

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF QUEENS COLLEGE

December 9, 1999

Kiely Hall, room 170

1. The Holder of the Chair, Nancy Hemmes, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

The Chair corrected the agenda, to make items 7.a and 7.b under New Business, items 6.a and 6.b under Old Business.

MOTION: Duly made (Frangakis-Syrett), seconded, and passed:

"To amend the agenda, to move item 5.f (Subcommittee on Honorary Degrees) to item 5.d under Committee Reports."

The agenda was adopted, as amended.

3. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Duly made (Pecoraro), seconded, and passed:

"To adopt the Academic Senate meeting minutes of November 11, 1999, as distributed."

4. Announcements, Administrative Reports, and Memorials:

- a. The Chair announced that on the front desk there are two resolutions passed by the Executive Committee, one regarding the Board of Trustees' (BOT) policy on articulation and one on the university-proposed changes regarding composition of the University Council of Presidents and the way in which the college can communicate with the BOT (see Attachment A). Also available on the front desk is information regarding admissions policies at other campuses and in particular as it regards the university-mandated admissions criteria.
- b. Senator Rothstein reported on the resolution on articulation and transfer which was passed by the Board of Trustees at their meeting on November 22, 1999.
- c. The Chair announced elections for positions on Senate Committees will take place at today's meeting. There is an error on the Committee Roster; there is no faculty opening on the Committee on Teaching Excellence and Evaluation. The Chair requested that all individuals seeking nomination from the floor fill out a nominating form prior to being nominated.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Nominating Committee Report (Kaufmann):

i. Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Re-entry Standards:

- a) The following faculty were nominated for the Social Science seat:

Harvey Gram

(to Dec. 2001)

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5.a.i. (continued):

Professor Gram asked to have his statement read to the body before voting on his nomination (see Attachment B)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

b) The following faculty were nominated for the Arts seat:

Alan Brandman (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

c) The following students were nominated for the Arts seat:

Rifka Libman (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

d) The following students were nominated for the Science seat:

Mary-Ann Bedward (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

ii. **Campus Affairs Committee:**

a) The following faculty were nominated:

James Moore (to Dec. 2001)
Marion Newman (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominees."

b) The following students were nominated:

Alison Mahabir (to Dec. 2001)
Natalia Melman (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominees."

iii. **Campus Environment Committee:**

a) The following faculty were nominated for the Science seat:

Uldis Roze (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

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5.a.iii. (continued):

b) The following students were nominated for the Social Science seat:

Jordana Rosenberg (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

iv. **Elections Committee:**

a) The following faculty were nominated:

Manuel Sanudo (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

b) The following students were nominated to Dec. 2000:

Valerie Vazquez

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

c) The following students were nominated to Dec. 2001:

Georgia Belesis
James Kottwitz

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominees."

v. **Graduate Curriculum Committee:**

a) The following faculty were nominated for the Education seat:

Alice Artzt (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

b) The following faculty were nominated for the Science seat:

John Magel (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

c) The following students were nominated from the floor for the Social Science seat:

Desiree Morgan (to Dec. 2000)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

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5.a.v. (continued):

d) The following students were nominated from the floor for the Education seat:

Melissa Paige (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

vi. **Graduate Scholastic Standards Committee:**

a) The following faculty were nominated for the Education seat:

Janet Ezair (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

b) The following faculty were nominated for the Science seat:

Howard Wasserman (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

vii. **International Student Affairs Committee:**

a) The following faculty were nominated:

Elizabeth Lowe (to Dec. 2001)
J. M. Dickey (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominees."

b) The following students were nominated:

Victoria Nkanga (to Dec. 2001)

The following students were nominated from the floor:

Nadine Smith (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominees."

viii. **Library Committee:**

The following faculty were nominated:

Brian Percival (to Dec. 2001)
William Berkowitz (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominees."

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5.a.viii. (continued):

The following students were nominated from the floor:

Rachel Sussman (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

ix. Policy Board on Administration:

a) The following faculty were nominated:

Philip Ramsey	(to Dec. 2001)
Kevin Birth	(to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominees."

b) The following students were nominated:

Krista Brenner	(to Dec. 2001)
Dena Goldschmiedt	(to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominees."

x. Committee on Teaching Excellence and Evaluation:

a) The following faculty were nominated:

Helen Cairns	(to Dec. 2001)
Dean Savage	(to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominees."

b) The following students were nominated to Dec. 2001:

Justin Engel
Tikva Khalili

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominees."

c) The following students were nominated to Dec. 2000:

Heather Rutka

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

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5.a. (continued):

xi. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:

a) The following faculty were nominated for the Arts seat:

Joel Lidov	(to Dec. 2001)
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Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

b) The following faculty were nominated for the At Large seat:

Charles Repole (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

c) The following faculty were nominated for the Education seat:

Terry Osborn (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

d) The following students were nominated for the Social Science seat:

Aryeh Schulman (to Dec. 2000)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

e) The following students were nominated for the Education seat:

Sharda Singh (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

f) The following students were nominated for the At Large seat:

