

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

March 8, 1990

1. The Holder of the Chair, Ruth H. Frisz, called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda -
  - a) MOTION: Duly made (A. Ludman), and seconded:
 

"To amend the agenda and place under New Business as item 7-a) the following Motion:

"To discharge from the Undergraduate Scholastic Standards Committee the motion concerning the P/NC grade referred to the Committee by the last Academic Senate."

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

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

Ludman's motion - passed.

Seeing no further amendments, the agenda was adopted - as amended.
3. Approval of Minutes -
  - a) MOTION: Duly made, and passed:
 

"To adopt Academic Senate meeting minutes of February 8, 1990, as distributed, with a correction on page 49, item F-a), to add the words, ("no classes") after March 29 - Good Friday."
  - b) It is to be noted that all motions made by Pecoraro is to show the letter "D." before his name!
4. Announcements, Administrative Reports, and Memorials:
  - a) The election for a faculty SS seat on the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee which took place at the February 8, 1990, Academic Senate meeting is null and void due to an administrative error, since there was no vacancy. That seat is filled by Dr. Keith Eubank.
  - b) The practice at Queens College is not to award honorary degrees at commencement ceremonies to absent recipients.
 

Mr. Milton Glazer was recommended for an honorary degree last year, but could not attend commencement 1989. He will be awarded an honorary degree at the June 1990 commencement.

Dr. Stephen Gould will be unable to attend the June 1990 commencement. If an honorary degree is approved by the Academic Senate, he will be awarded the degree at June 1991 commencement.

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## 4. Announcements (continued)

The policy on honorary degrees from the Office of Academic Affairs, is: "The Chancellor's informal policy has been to approve, under normal circumstances, the award of honorary degrees only to persons who have not previously been so honored by any of the University's units."

## 5. Committee Reports:

## A. Campus Affairs Committee (S. Kephida) -

## a) MOTION: Duly made:

"To confer honorary degrees at Queens College commencement ceremony June 1990, to the following:

Sister Isolina Ferre, Missionary  
 Professor Stephen J. Gould, Prof. of Zoology at Harvard Univ.  
 Professor Geoffrey Hartman, Prof. of Comp. Lit. at Yale Univ.  
 Mr. Nelson Mandela, Leader of the African National Congress

The Chair asked the Body's permission to divide the question on the vote for honorary degrees. There was no objection.

Motion to confer honorary degree to Sister Isolina Ferre - passed  
 Motion to confer honorary degree to Prof Stephen Gould - passed  
 Motion to confer honorary degree to Prof. Geoffrey Hartman - passed  
 Motion to confer honorary degree, by acclamation, to Mr. Nelson Mandela - failed.  
 Motion to confer honorary degree to Mr. Nelson Mandela - passed.

## B. Nominating Committee (Tortora) -

## I. Nominations to the Search Committee for Dean of School of Education:

## a) The following faculty were nominated for the Division of the Arts and Humanities:

David Walker

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

## b) The following faculty were nominated for the Division of Mathematics and Natural Sciences:

Andrew Greller

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

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5. B. I. Nominations for Search Committee for Dean of School of Education  
(continued)

- c) The following faculty were nominated for the Division of Social Sciences:

James Higgins - Elementary & Early Childhood Education  
Jack Zevin - Secondary Education & Youth Services  
Lee Ann Truesdell - Educational & Community Programs

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

- d) The following students were nominated for the Division of the Arts and Humanities:

Alaina Serao

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

- e) The following students were nominated for the Division of Social Sciences:

Lawrence Kohn - Elementary & Early Childhood Education  
Daniel Lew - Political Science

The following student was nominated from the floor:

David Pecoraro - Education, Administration & Supervision

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

- f) There is one open student seat for the Division of Mathematics and Natural Sciences. There were no nominations.

II. The following students were elected to vacant seats on the Elections Committee:

Ronald Raphael (to 1991)  
Jack Yachbes (to 1990)

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

III. Course and Faculty Evaluation Committee Report (C. Bissainthe) -

Recommendation to continue with the present Course and Faculty Evaluation form.

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## 5. B. Committee Reports (continued)

- IV. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Thurber) -  
 (Undergraduate Curriculum Committee proposals dated January  
 25, 1990, as distributed):

## Minor Items:

- a) MOTION: Duly made, and passed: (Pages 1 thru 4)

"To adopt minor changes in courses in Anthropology,  
 Mathematics.

