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

**MINUTES
Of the April 9, 2019
Academic Senate**

President Timothy Lynch called the seventh regularly scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate to order at **3:15 PM**

I. Attendance:

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

II. Consideration of minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting of the Academic Senate:

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted **59-0-1** to approve the March 12, 2019 minutes as presented (see Attachment A of the March 12, 2019 Agenda).

III. Motion to move the amendment of the agenda

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted **62-0-0** to approve the amendment agenda as presented.

IV. Communications from:

1. President Lynch

The Senate received President Lynch's April 2019 Report (Attachment B of the April 2019 Agenda.) To see the full report, visit the [Academic Senate website](#).

President Lynch informed us that Dr. Perales will present the results of the Middle States site visit on June 3rd. He acknowledged and commended the leadership of Dean Corradetti and co-chairs on obtaining positive results. Faculty were urged to vote for the Governance Bylaws election. Faculty were also encouraged to inform students to register and take advantage of the resources available to them like advisement and financial services.

2. Senate Steering Committee Report

The Senate received the Steering Committee report (Attachment C of the April 2019 Agenda). For the full report, visit the [Academic Senate website](#).

46 Dr. Kuszai, Chair of the Steering Committee, encouraged faculty to vote for the
47 change in the governance plan. Dean Corradetti, Professor Anasani and Professor
48 Ford were thanked for their exceptional work in writing the Middle States report.
49 Under Old Business, we will be saying goodbye to one committee and encouraging
50 others to create new committees. For instance, there is a new subcommittee of the
51 Steering Committee that is in its preliminary stages, Accessibility Committee,
52 spearheaded by Dr. Urciuoli. If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please
53 contact Dr. Urciuoli. Outgoing senators were acknowledged and applauded for their
54 service.

55 56 **V. Elections**

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58 The Senate received the Committee on Committees monthly report (Attachment
59 H of the April 2019 Agenda) and acted on the following item:

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61 Dr. Loeffler presented the committee slate from March 26th as chair of the
62 Committee on Committees. 79 faculty applied to 45 open seats. Problems with
63 assignments in terms of which committees were chosen were explained.
64 Explanations as to why there were two members of the same department on the
65 same committee was also explained.

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67 A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 66-0-0** to approve the committee
68 membership slate as presented by the Committee on Committees.

69 70 **VI. Monthly Reports of the Committees of the Academic Senate**

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72 1. **Committee on Curriculum:** The Academic Senate received the Monthly Report
73 for April 2019 (see Attachment D of the April 9, 2019 Agenda) and acted on the
74 following items:

75 76 **a. Course Revisions**

- 77 • **Speech Communication and Theatre Arts Department**
78 SP-212

79 A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 64-1-0** to approve changes to SP
80 212 in the Speech Communication and Theatre Arts Department. (See
81 Attachment D of the April 9, 2019 Agenda).

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83 • **Physics Department**
84 PH-422

85 A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 65-1-0** to approve changes to PH
86 422 in the Physics Department. (See Attachment D of the April 9, 2019 Agenda.)

87 88 **b. New Courses**

- 89 • **Biological Sciences and Geology Department**
90 BI-203
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92 A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 64-1-0** to approve BI-203 as a
93 new course in the Department of Biological Sciences and Geology (See
94 Attachment D of the April 9, 2019 Agenda.)

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96 • **English Department**
97 **BE-102**

98 A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 64-1-0** to approve BE-102 as a
99 new course in the Department of English (See Attachment D of the April 9, 2019
100 Agenda.)

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102 **c. Program Revisions**

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104 • **Social Sciences Department**

105 A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 64-1-0** to consider and approve
106 the removal of the psychology concentration for the Liberal Arts and Sciences A.
107 A degree simultaneously in the Social Sciences Department (See Attachment D
108 of the April 9, 2019 Agenda.) Voted no: Jeffrey Schwartz.

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110 2. **Food Insecurity Committee:** The Academic Senate received the Monthly
111 Report for April 2019 (see Attachment E of the April 9, 2019 Agenda) as an
112 information item.

