

Queensborough Community College

The City University of New York

MINUTES
of the October 13, 2009 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

Absent, as determined from the attendance taken by the iclickers at the meeting were:

J. Darcy T. Shemanski
P. Azrak C. Thompson
G. Colalillo G. Visoni
L. Feliciano P. Wallach

II. Consideration of minutes of the October 13, 2009 meeting:

A motion was made, seconded, and approved with revisions to accept the September minutes. (*Attachment A of the October 13, 2009 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 13, 2009 Agenda.*) focusing on some of the following:

- President Marti encouraged those present to examine the minutes of the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York.
 - President Marti remarked once again on the overwhelming increase in enrollment, reflecting an overall increase of 17%, with a 30% increase in freshman alone, bringing the enrollment numbers to a total of 15,200. As a result of the increase, the college received a visit from representatives from CUNY's Central Administration, who were amazed at how well the college managed the increase without incident.
 - President Marti reported that by October 15, 2009, an enrollment plan for Spring and Fall will be sent to Vice-Chancellor Alexandra Logue.
 - President Marti shared that he anticipated that the current enrollment trend will continue through Spring and

- 53 Fall 2010, which will require him to declare that the
54 campus has reached its full capacity of 15,000.
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- 56 • President Marti indicated that he is cognizant of the fact
57 that services are stretched to the maximum and that he
58 would be meeting with Dr. Tai and Dr. Gillespie, head of
59 the Faculty Council.
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- 61 • President Marti commended Vice-President Ellen
62 Hartigan on her hard work in ensuring that the
63 orientation sessions were effective.
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- 65 • President Marti made mention of the three-page Middle
66 States report following Dr. Petrisko's visit and the need
67 to call a campus-wide meeting for October 20, 2009 – a
68 first occurrence since his presidency at Queensborough
69 Community College.
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- 71 • President Marti reemphasized that the community will
72 have a full description of the concerns and the process
73 by which they will be resolved. President Marti
74 underscored that this was a matter of urgency which will
75 require the full cooperation of the entire campus
76 community.
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- 78 • President Marti reiterated that the Middle States
79 recommendations are serious, but not to the extent
80 where the college's accreditation standing was in
81 jeopardy. President Marti declared that the upcoming
82 campus-wide meeting would be one where the college's
83 efforts would be celebrated, as well as a forum where
84 discussion on improvement will take place.
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- 86 • President Marti discussed the impending \$53 million
87 budget cuts for CUNY, primarily for the Senior Colleges,
88 but that he was hopeful that management and Union
89 would stand in solidarity against the proposed cuts.
90 President Marti said that he would be counting on the
91 senior colleges to reciprocate when the cuts are directed
92 to the City Colleges.
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- 94 • President Marti also alluded to the fact that Central
95 Administration has been astute in reserving resources to
96 offset the impending cuts. As a result, President Marti
97 implied that there would be sufficient funding to maintain
98 current services and the various initiatives at
99 Queensborough Community College.
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- 101 • President Marti reminded everyone about the scheduled
102 Open House for Queensborough faculty and staff in the
103 new Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center from noon
104 to 6:00PM, October 14, 2009, as well as the official
105 Grand Opening of the Center on October 18, 2009.
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- President Marti once again implored faculty to utilize the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center as a learning laboratory and to use the history of the Holocaust experience as space to combat prejudice and fight hate crime.
 - President Marti congratulated the Student Services Organization and members of Student Government on their participation in the Student Leadership weekend.
 - President Marti drew attention to other upcoming events, such as the October 28, 2009 Presidential Lecture Series, featuring Dr Michio Kaku, a Henry Semat professor of Theoretical Physics and Professor of Physics at the CUNY Graduate Center. Additionally, mention was made of the Conference of the College on October 30, 2009, an event developed by Dr. Sheena Gillespie.
 - Senator Pecorino inquired about the possibility of increasing more full-time faculty lines, to which President Marti responded that these faculty lines will be released in the coming week to begin the search process.
 - VP Call further stated that the Enrollment Management aims at proposing a plan to account for the enrollment plan with a goal to increase full-time faculty, and that the Lines Committee will continue to work with the College's Personnel and Budget committee.
 - Senator Pecorino requested that the President explain the criteria on how the college determines how many students are taught by full-time faculty:
 - Instructors
 - Lecturers
 - Substitutes

IV. Senate Steering Committee:

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- Chair Tai welcomed Professor Georgina Albanese who will be serving as adjunct Representative, Alumni Representative Diane Carey and student representatives.
 - Chair Tai indicated that the Steering Committee has been communicating with the Student Government and that we now have student members on all committees.
 - Chair Tai also informed the Senate that the Steering has met with fourteen (14) Chairs of the Academic Senate and that they have been informed of the process of letting the Committee know what is happening and what the Steering Committee expects of them.

