MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF QUEENS COLLEGE   **February 13, 2003**
Kiely Hall, Room 170

1. **The Holder of the Chair, Elizabeth Lowe, called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.**

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

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

   "To approve the agenda."

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

   MOTION: Duly made, seconded, and passed:

   "To approve the Academic Senate meeting minutes of December 12, 2002, as distributed."

4. **Announcements, Administrative Reports, and Memorials:**

   a. The Chair announced today there was a formal memorial for Mary Ellen Passantino. She asked Rebecca Feder, President of the Day Student Association, to say a few words on behalf of Mary Ellen. The Academic Senate paid its respects by rising for a moment of silence.

   b. The Chair announced that there are two dean search committees being formed: Dean of Arts and Humanities and Dean of Mathematics and Natural Sciences. Application forms are available at the front desk.

   c. The Chair announced the upcoming elections for the Senate will be taking place February 18-28. The Chair encouraged participation.

   d. The Chair reported back from a meeting of the Board of Trustees' Committee on Academic Policy, Program, and Research that Judith Summerfield will be chairing a study of general education at Queens College, LaGuardia, Queensborough, Lehman, Bronx, and New York College of Technology. Two committees have been formed, which, at the end of the Spring semester, will bring an agenda to other colleges in the hope of showcasing the best practices in general education.

   e. The Chair announced that the University Faculty Senate passed a resolution asking for a faculty experience survey, which is a rating that is done by students for college presidents but has never been done by faculty.

   f. Donna Lipper, Acting Assistant Vice President in the Office of Information Technology, gave a presentation and an overview of OIT's areas of responsibility. These include overseeing 17 student labs, maintaining the College's network infrastructure and Help Desk, setting the standards on hardware, maintaining and updating software, and offering training classes for faculty and staff. The new technology fee helps with the upgrading of labs, the building of new labs, and the laptop leasing program. OIT has been installing wireless capabilities, with the hope that within two years the entire campus will be wireless. Ms. Lipper announced that the new Web Master will start working on February 24. Ms. Lipper took questions.

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5. **Committee Reports:**

a. **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee** (Lord):

i. MOTION: Duly made:

"To adopt the recommendations of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee report dated January 13, 2003."

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

"To amend Item 2, Computer Science, to put the words 'D or better' in each course description requiring a passing grade on the departmental proficiency test."

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

"To refer Item 2 back to the committee."

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

"To call the question on the motion to refer back to the committee."

Motion *iii* passed.

Motion *i* passed, as amended.

1. **School of Earth and Environmental Sciences** (02-33)

Environmental Studies (HEGIS code 1914, SED code 21980)

a. New Courses:

200. Environmental Management.
3 lec. hr.; 3 cr. Prereq.: ENSCI 111 or ENSCI 112 or Geology 100, or permission of SEES. Introduction to environmental issues including ethics in environmental management, corporate responsibilities, limitations on the exploitation of natural resources and the process of making environmental policy. Major anthropogenic environmental problems will be described, and case history examples will be presented, in areas such as global warming, air and water pollution, pesticides and toxic materials, sewage management and waste disposal.

210. Water Resources and Conservation.
3 lec. hr.; 3 cr. Prereq.: Geology 100 or ENSTD 200 or ENSCI 111 or ENSCI 112 or permission of the instructor.
Water use, problems of water supply, water resource management, water quality (present and potential pollution problems and solutions), and water conflicts around the world. Topics will be explored through a study of the historical context, the physical process, environmental risks and future issues

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2. **Computer Science (02-36)**

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    a. Change in Requirements for the Minor in Computer Science, to read:

        Core Requirements: Computer Science. 111 (unless exempt), 211, 220, 240, and 313.

        Math Requirements: Math 120 and either 141, 151, or equivalent.

    b. Change in Requirements for the Minor in Computer Information Technology, to read:

        Computer Science 12, 80, 111, and four additional three-credit courses numbered 81-199.

3. Political Science (02-37, HEGIS code 2207, SED code 02817)

    a. New Course

        310. Business and Politics.
        3 hr.; 3cr.
        Examination of business firms as political actors, providing a political perspective on the legislative and economic environment in which business operates. Specific topics include the way in which business firms and organizations participate in the political process; the place of business power in democratic theory; the politics of economic policy, regulatory policy, corporate governance, and labor market.

    b. Course withdrawn

        236. The Politics of Developing Nations.
        3 hr.; 3 cr.

4. Journalism

    a. Change in course requirements for the Journalism minor (effective for students who begin the program in Fall, 2003 and thereafter), to read:

        JOURN101W, JOURN200W, JOURN201, and JOURN202, and JOURN 310 .

    b. New Course

        310. Specialized Reporting.
        3 hr.; 3 cr. Prereq.: J 200.
        Advanced reporting and writing, including magazine writing. The course will focus on two or three selected areas, such as business, politics, science and health, environment, sports, investigative reporting, arts and entertainment. Guest lectures by professional writers and editors.

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5. Anthropology (HEGIS code 2202, SED code 14865)

    a. New courses:

        Anthropology 280. Topics in Linguistic Anthropology.

3hr., 3cr. Prereq.: 6 credits in social science or in courses in the Department of Linguistics and Communication Disorders, or sophomore standing, or by permission of instructor. Course may be repeated once for credit provided the topic is different.

Anthropology 380 - Seminar in Linguistic Anthropology
3hr., 3cr. Prereq.: 12 credits in anthropology or linguistics, or by permission of instructor. Course may be repeated for credit provided the topic is different.

b. **Honors & Awards Committee: Subcommittee for Honorary Degrees** (Brady):

MOTION: Duly made and passed:

"To award an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *Honoris Causa* to Robert Boyers."

6. MOTION: Duly made, seconded and passed:

"To adjourn."

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. The next Regular Academic Senate meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2003.