

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

March 14, 1996

1. The Holder of the Chair, David Speidel, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

a. MOTION: Duly made (Pecoraro):

"To rescind the action of February 15, 1996 concerning attendance."

Chair ruled motion to rescind out of order, upheld on appeal. Chair ruled motion to repeal in order for present meeting with two-thirds vote. Request to add Motion to Repeal to the April agenda was ruled in order.

b. MOTION: Duly made (Strekas), seconded and passed:

"To amend the agenda, to add under Committee Reports as item a., Honors and Awards Committee report."

c. MOTION: Duly made (Peralta), seconded and passed:

"To amend the agenda, to add under Committee Reports, nominations for Governance and Elections Committees."

3. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Duly made, and passed:

"To adopt Academic Senate minutes of February 15, 1996, as amended."

4. Announcements, Administrative Reports, and Memorials:

a. Ron Friedman announced that Sensitivity Day will be April 17; anyone wishing to participate will be able to sign up at next week's Senate meeting.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Honors and Awards Committee (Strekas):

MOTION: Duly made, and passed:

"The Queens College Campus Ministers Scholarship is provided annually by the Queens College Campus Ministers to a graduating senior who has done the most to foster harmony among the various religious traditions and to promote spiritual and ethical growth on campus."

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5. Committee Reports (continued):

b. Graduate Curriculum Committee (Wochinger):

MOTION: Duly made, and passed:

"To approve the recommendations of the Graduate Curriculum Committee dated 12/11/95, as distributed."

Major Item:

Geology 504. ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS., 4 hr. (2 lec. hr.; 2 lab. hr.): 3 cr. Field trips. The scientific analysis of important environmental issues is presented and various solutions are discussed. Included are case history examples of human impact on the physical environment, such as toxic waste disposal, sludge management, pollution of the potable groundwater supply, sewage effluent, contamination of estuaries and anthropogenic cause of redtides, among others. Proposals are offered on land-use planning and on strategies for energy consumption, agriculture and manufacturing.

c. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Lord):

i. MOTION: Duly made, and passed:

"To adopt the recommendations of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee dated 2/8/96, as distributed."

Change in title:

Political Science 101, Introduction to Political Science.

ii. MOTION: Duly made, and passed:

"To adopt the recommendations of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee dated 2/22/96, items 1-5."

1. Biology: New course:

Biology 24. Biology and Society

2. Addition to LASAR requirements:

Physical and Biological Sciences, Group B.

Biology 24, Biology and Society.

3. Addition to LASAR requirements, Humanities I, Tier 2 and Pre-Industrial/Non-Western Civilization:

Department of Classical, Middle Eastern and Asian Languages and Cultures.

Korean 150: Korean Literature in Translation. 3 hours, 3 credits.

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5.c. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Report (continued):

4. Hispanic Languages and Literatures:

Change in title and description:

Spanish 41. Masterpieces of Hispanic Literature in Translation.
3 hr., 3 cr.; Prerequisite: English 110.

Readings in English translation of some outstanding works of Hispanic Literature from its beginnings to the twentieth century, illustrating a variety of genres. The specific works to be considered will vary from semester to semester and from section to section, and will be announced in advance.

Change in title:

Spanish 50. Hispanic Cinema.

Spanish 60. Hispanic Literature and Culture in the United States.

Spanish 227. Introduction to Hispanic Literature.

5. Addition to LASAR requirements, Humanities III.

Department of European Languages and Literatures.

German 283, Renaissance, Reformation and Baroque.

3 hours, 3 credits.

The age of science and discovery: the Renaissance, the Reformation, the Wars of Religion, the Thirty Years War, and the emergence of the Baroque style in art, literature and music.

iii. MOTION: Duly made, and passed:

"To adopt the recommendations of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee dated 2/22/96, item 6."

6. Change in the Physical and Biological Sciences LASAR requirement (1995-6 Bulletin, p. 46):

If you intend to major in physics or psychology, then at least one of the two courses used to complete this requirement must be in a department other than the department in which you major. Students completing majors in biology, chemistry and biochemistry, computer science or geology are considered to have fulfilled these two area requirements.

iv. MOTION: Duly made, and passed:

"To adopt the recommendations of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee dated 2/22/96, item 7."

7. Change in the Foreign Language Requirement (1995-6 Bulletin, p. 40):

All baccalaureate students must attain a knowledge of a foreign language equivalent to three semesters of study at the college level...

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5.c. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Report (continued):

2. Students who have studied a foreign language or whose native language is not English may be exempted from part or all of this requirement by passing one of the competency examinations administered by the foreign language departments. They may also be exempted from part or all of this requirement on the basis of scores obtained on other externally administered examinations approved by the foreign language departments or, in the case of American Sign Language, by the Office of Special Services...

The effective date is now.

d. Nominating Committee (M.E. Passantino):

- i. The following students were nominated to fill the open student seats on the Special Committee on Governance:

Joshua Glatt (to 1997), Michael Gottfried (to 1996), Alain Sanon (to 1996)

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

- ii. The following students were nominated to fill the open student seats on the Elections Committee:

Victoria Guerra (to 1996)

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

6. Old Business:

- i. Resolution on 128 Credits (Rothenberg):

Editorial change: The third Whereas,the consultation of

MOTION: Duly made, seconded, and passed unanimously:

"RESOLVED The Academic Senate of Queens College opposes the unilateral reduction of credits required for undergraduate degrees, and urges the Administration and Board of Trustees of the City University of New York to rescind the Board of Trustees Resolution mandating the reduction of credits required for graduation."

7. New Business:

- i. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Lord):

Discussion item: Change in the English Composition Requirements.

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MOTION: Duly made, and passed:

"To move into a quasi committee of the whole."

A lengthy discussion followed. Senator Lord stipulated the desire for administrative support for next week's meeting.

MOTION: Duly made, and passed:

"To come out of the quasi committee of the whole."

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

"To adjourn."

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m. A Special Limited Senate Meeting is scheduled for March 21, 1996 at 3:35 p.m.

