

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF QUEENS COLLEGE  
 Kiely Hall - room 170

March 10, 1988

1. The Holder of the Chair, Dr. Elizabeth S. Boylan, called the meeting to order at 3:58 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda -
  - a) MOTION: Duly made (Lord), seconded and passed:
 

"To amend the agenda and make item IV-a) under Committee Reports, the awarding of honorary degrees at the Queens College 1988 commencement."
  - b) MOTION: Duly made (Temsamani), seconded and passed:
 

"To amend the agenda and place under New Business a proposal by the Day Student Senate on Submission of Final Grades."

Seeing no further amendments, the agenda was adopted - as amended.
3. Announcements:
  - a) Attached to the Executive Committee meeting minutes of December 23, 1987, enclosed with today's agenda, is the final version of the three-year Academic Calendar 1988-1990.
  - b) The Chair reported the progress on Report I of the Board of Trustees Task Force on Education Programs and Curriculum Impact.
 

Petitions have been circulated, and up to the present date, there are 384 signatures from 28 departments. BOT Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 1988, at 4:00 p. m., 535 E. 80th Street, room 104.
4. Dr. James Mittelman, Dean of Faculty for Division of Social Sciences, addressed the Academic Senate.
5. The Chair asked the Senate's consent to fill vacant seats on Academic Senate committees. There were no objections.
  - a) The following faculty member was nominated to the Elections Committee:
 

Margaret Gallagher - E.C.P. (to December 1989)

Seeing no further nominations, the Chair asked the Secretary, "to cast one ballot for the nominee."
  - b) The following faculty member was nominated to the Campus Affairs Committee:
 

Helen Johnson - E.E.C.E. (to December 1989)

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

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## 5. Nominations and elections to Senate Committees (continued)

- c) The following student was nonminated to the Course and Faculty Evaluation Committee:

Claudia Lane

(to December 1989)

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

- d) The following student was nominated to the Undergraduate Admissions and Re-entry Standards Committee for the at large seat:

Eslyn Persaud

(to December 1988)

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

## 6. Committee Reports:

- I. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Thurber) -  
(Undergraduate Curriculum Committee proposals of February 11, 1988, as distributed).

## Major Items:

- a) MOTION: Duly made, and passed: (page 1)

"To adopt CHANGES IN THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPLIED MATHEMATICS OPTION (HEGIS 1701):

From: Computer Science Track Requirements - Computer Science 221 and one course chosen from 203, 301, 341

To: Computer Science Track Requirements - Any two courses chosen from Computer Science 103, 301, 341, 641, 645."

- b) MOTION: Duly made, and passed: (page 2)

"To adopt new course in Home Economics No. 350. Practicum in Personal and Family Finance."

- c) MOTION: Duly made, and passed: (page 3)

"To adopt additions to Listing of Courses Satisfying the Queens College Liberal Arts and Sciences Area Requirements, Physical and Biological Sciences B - Geology 12. Natural Disasters."

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## 6. Committee Reports (continued)

II. Graduate Curriculum Committee (Dean Pflaum) -  
 (Graduate Curriculum Committee proposals of December 23, 1987,  
 as distributed).

## Major Items:

- a) MOTION: Duly made, and passed: (pages 1,2,3,4)

"To adopt new courses in Biology:

722.1 Endocrinology  
 724.6 Behavior and Evolution  
 753.3 Molecular Basis of Development  
 790.4 Seminar in Molecular Genetics  
 790.8 Seminar in Biomathematics  
 793.2 Seminar in Zoogeography  
 793.4 Seminar in Animal Behavior  
 793.5 Seminar in Cell Biology."

- b) MOTION: Duly made, and passed: (page 5)

"To adopt new courses in Department of Elementary and Early  
 Childhood Education and Services, No. 732 Instructional  
 Strategies for Mainstreaming Students; No. 733 Curriculum  
 Adaptation for Mainstreaming."

## Minor Changes:

- MOTION: Duly made, and passed: (pages 6,7,8,9)

"To adopt changes in Biology courses; Home Economics course;  
 Department of Home Economics/Department of Secondary Education  
 and Youth Services course; courses withdrawn in Economics."

III. ORAL REPORTS ON BOT TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS: Dean Pflaum for the  
 Graduate Curriculum Committee and Dr. Thurber for the Undergraduate  
 Curriculum Committee:

Dean Pflaum: "The Graduate Curriculum Committee has not yet discussed  
 the Task Force Report; we are weighing the resolutions. As a point of  
 information, only one of the 21 recommendations have to do with  
 graduate curriculum and that is the development of BA/MA Programs,  
 and we have yet to discuss it."