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- Chair Tai spoke on the Smoking issue and indicated that Dion Pincus and Hayes Mauro have been working tirelessly to prepare a resolution, which will be presented at the November Senate meeting. Chair Tai also indicated that the Steering Committee is now in receipt of a full report from the Committee on Committee and that the file is available on the Governance website and will be included in the November documents.
 - Chair Tai invited VP Hartigan and VP Call to report on the Enrollment Plan. VP Hartigan reported this was a continuation of the plan that has been reviewed by the Departments since March 2009 in anticipation of the Fall enrollment. VP Hartigan stated that this process will provide an update of the projections for Spring and Fall 2010 and that she was optimistic that the outcome will be a very “concrete plan”.
 - Senator Pecorino asked if the President has had any word concerning the articulation of graduated students from Queensborough into four-year CUNY programs. President Marti responded that he was in contact with City College and that faculty of both institutions will continue to communicate so that the articulation of the program will be a seamless process.
 - President Marti emphasized that the Senior Colleges are increasing their standards and that he wanted to be informed if there are any students who are having problems transferring to a Senior College. However, President Marti also noted that if a student graduates, then attempts to transfer, the possibility existed that this student could encounter some problems. President Marti further indicated that even if a student has graduated, that student must be credited 60 credits for the Senior College.
 - Chair Tai commented on the Assessment meeting conducted by Dr. Petrisko and indicated that she had spent some time reviewing the Middle States website and discovered that there was a distinction between indirect evidence and direct evidence. Chair Tai stated that she gathered that Middle States preferred the use of Rubrics as scoring tools.
 - Chair Tai suggested that there could be a role for the Special Committee on Assessment Database as a means to create an archive of assessment activity at Queensborough.
 - President Marti expressed his agreement that the College has done substantial work, but stressed there is a need to link the pieces together.

- 216 • President Marti delivered the news that Queensborough
217 has scored in the top percentile in performance, except
218 in the area of faculty diversity, and that this meant that
219 the college will receive a bonus of \$65,000.
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- 221 • President Marti communicated that he wanted to make
222 an executive decision to earmark this bonus amount for
223 grant funding, to any individual who wished to submit a
224 proposal, to conduct observational or experimental
225 studies examining student learning outcomes.
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- 227 • President Marti concluded by congratulating Karen
228 Steele, Millie Conte and the College Advisory Committee
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234 **V. Annual Reports of Committees (Attachments E- I of the September 13, 2009 Agenda):**

235	Committee on Committees:	Annual Report Accepted.
236	Committee on the Library:	Annual Report Accepted.
237	Committee on Vendor Services:	Annual Report Accepted.

244 **VI. Committee on Curriculum (Attachment I)--RESOLUTION**

245 DELETION of Degree Program

246 **A.A.S. Medical Laboratory Technology Program**

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248 Explanation: This program has been a part of the curricula in the
249 Department of Biological Sciences and Geology. As of
250 September 2002 students are no longer accepted into this
251 degree program. Students are advised to enroll in the A.S.
252 Degree Program in Health Sciences and follow the program
253 articulations for transfer to the B.S. in Medical Laboratory
254 Sciences at Hunter College or for the B.S. in Medical Technology
255 at York College. It is best that the program be deleted from the
256 College offerings

- 257 • A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept the
258 deletion of Degree Program A.A.S. Medical Laboratory
259 Technology Program (Attachment I of the October 13, 2009
260 Agenda). There was one negative vote and no abstentions.
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270 **VII. New Business**

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- 286 The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.
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- 290 Barbara Blake-Campbell,
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- Senator Anthony Kolios announced that the QCC Union Chapter General meeting will be held October 1, 2009 for the purpose of discussing suggestions for items to be added to the agenda for the next contract negotiations. Faculty should consider bringing in suggestions or forwarding them to Judy Barbanel or the Vice Chair. Senator Kolios also shared that the location of the meeting will be announced.
 - Senator Paul Weiss suggested that the Academic Senate consider starting its monthly meetings at 3:10 PM to accommodate teaching faculty and the new schedule that begins classes ten minutes after the hour.