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**Queensborough Community College  
The City University of New York**

**MINUTES  
of the December 12, 2017  
Academic Senate**

President Diane Call called the fourth regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 3: 16 PM

**I. Attendance:**

66 votes were recorded at the time attendance was taken; 69 members of the Academic Senate were present during the meeting.

Absentees: Gilmar Visoni, Kip Montgomery, Georgina Colalillo, Shannon Kincaid, Kenneth Pearl, Joan Petersen, Pedro Irigoyen, Peter Irigoyen, Richard Tayson.

**II. Consideration of minutes of the November 14, 2017 meeting of the Academic Senate:**

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted 68-0-0 to approve the November 14, 2017 minutes as presented (see [Attachment A of the December 12, 2017 Agenda](#)). Did not vote: Barbara Campbell-Blake.

**III. Communications from:**

**1. President Call**

President Call referred to her written report ([Attachment B of the December 12, 2017 Agenda](#).)

President Call lauded the Annual Conference on Undergraduate Research and celebrated the SGA's creation of a new study space for students. Recognized the upcoming retirement of George Muchita. Noted the teaching load reduction for faculty under the new contract.

**2. Senate Steering Committee Report**

Chair Dr. Joel Kuszai referred to the written report ([Attachment C of the December 12, 2017 Agenda](#)).

Noted upcoming election for HEO senator to fill George Muchita's position.

Dr. Kuszai wants to deal with the disagreements over the presentation of the minutes (should senators be anonymous or not) through the Bylaws Committee. This suggestions was supported by the SGA.

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

**1. Committee on Bylaws:** The Academic Senate received the Monthly Report for December 2017 ([Attachment D of the December 12, 2017 Agenda](#)).

**2. Committee on Curriculum:** The Academic Senate received the Monthly Report for November 2017 ([Attachment E of the December 12, 2017 Agenda](#)) and acted on the following items:

**1. Course Revision**

**DEPARTMENT of SPEECH COMMUNICATION AND THEATRE ARTS**

54 SP211 Speech Communication

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56 A motion was made, seconded, and adopted 68-0-0 to approve changes to SP211 in the  
57 Department of Speech Communication and Theatre Arts (See [Attachment E of the December 12,  
58 2017 Agenda](#)). Did not vote: Richard Yuster.

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## 60 2. Program Revision

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### 62 DEPARTMENT of ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

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64 Changes to the Internet and Information Technology A.A.S. Program (See [Attachment E of the December  
65 12, 2017 Agenda](#)).

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67 A motion was made, seconded, and adopted 68-0-0 to approve changes to the IIT Program in  
68 the Department of Engineering Technology (See [Attachment E of the December 12, 2017  
69 Agenda](#)). Did not vote: Richard Yuster.

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71 3. **Committee on Food Insecurity:** The Academic Senate received the monthly report for  
72 November 2017 (See [Attachment F of the December 12, 2017 Agenda](#)).

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### V74 Old Business

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### V78 New Business

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80 VP Timothy Lynch presented a report on General Education Outcomes. He presented a set of  
81 new General Education Outcomes for Senate consideration:

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83 “A robust general education is founded on the knowledge, concepts, methods and  
84 perspectives that students gain through study of many academic disciplines. These  
85 disciplinary studies stimulate intellectual inquiry, global awareness, and cultural and  
86 artistic appreciation: they equip students to make informed judgments and engage with  
87 life beyond the classroom. To that end, QCC promotes educational activities that allow  
88 students to demonstrate that they can:

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90 1. Communicate effectively in various forms

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92 2. Use analytical reasoning to identify issues or problems and evaluate evidence in order  
93 to make informed decisions.

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94 3. Reason quantitatively as required in various fields of interest and in everyday life

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95 4. Apply information management and digital technology skills useful for academic  
96 research and lifelong learning

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97 To support these institutional general education outcomes, the campus—through its  
98 programs—**may also assess** the ability of students to:

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100 A. Integrate knowledge and skills in the program of study

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102 B. Make ethical judgments while recognizing multiple perspectives, as appropriate in the  
103 program of study

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104 C. Work collaboratively to accomplish learning objectives.”

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105 The current General Education Outcomes can be see on the [QCC website](#).

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108 A **motion** was **made**, **seconded**, and **adopted 62-5-0** to postpone on whether or not to accept  
109 revised General Education Outcomes. Voted “no”: Anne Marie Menendez, Larisa Honey,  
110 Sebastian Murolo, Susan Jacobowitz, George Muchita. Did not vote: Reuvain Zahavy, Richard  
111 Yuster.

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113 The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 PM

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115 Respectfully Submitted,

116 John Talbird

117 Secretary, Steering Committee of the Academic Senate