

# Queensborough Community College Of the City University of New York

## Minutes of the Library Committee A Standing Committee of the Academic Senate

Date: November 21, 2012

From: Joanne Chang

To: Dr. Emily Tai, Chair of the Academic Senate Steering Committee  
Dr. Lana Zinger, Secretary of the Academic Steering Committee

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The meeting began at 12:00pm and ended at 1:00pm

Committee members in attendance: Prof. Jeanne Galvin, Prof. Diane Carey, Dr. Joanne Chang, and Prof. Liz Di Giorgio

- Approval of March and September 2012 minutes
- Discussion of question that arose at CETL workshop on “Making Cultural Connections: Diversity & Global Learning Across the Curriculum” as to whether the library offers sufficient publications to support diversity and global learning as part of a new High Impact Strategy. Prof. Galvin pointed out *Ethnic News Watch* includes various ethnic group publications. Since it’s impossible to digitalize everything, the purchases and subscriptions of e-books and journals are available online.
- Going over the Library Committee’s charges. Understand and discuss the responsibilities in the following areas:
  1. Two work stations for American Disability Act (ADA) in the library available for wheelchair students.
  2. Space in library - inadequate space in library. Could always use more.
  3. Committee agrees to review our Committee Guide in advance of our next meeting to consider whether revisions are necessary.
  4. Baruch College library offers library minor degree and library courses for students.
  5. LIB101 experimental course was to be replaced by New INTE (interdisciplinary) library course, a credit-bearing 200 series one; however, although it was approved by the Curriculum Committee and the Academic Senate, it was not approved by the Pathways Review Committee.
  6. Prof. Carey raised questions in regard to visually impaired computer software availability at computer stations for students. Prof. Galvin responded that there is adaptive software in the Academic Computer Center but not in the library. Prof. DiGiorgio agrees to contact Services for Students with Disabilities to see what sort of assistive software is available.

7. There is a library inside the Holocaust Center for holocaust resources. However, the catalogue for that is in the main library building.
8. Prof. Galvin will check out the information for long term planning for library services in the CUNY Master Plan
9. Discussion regarding a request made by the Steering Committee of the Academic Senate and the Academic Freedom Committee for an Academic Freedom bookshelf in the Queensborough archives room. Professor Galvin discusses the problems of finding physical space for such a shelf and proposes the possible alternative of a LIB Guide entitled "Academic Freedom" that could be featured on the Library website homepage and that would feature links to material available in digital form and a guide to material that is available in non-digital form.

Schedule of next Library Committee meeting Wednesday Dec. 12, 2012 at 12pm.