Editorial Change on Pg. 4 of proposals: line 13 after No. 333, to  
 read (613) instead of 617.

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

"To adopt additions to "Listing of Courses Satisfying  
 the Queens College Liberal arts and Sciences Area  
 Requirements", Pre-Industrial and/or Non-Western  
 Civilization and Social Sciences - Africana Studies  
 Nos. 101 and 102."

- V. Undergraduate Scholastic Standards Committee (F. Curcio) -  
 Recommendation regarding the "F" grade (as distributed today)

- a) MOTION: Duly made:

"To adopt the following resolution:

"Whereas, external agencies use the students record in making  
 professional judgments as to the student's fitness for the  
 positions for which the student may be applying, and

Whereas, the same record is used by Offices of the College  
 to determine such things as honors and awards, financial aid,  
 admission to a major, and admission to programs leading to  
 the Masters degree, and

Whereas, these agencies and offices rely upon the reputation  
 and practice of the institution to provide an honest state-  
 ment of the student's academic record, and

Whereas, the student's record should accurately reflect, in  
 its entirety, the academic progress of a student, therefore,

Be it resolved, that the Executive Committee of the Academic  
 Senate inform the University that:

All grades received in courses taken at Queens College shall  
 be recorded on the transcript."

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5. V. a) Undergraduate Scholastic Standards Committee resolution  
(continued)

Editorial Change (Speidel) - "To add the words "are/and" after the words, 'Queens College, and before the word, 'shall'."

Editorial Change (Alsop) - "To change the words, 'are/and' to the word, 'must'."

Amendment (Fields) - "To add the following words before the words, 'All grades received....': "That the Academic Senate of Queens College affirms the current policy that...."

Last sentence to read: "That the Academic Senate of Queens College affirms the current policy that all grades received in courses taken at Queens College be recorded on the transcript."

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

"To close off debate on Fields' amendment."

Fields' amendment - passed.

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

Resolution - as amended - passed.

- b) MOTION: Duly made:

"To adopt the following resolution (distributed today):

"Whereas, graduate schools, professional schools, and other agencies recompute the grade-point average based upon their own standards, including all grades on the transcript, and convert grades such as P or NC to D or F respectively, and

Whereas, replacing a grade in computing the grade-point average may give students a false sense of security as to the quality of their work, and

Whereas, replacing a grade in computing the grade-point average is a step in the direction of grade inflation, and

Whereas, the credibility of the College reflects upon all its students and faculty, therefore

Be it resolved, that the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate shall inform the University Senate that:

(MORE)

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5. V. b) Undergraduate Scholastic Standards Committee resolution  
(continued)

"Queens College elects to continue the current policy of computing the grade-point average by including the original and subsequent grades when courses are repeated."

Amendment by Substitution (Speidel) - last sentence to read:

"The Academic Senate of Queens College adopt the policy that effective September 1, 1990, the computation of the grade-point average shall include only the last earned grade when courses are repeated."

Editorial change (Speidel): "delete the words, 'September 1, 1990' after the word, 'effective' and replace with the words, 'beginning of the next academic year.'"

Sentence to read: The Academic Senate of Queens College adopt the policy that beginning of the next academic year the computation of the grade-point average shall include only the last earned grade when courses are repeated."

MOTION: Duly made (D. Passantino), seconded and passed:

"To close off debate on Speidel's Substitute Amendment."

Speidel's Substitute Amendment - passed.

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

Resolution - as amended - passed.

Resolutions 'a' and 'b' shall be referred to the University Faculty Senate.

VI. Special Committee on Governance (Fields) -

Notice of Intent: Bylaw change Article VII, Section 24, L. 2.  
Policy Board on Administration: To delete Ex officio (nonvoting) membership, Vice-President for Academic Administrative Services, and add - Ex officio (nonvoting) Provost.

6. New Business:

- a) MOTION: Duly made (A. Ludman), and seconded:

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6. New Business - Ludman's Motion (continued)

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

"To postpone the discussion of the Ludman Motion until the next scheduled meeting of the Academic Senate on April 5, 1990, and place the Motion after Committee Reports under Old Business."

c) MOTION: Duly made:

"To close off debate on Alsop's Motion."

d) (J. Wesh) Request for a quorum call.

There was no quorum present.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Continuation Academic Senate meeting on Thursday, March 22, 1990, with one item only (Ludman/Alsop) motions.

