MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF QUEENS COLLEGE September 12, 2013 Kiely Hall, room 170

The meeting will come to order:

Chair Roberta Brody called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda:

i. MOTION: Duly made by Chair Brody and seconded:

"To approve the Agenda"

Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved unanimously.

ii. MOTION: Duly made by Chair Brody and seconded:

"To move Item 6d.to Item 6a.and 6a. to 6d."

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

iii. MOTION: Duly made by Chair Brody:

"To approve the Agenda as amended"

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

2. Approval of Minutes:

i. MOTION: Duly made by Chair Brody and seconded:

"To approve the minutes dated May 9, 203"

Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved as distributed.

ii. MOTION: Duly made by Chair Brody and seconded:

"To approve the minutes dated May 16, 2013"

Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Announcements, Administrative Reports, and Memorials:

3a. Guest Speaker President James L. Muyskens

President Muyskens welcomed everyone back to a new academic year. He announced that four of his chief staff members are here to highlight some of this year's events: Adam Rockman, Vice President for Student Affairs, explained they have 4 new initiatives to help make student services more available: Acting Vice President Hendrey outlined the major issues facing the College this year: low enrollment; develop new programs of study; adjunct professors quality of life; increase the utilization of instructional technology and course management tools; working with other CUNY colleges; and a Strategic Enrollment Management and Retention initiative. President Muyskens then welcomed our new Vice President for Finance and Administration, William Keller.

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(3a. Announcements, Administrative Reports, and Memorials continued)

He outlined the challenges the college now faces due to lower enrollment this semester. He talked about several ways to recruit new students: by reaching out to community colleges; target students that are older; advertising; adding various honors programs for transfer students; and offering shuttle buses from the subways to the college. President Muyskens introduced Laurie Dorf, Assistant Vice President Institution Advancement; she oversees fund raising and alumni relations. She mentioned the top 20 scholarships that are available to all students. In closing, President Muyskens announced that Queens College has been ranked 2nd nationwide as the college with the "Best bang for your Buck." President Muyskens took questions from the Senate.

- 1. Chair Brody announced coming up in our October meeting we will discuss the definition of faculty status.
- 2. Chair Brody announced that the Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, September 26, has been moved to Thursday, October 3, due to religious observance.
- 4. Special Motions

(none)

- 5. Committee Reports (none)
- 6. Old Business (none)
- 7. New Business
 - 6a. Queens College delegates to the University Faculty Senate

MOTION: Duly made and 2nd:

"To elect Roberta Brody to the UFS"

Hearing no objection to the motion, Parliamentarian Fields moved unanimous consent.

6b. Election for Executive Committee- Deputy Chair

The following students were nominated:

Ballot #1

Sediq Kholdi 11 votes Jennifer Fernandez 30 votes Byron Pullutasig 5 votes

Note: Chair Brody announced if no one is elected the lowest vote will be dropped.

Failed election.

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(6b. Election for Executive Committee continued)

Ballot #2

Sediq Kholdi 8 votes Jennifer Fernandez 38 votes

Jennifer Fernandez was elected.

6c. Election for Executive Committee- 2 student members

The following student members were nominated:

Ballot #1

Xenia Kokkinos Victoria Brown

Seeing no further nominations, the Parliamentarian moved unanimous consent.

6d. Nominations to the Nominating Committee:

6di. Nominating Committee- Faculty member- Math and Natural Science-No Nominees

6dii. Nominating Committee

a) The following student members were nominated from the floor to fill the OPEN Arts and Humanities seat:

Ballot #1

Benjamin Goldsmith 24 votes Steven Rengifo 19 votes

Failed election

Ballot #2

Benjamin Goldsmith 30 votes Steven Rengifo 14 votes Abstention 1 vote

Ballot #3

Benjamin Goldsmith 33 votes Steven Rengifo 12 votes Abstention 1 vote

Benjamin Goldsmith was elected.

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(6diii. Nominating Committee continued)

b) The following student members were nominated from the floor to fill the OPEN Social Science seat:

Mursal Jaffrey 32 votes Bryon Pullutasig 10 votes Abstentions 1 vote

Mursal Jaffrey was elected.

MOTION: Duly made by Parliamentarian Fields:

"To Adjourn"

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p. m. The next Academic Senate meeting will be on Thursday, October 10, 2013.