

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
The City University of New York

Committee on Committees of the Academic Senate

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Emily Tai, Secretary
 Steering Committee of the Academic Senate

FROM: Dr. Thomas J. Gerson, Chairperson
 The Committee on Committees

DATE: August 15, 2005

SUBJECT: Committee on Committees Annual Report, 2004 -2005

Committee Members for 2004 -2005 were:

Name	Department	Expiration of Term
Thomas J. Gerson	ECET	May, 2005
Julia Ortiz-Griffin	Foreign Lang.	May, 2005
George Thorsen	Library	May, 2005
Peter Bales	Social Sciences	May, 2006
Donna W. Dirico	Nursing	May, 2006
Linda Reesman	English	May, 2006
Raji Subramaniam	Biology	May, 2007
Jannette A. Treue Urciuoli	Student Affairs	May, 2007
Reuvain Zahavy	Mathematics	May, 2007

I. Organizational Meeting - Election of Officers of the Committee on Committees

At the organization meeting, held at the end of the spring 2004 semester, the newly elected members, Raji Subramaniam, Jannette A. Treue Urciuoli, and Reuvain Zahavy, were introduced.

Dr. Thomas Gerson (ECET) and Prof. George Thorsen (Library) were elected Chairperson and Secretary, respectively, for 2004 – 2005.

II. Vacancies Filled in Academic Senate and on Standing Committees

The Committee on Committees communicated via e-mail, voted electronically, and met from time to time to fill vacancies on the Academic Senate and Standing Committees.

1. Academic Senate Members-at-Large:

- **Jeffrey Hest's** April 2004 **election** for a 3 year term as Member At-Large **was ruled invalid**. As Prof. Hest had been elected the previous year and was already holding a seat in the Senate, he was ineligible to run again in the Spring 2004 elections. Jeffrey Hest continues to retain the Senate seat to which he was duly elected in April 2003.
- **Indra Avens**, of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, being next in order of votes cast, **was deemed duly elected to serve as an At-Large Member** for a three year term expiring in April 2007.
- **Kip Montgomery**, of the Department of Music, next in order of votes cast, was **appointed to serve as an At-Large Member, replacing Emily Tai** of the Department of History, for the balance of Dr. Tai's sabbatical leave. As Dr. Tai was on leave when running for the Senate, this appointment took effect immediately upon Dr. Tai's election.
- **Raji Subramaniam**, of the Department of Biological Sciences and Geology, next in order of votes cast, was **appointed an At-Large Member of the Senate, replacing Jo Ann Wein** for the balance of the unexpired term. **Dr. Wein continues to serve in the Senate** by virtue of her election as Chairperson of the Department of Art and Photography.
- **Hamid Namdar**, of the Department of Electrical and Computer Technology, next in order of votes cast, was appointed to fill the seat of Irina Rutenburg for the balance the unexpired term. Dr. Rutenburg resigned her seat because a conflict between her teaching schedule and Senate meetings.
- **Robert Kueper**, of the Department of Electrical and Computer Technology, next in order of votes cast, was appointed to fill the seat of Karin Gapper for the balance the unexpired term. Prof. Gapper resigned her seat as a course required for completion of her doctoral studies conflicted with Senate meeting times

2. Replacements on Standing Committees of the Academic Senate

- **Anita Ferdenzi**, of the Department of Social Sciences and **Karen Grant** of the Department of Business were appointed to fill newly created seats on the **Committee of Academic Development/Elective Academic Programs**.
- **Patricia Allaire**, of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science was appointed to the **Committee on Course and Standing, replacing Joseph Nagler** who resigned upon assuming his post as Chair of the Department of Music.
- **Elyn Feldman**, of the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Dance was appointed to the **Committee on Course and Standing, replacing Jo Ann Wein** who resigned upon assuming her new post as Chair of the Department of Art and Photography. Subsequently, it was discovered that Prof. Feldman's teaching schedule conflicted with the established meeting times of the Committee. Prof. Feldman agreed

to continue serving on the committee until the beginning of the fall semester, when a replacement would be named.