Dr. Thurber (excerpts): "Most of them seem reasonably well taken;  
 many of them could have been taken from an agenda of the Queens  
 College School of Education. You will see some proposals from the  
 Department of Elementary Education at the next meeting. Most of the  
 other recommendations are also within the purview of the School of  
 Education, because they deal with matters of education. We have no  
 comment to make about them at this time.

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## 6. III. Dr. Thurber's Oral Report (continued)

There are....proposals that seem to be of general concern to the Academic Senate.

"That the College review its general education requirements and curriculum. ....We are in the process of reviewing the curriculum on several levels, and we will probably have a report from the LASAR subcommittee at the end of the semester and we will probably be looking at some proposals from the Senate next fall. Other recommendations deal with ....a cap on the number of education courses that a student may take.

The second recommendation specifies that a student in the Education Program should major in a discipline or in a liberal studies major. As far as the liberal studies major, I am not clear what this is supposed to be. It will probably require a different degree, perhaps a Bachelor of Philosophy, and as I understand it this will require an amendment to the master plan; not something that can be done easily. As far as the general education requirements are concerned, one could at least propose that the present general requirements are not sufficient for those that are intending to become teachers, nor are they sufficiently well specified.

As far as the majors are concerned, there are relatively few majors presently in the College that seem ideally suited to become elementary school teachers. We have a proposal that might be helpful and that is that those departments who would be interested cooperate with the School of Education in designing joint majors which allow for more efficient use to the credits available to the student and also allow the tailoring of major programs which are perhaps more suitable for elementary school teachers."

## IV. A. Campus Affairs Committee (Lord) -

MOTION: Duly made, and passed:

"To award honorary degrees to Michael Harrington, Professor of Political Science at Queens College, and Czeslaw Milosz, Professor Emeritus of the University of California, Berkley, at the 1988 Queens College commencement."

## B. Campus Affairs Committee resolution:

MOTION: Duly made:

"Whereas, the sale of complimentary copies of textbooks by faculty members is of questionable ethics and of negative financial consequences to students purchasing textbooks;

Be it resolved, that the Academic Senate will make faculty members aware of the negative impact of this practice and will discourage them from participating in it."

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## 6. IV. B. Campus Affairs Committee resolution (continued)

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

"To recommit the resolution to the Campus Affairs Committee for documentation."

b) MOTION: Duly made (Kleinberg), seconded and passed:

"To call all previous questions."

c) Hechler's motion - failed.

d) Motion to adopt Campus Affairs Committee resolution - passed.

## 7. New Business:

I. MOTION: Duly made (Temsamani), and seconded:

"To reaffirm the current policy for the Submission of Final Grades (passed by the Academic Senate April 9, 1981), which reads as follows:

'A. All members of the faculty are required to submit final grades to the Registrar within 4 (four) working days (not to exceed 7 (seven) calendar days) of giving the final examination or terminal meeting of each course they teach.'

and to adopt B and C as follows:

B. The Academic Senate requests that the Provost set a deadline date each semester for the submission of grades and that the names of all faculty members who fail to submit grades by the deadline date be published, and

C. that the Academic Senate further requests that the Provost inform the body of the actions that will be taken by the end of March."

MOTION: Duly made (Thurber), and seconded:

"To substitute item B. as follows:

"That all members of the faculty are required to submit final grades to the Registrar within two weeks of the last day of final examinations in the fall semester, and within one week of the last day of final examinations in the spring semester."

Chair: If we pass B, it would supersede A.

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## 7. Motion on Submission of Final Grades (continued)

Amendment (Pecoraro): "To add after the word, 'semester', the following words:

"and that the names of all faculty members who fail to submit grades by the deadline date be published."

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

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

Pecoraro's amendment - passed.

Amendment (Hechler): "That the spring semester grades should be submitted ten days after the last day of final exams.

Hechler's amendment was not seconded.

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

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

Thurber's motion, as amended - passed.

Chair: We are now voting on item C.

Seeing no further debate, the Chair called for an immediate vote.

Item C passed with editorial revision, as follows:

"That the Provost inform the Academic Senate by the end of March, of the actions that will be taken."

There was no further business. The agenda was completed.

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

"To adjourn."

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m. Next Regular meeting of the Academic Senate, Thursday, April 14, 1988, at 3:35 p.m.