

Minutes on Committee on Environment, Quality of Life, and Disability Issues
Wednesday April 1, 2015

Present: Leah Anderst, Sebastian Murolo, Weier Ye, Sheila Beck, Ben Frier, Clara Wajngurt, Jung Joon Lee, Peter Bales, Patricia Kinneary

- I. Minutes from March 11th, 2015 Committee Meeting were approved and accepted.

- II. An Anti-Bullying Statement was presented to the Committee by Clara Wajngurt. It is a shorter version of the original statement and was written this way to avoid confusion about whether the Statement could be considered a statement or a policy. The Statement does not include a definition of bullying, as it was determined that a definition of bullying would be difficult and complex and can be interpreted differently by individuals. As well, the Chancellor of CUNY has decided the CUNY Colleges cannot come up with their own definition of bullying. CUNY Central has not come up with a definition as yet and there is no timeline for one. The Statement is an acknowledgement that bullying exists and that the QCC College Community is against it. The Statement will be presented to the Academic Senate, at their meeting on April 14th, for approval. If passed by the Academic Senate the Statement will go into the College Handbook. The Anti-Bullying Statement was voted on by this Committee and passed unanimously.

- III. Peter Bales, from the Academic Senate, was in attendance and was interested in how this Committee is doing and what our focus is. The Senate Committee is looking at various College Committees to update and improve them. Discussion took place regarding the various Committee charges, including this committee's charges to request and review a variety of reports from campus offices. It was decided this Committee would focus more on ways to improve quality of life on campus. The Committee will make resolutions for such improvements and present them to the Senate for passing.