Sari Halpert (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

g) The following students were nominated for the Arts seat:

Jessica Singer (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

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5.a. (continued):

xii. **Undergraduate Scholastic Standards Committee:**

a) The following faculty were nominated for the Science seat:

William Emerson (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

b) The following students were nominated for At Large seats to Dec. 2001:

David Gutlove
Eley Brisita

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominees."

xiii. **Special Committee on Governance:**

a) The following faculty were nominated:

Richard McCoy (to Dec. 2001)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary "to cast one ballot for the nominee."

b) The following students were nominated to Dec. 2001:

Caroline Bennett
Tim Rosen

The following students were nominated from the floor:

Desiree Morgan

The following students were elected:

Desiree Morgan (to Dec. 2001)
Tim Rosen (to Dec. 2001)

xiv. **Nominating Committee:**

MOTION: Duly made (Kaufmann), seconded and passed:

"To reopen the issue of the approval of the October 14, 1999 minutes, to move Neema Nicholas from Arts to Science."

MOTION: Duly made (Pecoraro), seconded and passed:

"To approve the October 14, 1999 minutes, as amended."

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5. Committee Reports (continued):

b. Policy Board on Administration (Ramsey):

i. MOTION: Duly made and passed:

“Whereas New York State law requires Queens College to conduct fire drills;
“Whereas fire drills during exams, labs and other special times interfere with and may seriously disrupt the educational mission of the College;
“Be it resolved that the Security Office of Queens College is requested to provide to each department chair and other campus leaders a list of all scheduled fire drills at least three weeks prior to the beginning of each term.

ii. MOTION: Duly made and passed:

“Whereas persons in wheelchairs and with other disabilities should not use elevators during fire drills or other emergencies;
“Whereas the Security Office of Queens College considers carrying people from buildings during fire drills to have too great a risk of injury;
“Be it resolved that Queens College is requested to establish either temporary or permanent saferooms or equivalent alternatives on each floor of each building which does not have wheelchair accessible exits, with such saferooms clearly identified as such.”

c. Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Re-entry Standards (Speidel):

i. MOTION: Duly made:

“To adopt the proposed Queens College Freshman Admissions Criteria for Fall 2000 – Spring 2001 (see Attachment C).”

ii. MOTION: Duly made (Rothenberg) and seconded:

“To substitute Motion i with the following:

“The Academic Senate condemns the repeated violation of the rights of the Academic Senate with respect to Queens College Admissions requirements, and
(a) demands an immediate apology in writing from Pres. Sessoms,
(b) demands an immediate return to this Senate of the Admissions proposals for 2000, 2001, thereupon to be acted upon (approved, rejected, or modified) by the Academic Senate,
(c) and further demands a pledge in writing that never again will the Administration attempt to usurp the rights of the Academic Senate.”

Amendment (Rothenberg), replace (b) with:

“Return to the admissions requirements for Queens College for 1997 and 1998, including transfer students.”

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5.b. (continued):

iii. MOTION: Duly made (Lord), seconded and failed:

“To postpone motions i and ii to the end of Committee Reports.”

iv. Friendly amendment (Zubok) to Motion ii, to remove (a) and (c). Senator Rothenberg accepted the friendly amendment.

v. MOTION: Duly made (Warren), seconded and passed:

“To call the question on Motion ii.”

Motion ii failed.

vi. MOTION: Duly made (Frisz), seconded and passed:

“To call the question on Motion i.”

Motion i. passed.

vii. MOTION: Duly made (Frisz) and seconded:

“The Academic Senate reaffirms its prerogative granted by its Charter to approve admissions criteria to Queens College and calls upon the Academic Senate’s Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Re-entry Standards to conform to the Academic Senate’s Charter and Bylaws and calls upon the Administration in the future not to forward any committee reports of the Academic Senate to the Academic Affairs Committee and/or the Board of Trustees without confirming that the committee reports have been passed by the full Academic Senate.”

viii. MOTION: Duly made (Warren), seconded and passed:

“To call the question.”

Motion vii passed.

6:05 PM MOTION: Duly made (Fields), seconded and passed:

“To extend the meeting for 10 minutes.”

d. **Committee on Honors and Awards: Subcommittee on Honorary Degrees** (Frangakis-Syrett):

i. MOTION: Duly made:

"To approve honorary degrees for the following:

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5.d.i. (continued):

"Professor Emerita Erika Bourguignon, Anthropologist;
Mr. Arnold Franco, Businessman and philanthropist;
Mr. Charalambos P. Manassis, Diplomat;
Professor Emeritus George Perle, Composer and musicologist.”

ii. MOTION: Duly made (Bird) and seconded:

“To divide the motion and refer back to the Committee the nomination of Mr. Charalambos P. Manassis.”

iii. MOTION: Duly made (Fields), seconded and passed:

“To call all previous questions.”

Motion ii passed.

Motion i passed, as amended.

6. MOTION: Duly made, seconded and passed:

"To adjourn."

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next Regular Academic Senate meeting will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2000.