

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF QUEENS COLLEGE - February 24, 1977  
 Academic II - Room 170

*Minutes approved  
 May 12, 1977*

1. The Holder of the Chair, Larry Mansfield, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. MOTION: Duly made (Ledley), seconded and passed:

"To amend agenda of February 10, and place under Old Business as item 6-e, after the Committee on Honors and Awards, resolution regarding a Presidential Search Committee."

3. MOTION: Duly made (Roskes), seconded and passed:

"To amend agenda of February 10, and place under Old Business as item 6-f, Committee on Committees."

4. Continuing with Committee on Honors and Awards:

- a) Substitute Motion: Duly made (Hechler), and seconded:

"That honors be awarded by the Honors and Awards Committee upon consultation of the departments involved, and divisional deans."

The original motion (Senate meeting February 10, 1977), is to be perfected, before perfecting the substitute.

- b) Amendment (Stern) - as follows:

"Whereas, the Academic Senate is in the process of raising the level of Honors and Awards to be awarded to graduates, and

Whereas, these new standards are solely based on grades which are too absolute and impersonal;

Be it resolved, that a procedure be set up as follows: Each department should set up a committee comprised of three faculty and three students of the appropriate department to which any student majoring in that department can appeal if he does not meet the requirements of the award and feels he deserves it. The student shall be limited to move up one rank in award status. Four yes votes from this committee would be needed to pass."

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

"To close off debate on Stern's amendment."

Stern's amendment - failed.

- c) Amendment (Daniels) - "To change the cumulative index as follows:

Summa Cum Laude 3.8, Magna Cum Laude 3.6, Cum Laude 3.4."

MOTION: Duly made (Mandelbaum), and seconded:

"To divide Daniels' amendment."

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## 4. c) Committee on Honors and Awards (continued)

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

"To close off debate on Mandelbaum's motion."

Mandelbaum's motion - passed.

## d) Amendment - To change the cut-off point for Cum Laude from 3.5 to 3.4 - failed.

Amendment (Bigman) - "To change the cut-off point for Cum Laude from 3.5 to 3.35."

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

"To close off debate on Bigman's amendment."

Bigman's amendment - failed.

## e) Amendment - To change the cut-off point for Magna Cum Laude from 3.75 to 3.6.

MOTION: Duly made (B. Weinberg), seconded and passed:

"To close off debate on Magna Cum Laude amendment."

Amendment - failed.

Amendment (Klein) - "To make the cut-off point for Magna Cum Laude from 3.75 to 3.6."

Klein's amendment - failed.

## f) Amendment - To change the cut-off point for Summa Cum Laude from 3.9 to 3.8 - failed.

## g) Amendment (Stern) - "To amend effective date from February 1978 to February 1979."

MOTION: Duly made (L. Hill), seconded and failed:

"To close off debate on all previous questions."

Amendment (Leibel) to Stern's amendment - "To amend effective date from February 1978 to February 1981."

MOTION: Duly made (Weinberg), seconded and failed:

"To close off debate on all previous questions."

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

"To close off debate on Leibel's amendment to Stern's amendment."

Leibel's amendment - failed.

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

"To close off debate on Stern's amendment."

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## 4. g) Committee on Honors and Awards (continued)

Stern's amendment - failed.

## h) MOTION: Duly made (Stemple), seconded and failed:

"To close off debate on original motion and move to Hechler's substitute motion."

## i) Amendment (Stalbow) - "To change the effective date from February 1978 to July 1978."

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

"To close off debate on Stalbow's amendment."

Stalbow's amendment - passed.

## j) Amendment (Laster) - "Be it further resolved, that before the implementation date of July 1978, the Committee on Honors and Awards be required to present a report to the Academic Senate indicating whether or not the predicted percentages of 25% have been met."

Friendly amendment (Mandelbaum) - "A statistical breakdown of percentages of students graduating with indexes above each decimal point of 3.0."

Laster accepted Mandelbaum's friendly amendment.

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

"To close off debate on Laster/Mandelbaum amendment."

Laster/Mandelbaum amendment - passed.

Original motion perfected, move to Hechler's Substitute Motion:

## k) Amendment (Hechler) to his substitute motion, to add - "effective July 1978."

## l) Amendment (Ledley) - "provided, however, that the standards of honors Summa, Magna, and Cum Laude, should be granted for approximately 15% of any graduating class."

MOTION: Duly made (Schiavo), and seconded:

"To refer Hechler's substitute motion to the Committee on Honors and Awards before consideration."

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

"To close off debate on all previous questions."

(Gasper) request for quorum call. There was a quorum present.

MOTION: Duly made (Klasner), seconded and failed:

"To adjourn."

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## 4. 1) Committee on Honors and Awards (continued)

Schiavo's motion - failed.

Ledley's amendment to Hechler's Substitute Motion - passed.

Hechler's Substitute Motion, as amended - failed.

## m) Vande Kieft's Motion, as amended - passed as follows:

"Resolved: Honors degrees shall be awarded to graduating seniors, effective July 1978, according to the following cutoff points on the cumulative index:

Summa Cum Laude	3.9
Magna Cum Laude	3.75
Cum Laude	3.5

Be it further resolved: that before the implementation date of July 1978, the Committee on Honors and Awards be required to present a statistical breakdown of percentages of students graduating with indexes above each decimal point of 3.0."

## 5. MOTION: Duly made (Hechler), and seconded:

"To call Senate meetings at 3:00 p.m."

(Klasner) request for quorum call. There was no quorum present.

## 6. MOTION: Duly made (Klasner), seconded and passed:

"To adjourn."

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. Next regular meeting on Thursday, March 10, 1977 at 3:30 p.m.