

Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York

MINUTES
of the November 8, 2016
Academic Senate

President Diane Call called the third regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at **3:17 PM**

I. Attendance:

46 votes were recorded at the time attendance was taken; 60 members of the Academic Senate were present during the meeting.

Absentees: Sherri Newcomb, Georgia McGill, Joanne Chang, Isabella Lizzul, Wilma Fletcher-Anthony, Amy Traver, Anthony Kolios, Edward Volchok, Richard Yuster, Eileen White, George Muchita, Richard Tayson, SG President, Administrative VP, SG VP Programming, SG VP Evening Students, President Pro Tempore, SG VP PT Students.

II. Consideration of minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting of the Academic Senate:

A **motion** was **made, seconded, and adopted 59-0-0** to **approve the October 18, 2016 minutes as presented** (see *Attachment A of the November 8, 2016 Agenda*). Did not vote: Michael Cesarano.

III. Communications from:

1. President Call

President Call referred to her written report (*Attachment B of the November 8, 2016 Agenda*.) For the full report, visit: http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicSenate/docs/ay2016-17/November_2016/Attachment-B-PresidentsReport-November-2016.pdf

2. Senate Steering Committee Report

Chair Dr. Peter Bales referred to the written report (*Attachment C of the November 8, 2016 Agenda*). For the full report, visit: http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicSenate/docs/ay2016-17/November_2016/Attachment-C-SteeringCommitteeReport-November-2016.pdf

IV. List of Graduates: August 2016

A **motion** was **made, seconded, and adopted 58-0-0** to **approve** the list of graduates from August 2016 (*See Attachment E of the November 8, 2016 Agenda*). Did not vote: SG Executive VP and SG Treasurer (*students not permitted to vote on list of graduates*).

V. Old Business

None.

VI. New Business

- Dr. Steele provided an update on the work of the General Education Assessment Task Force, indicating that the last draft had moved on to the Curriculum Committee for consideration and hopeful passage and inclusion on the December Agenda of the Academic Senate.

57 • Dr. Tai presented the monthly report of the Committee on Food Insecurity, and thanked the
58 Department of English for its contributions, acknowledging also the great and continued need for
59 the pantry.

60 Dr. Pecorino asked questions of Dr. Tai, asked how he might contribute finances; why
61 there is no bank account for the pantry. He also asked how one might apply for grants,
62 whether it would be possible to apply for grants for the pantry. Dr. Tai answered referring
63 to the difficulty of small organizations in getting a bank account. She indicated that they
64 going continue to partner with students and take a look at the pantry's utilization after a
65 year to make any further recommendations.

66 Senator Tarasko asked how students were being made aware of the food pantry. Dr. Tai
67 responded that there was a website and Stephen Di Dio also stated multiple ways of
68 publicizing the pantry.

69 • Phil Pecorino reminded the Senators about the Faculty Meeting on November 9, 2016.

70 • Grace McGee from NYPIRG was recognized and spoke about the November 17 higher education
71 forum about the NYS budget and its impact on students.

72 The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 PM

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74 Respectfully Submitted,

75 Joel Kuszai

76 Secretary, Steering Committee of the Academic Senate