

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF QUEENS COLLEGE October 14, 2021

The meeting will come to order:

Chair Kevin L. Ferguson called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda:

- i. MOTION: Duly made by Chair Ferguson:

“To approve the agenda”

Hearing no objection to the motion, the agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Approval of Minutes:

- i. MOTION: Duly made by Chair Ferguson:

“To approve the minutes dated September 9, 2021”

Hearing no objection to the motion the minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Announcements, Administrative Reports and Memorials:

1. Dave fields, Parliamentarian and Chair of the Special Committee on Governance announced that the committee will bring to the Senate meeting on November 11, 2021, amendments to the Charter to change divisions into schools, amendments to the bylaws to change divisions into schools, amendments to the charter to add one member of the instructional staff that is not a member of the faculty to the search committees, and an amendment to the bylaws which would change the ex officio membership of the Honors and Awards Committee.
2. Alicia Alvero, Associate Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs announced that the Student Technology Fee Committee has been struggling to reach quorum over the last semesters and expressed the importance of student attendance and participation on the committee.
3. Zaire Couloute, Student Association President announced that she is in support of the CUNY Board of Trustees regarding refunding the students that were dropped tuition.
4. Dhanya Bell, Information Technology, announced on behalf of the Student Technology Fee Committee the importance of the Committee and asked for student nominations. Any inquiries or nominations should be sent to: Dbell@qc.cuny.edu

4. Special Motions: (None)

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5. Committee Reports:

a. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

- i. MOTION: Duly made by Ken Lord, Chair of the UCC:
“To accept the UCC minutes of September 9, 2021 as distributed”
 - ii. MOTION: Duly made by Ken Lord, Chair of the UCC:
“To withdraw Item #1, a. Change in title for AFST 101”
 - iii. MOTION: Duly made by Ken Lord, Chair of the UCC:
“To accept the UCC minutes as amended”
- Hearing no objection to the motion, the Chair moved unanimous consent.

A. General Education

Numbered proposals available for review at senate.qc.cuny.edu/Curriculum

1. General Education Matters
2. Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning Advisory Committee
No report.
3. Writing Intensive Advisory Committee.
 - a. MUSIC 268W. The School Choral Program
 - b. MUSIC 269W. The School Instrumental Program
4. STEM variant courses.
None.

1. Withdrawn

2. BALA

- a. Addition to list of electives.

FNES 275. Institutional Management

3. Anthropology

a. New course.

Anthropology 271. Human Biology.

3 hr.; 3 cr. Prereq.: Anthropology 102 or any college biology course.

Investigation of the inner workings of human biology using a biocultural approach.

Biocultural perspectives consider the evolutionary, social and biological factors that underpin our biology and shape health and disease. This course introduces the basic structures of the integumentary (i.e., skin), blood, skeletal, respiratory, endocrine, circulatory, and reproductive systems with interactive lab activities. We will move beyond simple mechanistic explanations and explore biocultural and evolutionary explanations for individual and population-level differences across these systems. This course employs the critical lens of health inequity/disparity literature to examine how risk of pathologies/disruptions to these systems are focused on marginalized populations both globally and within the United States. Case studies from anthropological research will be incorporated into discussion of a range of topics, including but not limited to sickle-cell anemia, osteoporosis, psychosocial stress and health, COVID-19, cardiovascular disease, and premature births.

b. Nominating Committee

i. MOTION: Duly made by Peishi Wang, Nominating Committee Chair:

“To accept the Nominating Committee Report dated October 14, 2021”

Hearing no objection to the motion, the Chair moved unanimous consent.

1) Elections Committee

The following students were elected by unanimous consent:

Tasnia Jennifer No major Yet through: December 2022
Abhinandan Gaba Mathematics & Natural Sciences through: December 2022

2) Committee on Honors and Awards

The following faculty was elected by unanimous consent:

Susan Rotenberg Mathematics & Natural Sciences through: April 2022

3) Graduate Curriculum Committee

The following faculty was elected by unanimous consent:

Lenwood Gibson Education through: December 2021

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4) Subcommittee on Honorary Degrees

The following student was re-elected by unanimous consent:

Elizabeth Ying Education through: September 2022

5) Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

The following faculty was elected by unanimous consent:

Esther Muehlbauer Mathematics & Natural Sciences (At-Large) through: December 2021

6) Special Committee on Governance

The following faculty members were re-elected by unanimous consent:

Ken Lord Mathematics & Natural Sciences through: April 2023

Chuxiang Yi Mathematics & Natural Sciences through: April 2023

7) Search Committee of Dean of School of Social Sciences

The following student was elected by unanimous consent:

Sammy Ali Social Sciences Until the Search is over

8) Search Committee of Dean of School of Education

The following student was elected by unanimous consent:

Ashley Salazar Education Until the Search is over

Deborah Tulloch Education Until the Search is over

6. Old Business

a. Nominations to the Nominating Committee:

Faculty – At-Large May 2023 (no nominees)

Math and Natural Sciences May 2023 (no nominees)

Social Sciences May 2022 (no nominees)

Student – Education May 2023 (no nominees)

At-Large May 2023 (no nominees)

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7. New Business (None)

MOTION: Duly made by Kevin L. Ferguson:

“To Adjourn”

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 pm. The next Academic Senate meeting will be on Thursday, November 11, 2021.