  
86 Department of Physics (*Attachment I of the February 16, 2016 Agenda*). Abstentions: Diane Call and  
87 Karen Steele. Did not vote: Denise Ward, Anthony Kolios and Hira Maryam.

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**2. New courses**

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*DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY*

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94 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 58-0-0 to accept CH-116 Introduction to  
95 Nanoscience as a new course in the Department of Chemistry (*Attachment I of the February 16, 2016*  
96 *Agenda*). Did not vote: Cheryl Spencer, Mangala Tawde and Hira Maryam.

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99 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 57-0-0 to accept CH-117 Introduction to  
100 Nanoscience Laboratory as a new course in the Department of Chemistry (*Attachment I of the February*  
101 *16, 2016 Agenda*). Did not vote: Cheryl Spencer, Anthony Kolios, Edward Volchok and Hira Maryam.

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*DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES AND GEOLOGY*

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105 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 59-0-0 to accept BI-521 Public Health Biology as  
106 a new course in the Department of Biological Sciences and Geology (*Attachment I of the February 16,*  
107 *2016 Agenda*). Did not vote: Anthony Kolios and Hira Maryam.

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*DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY*

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111 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 50-3-0 to vote to simultaneously approve all of  
112 the new History courses presented by the Committee on Curriculum chairperson Lorena Ellis (*Attachment*  
113 *I of the February 16, 2016 Agenda*). No votes: Karen Steele, Franca Ferrari and Julian Stark. Did not  
114 vote: Jeanne Galvin, Young Kim, Barbara Blake-Campbell, Cheryl Spencer, Regina Rochford, Julia  
115 Carroll Charles Neuman and Hira Maryam.

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117 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 58-1-0 to accept the following new courses in the  
118 Department of History: HIST-186: Introduction to Legal History I: The Ancient World through the Early  
119 Modern Period; HIST-187: Introduction to Legal History II: The Enlightenment through the Present; HIST-  
120 281: History of Nationalism and the Politics of Identity; HIST-292: History of Fascism, Nazism, and  
121 Communism; HIST-252 History of Medieval and Early Modern Spain; HIST-205 History of the First World  
122 War I: 1914-1918; HIST-242 History of Modern Japan: 1868-1989; HIST-227 British History since 1688;  
123 HIST 211 History of Early Christianity; HIST 236 History of Germany; HIST 208 History of the Romans  
124 and Their Empire; and HIST 238 History of Russia (*Attachment I of the February 16, 2016 Agenda*). No  
125 vote: Karen Steele. Did not vote: Eileen White and Hira Maryam.

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128 **3. Program Revisions**

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130 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 58-0-0 to accept changes to the Environmental  
131 Science program (*Attachment I of the February 16, 2016 Agenda*). Did not vote: Anthony Kolios,  
132 Eileen White and Hira Maryam.

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135 **4. New Program**

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137 A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** 57-0-0 to accept the proposed program in Public  
138 Health (*Attachment I of the February 16, 2016 Agenda*). Did not vote: David Humphries, Sasan  
139 Karimi, Lorena Ellis and Eileen White.

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142 **VI. Old Business**

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146 **VII. New Business**

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148 Eileen Thompson from the Department of Speech Communication and Theater Arts gave the  
149 report on the BTECH program, including that the first cohort of BTECH students are now enrolled  
150 in SP-211 on the QCC campus.

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152 Dr. Steele provided an update on the General Education Assessment Task Force, informing the  
153 Senate that the task force met February 5th for a discussion about outcomes for all students at  
154 QCC. She also said to save the date for March 21 or 22 for a discussion about the work of the  
155 Task Force and any proposals that will be brought forward to the Committee on Curriculum and  
156 the Academic Senate by the end of the Spring 2016 semester.

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158 Dr. Pecorino reported as Chair of the FEC that he had sought information from two standing  
159 committees, the Committee on Computer Resources (CCR) and the Committee on the  
160 Environment, Disability Issues and Quality of Life). As regards the former, Dr. Pecorino asked for  
161 the CCR to report to the Senate on the current status of the College's implementation of the plan  
162 to upgrade the technology in classrooms. As far as the later, Dr. Pecorino asked for a report  
163 about the security cameras in use around campus, concerning data, what is collected, where it  
164 stored, etc. He said he hoped there would be reports from each committee by the end of the  
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167 Dr. Schwartz reported on the elections for senate, for committees and for University Faculty  
168 Senate (UFS).  
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170 The meeting was adjourned at 4:04PM  
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172 Respectfully Submitted,  
173 Joel Kuszai  
174 Secretary, Steering Committee of the Academic Senate  
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