

**The Committee on Bylaws**  
Minutes for 28 April 2004  
Submitted by Susan Jacobowitz

Present: Peter Bales, Chair  
Paul Genko  
Paul Marchese  
Susan Jacobowitz  
Jorge Fanjul  
Kevin Kelly  
Belle Birchfield

Absent: Jannette Treue

**Changes.** We are sad to be losing Paul Genko to a new committee assignment but are happy to welcome Kevin Kelly and Belle Birchfield. Jorge Fanjul will be leaving to continue his studies – we are happy for him and want to wish him well and thank him for his dedicated service to the committee and to Queensborough. The incoming president of the student government will be the new student representative.

**Honors Committee.** The recommendation to elevate the Honors Committee from a special committee to a standing committee, The Committee on the Honors Program, is not yet ready to present at the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Senate. There are some issues to discuss and Peter Bales will attend a meeting with President Marti and others on Friday morning and report back to the members of the committee. The result is that it will be likely that this project will have to be tabled until next year.

**Bylaws.** Curiosity was expressed about where the actual bylaws can be reviewed; apparently they are online and can be accessed through the Queensborough website.

**Election of the new chair.** Susan Jacobowitz was elected incoming chair by a vote of 4 to 0 and looks forward to serving.

**Faculty Survey.** This survey is part of the Middle States evaluation but it's unclear exactly who created it, and to what purpose. We are preparing a list of comments and concerns to forward to Debbie Fitzgerald-Royce, as per her request. The last survey was distributed in 1997. It would be helpful to know what was done with the results of that survey. Since the survey appears to want to keep subjects anonymous but in fact does not and seems to potentially serve several different agendas, there are many questions that need to be addressed and clarifications that need to be provided.

The meeting was adjourned without setting a definite time or place for our next meeting.