113 Dr. Bales presented the monthly report as chair of the Food Insecurity
114 Committee. The food pantry will refer students to go to Single Stop to
115 apply for snack services. The Food Insecurity Committee has grown
116 substantially and is working closely with Administration in stocking the
117 food pantry.

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119 3. **Bylaws Committee:** The Academic Senate received the Monthly Report for April
120 2019 (see Attachment F of the April 9, 2019 Agenda) and acted on the following
121 item:

122 Professor Murolo initiated the presentation of the monthly report. Senator
123 Bales explained the rationale for the change and provided an update on the
124 growth of the Food Pantry. Senator Tai asked about the reduction in number
125 of members on the committee. Senator Bales explained that it has been hard
126 to get quorum. Senator Tai inquired on how volunteers will be recognized for
127 their time donated to the Food Pantry. Senators Bales explained that the
128 names of volunteers will be provided on the monthly report and possibly be
129 given letters of recognition.

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131 A **motion was made, seconded, and adopted 63-2-0** to approve the bylaws
132 amendment to the Food Insecurity Committee charges as presented.

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134 4. **Committee on Committees:** The Academic Senate received the Monthly Report
135 for April 2019 (see Attachment G of the April 9, 2019 Agenda) as an information
136 item.

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138 **VII. Old Business**

- 139 1. The Academic Senate received an updated proposal for College Policy on
140 Electronic Communication (see Attachment I of the April 9, 2019 Agenda) and
141 acted on the following item:

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143 **A motion was made, seconded, and carried 62-3-0** to start a discussion on
144 electronic communications as presented (see Attachment I of the April 9, 2010
145 Agenda).

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147 Senator Pecorino initiated the conversation on proposing an all Faculty opt out list.
148 Concerns raised for this proposal:

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 - Our campus was more connected and vibrant when we had the old
 - 150 electronic communication system
 - 151 • We have lost our campus ecosystem
 - 152 • We should have it and inappropriate behavior should be disciplined
 - 153 • Easy way of connecting to others and developing collaborative work with
 - 154 other faculty.

155 Concerns raised against this proposal:

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 - Why make faculty opt out when we already have an opt in dialogue
 - 157 • The idea of having moderators is not ideal
 - 158 • The belief that there was a sigh of relief when dialogue was taken away
 - 159 • Concerns about hate speech and/or racist comments

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161 Did a Quorum vote: 59-1-0.

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163 2. The Academic Senate received a report on the elimination of the Ceremonial
164 Committee (see Attachment J of the April 9, 2019 Agenda) and acted on the
165 following item:

166 Senator Kuszai presented and explained the rationale for eliminating the
167 Ceremonial Committee.

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169 **A motion was made, seconded, and adopted 55-2-1** to approve the elimination
170 of the Committee on Ceremonial Occasions as presented (Attachment J of the
171 April 9, Agenda).

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173 **VIII. New Business**

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175 1. The Academic Senate received two new proposals (Attachment K & L of the April
176 9, 2019 Agenda) and acted on the following items:

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178 VP Palmer presented the two proposals and provided acknowledgments to others
179 involved in writing them up.

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181 Senator Pearl requested friendly amendment on the wording on the Grade Change
182 Policy (Documentation “must” be submitted instead of “can” be submitted). He also
183 commented on the name of the Fresh Start Policy, which may be misperceived as

184 this new policy does not give students a complete fresh start because it will not
185 eliminate all their grades.

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187 Senator Clingan raised the concern of Financial Aid as many students will probably
188 not be able to use financial aid and limit the amount of student likely to use the Fresh
189 Start policy.

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191 There was a motion to focus on one proposal at a time.

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193 **A motion was made, seconded, and adopted 59-0-0** to approve the new Grade
194 Change Policy as presented (Attachment K).

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196 Senator Clingan reiterated the concern that these students may not be able to
197 graduate from this college due to limited financial aid.

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199 **A motion was made, seconded, and adopted 58-0-0** to approve the Fresh Start
200 Policy as presented (Attachment L).

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203 The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 PM

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205 Respectfully Submitted,

206 Jannette Alejandra Urciuoli

207 Secretary, Steering Committee of the Academic Senate