- **Regina Rochford**, of the Department of Basic Educational Skills, was appointed to the **Committee on Course and Standing**, effective with the beginning of the fall semester, **replacing Elyn Feldman** who resigned due to a schedule conflict as described above.
- **Elyn Feldman**, of the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Dance was appointed to the **Committee Academic Development/Elective Academic Programs** **replacing Amy Bieber** who resigned in August for personal reasons.
- **Jenny Lin-Martinez**, of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, was appointed to the Committee on Awards and Scholarships, **replacing Christine Atkins**, who resigned her position with the Department of English.
- **Craig Weber**, of the Department of Mechanical Engineering Technology and Design Drafting, was appointed to the **Committee on Bylaws**. Prof. Weber **replacing Jannette Treue Urciuoli** of the Department of Student Affairs. Ms. Treue continues her service to the College as a member of the Committee on Committees.
- **Richard Mandel**, of the Department of Business, was appointed to the **Committee on Course and Standing**. Dr. Mandel replaced Paul Gengo of the Department of Business. Dr. Gengo resigned because his teaching schedule conflicted with the established meeting times of the Committee.
- **Paul Gengo**, of the Department Business, was appointed to the **Committee on Awards and Scholarships**. Dr. Gengo replaced Reuvain Zahavy of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. Mr. Zahavy continues his service to the College as a member of the Committee on Committees.

III Standing Committees of the Academic Senate for 2005 -2006

Early in the spring 2005 semester, the Committee on Committees solicited applications for nomination to the Standing Committees for the 2005-2006 academic year. A total of 110 faculty members submitted applications for the 80 committee positions available. The Committee on Committees (COC) recommended a full slate of candidates to the Academic Senate; seven additional candidates were nominated by petition. At the April Senate meeting, the Committee on Committees’ slate was overwhelmingly approved by the Academic Senate.

At the April meeting, the Academic Senate also voted to establish a new Standing Committee on Writing Across the Disciplines/Writing Across the Curriculum (WID/WAC). The Committee on Committees subsequently appointed the following faculty members to serve on this newly formed Committee:

Alex Flamholz	Physics
Marvin Gayle	Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology
Maryann Magaldi	Nursing
Kip Montgomery	Music
Margot Small	Mathematics and Computer Science

The list of Standing committees for the 2005-2006 academic year is attached to this report.

IV. Academic Senate Elections

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Academic Senate, the Committee on Committees conducted an election to fill 14 Faculty Member-At-Large positions.

The results of the elections are attached to this report.

V. Electronic Voting

At the November 9, 2004 meeting of the Academic Senate, the Committee on Committees was charged with the responsibility of developing a secure system of electronic voting for Academic Senate related elections. The Committee began this process and will, from time to time, report to the Senate on its findings and recommendations in this regard.

Following the November 9th meeting, a sample ballot, provided courtesy of Campus-Vote.com, was posted. Invitations to participate in the balloting were sent to all Members of the Senate via e-mail. The message contained a clickable link containing a unique, randomly generated password. Clicking on the link opened the demonstration ballot access page and automatically logged-in the participant

As fewer than half of those eligible cast votes in this online voting demonstration, the Committee on Committees distributed a follow-up questionnaire to be returned anonymously by the members of the Senate. Of the 44 respondents, 29 indicated that they had participated in the online demo, 13 indicated that they hadn't participated, and two did not remember.

All but one of the respondents who indicated that they cast a ballot in the simulated election thought that the process was straightforward and relatively easy. The other participant thought that the process needed more explanation.

Of the 13 respondents who indicated that they hadn't participated in the online voting demonstration, 3 indicated that they didn't understand the process, 2 had problems with e-mail, 3 preferred written ballots, and 5 left the question blank. Also, 7 of the Senators who hadn't participated inadvertently deleted the e-mail containing the link to the ballot.

It is interesting to note that most of those who responded to the survey also participated in the online voting demonstration. A good number of Senators didn't participate in either one. Thus, thus an expectation of 100% participation in any election, whether online or traditional, would

appear to be unrealistic. That being said, it important to protect the rights of those who wish to participate, but are challenged by the process.

It is the consensus of the Committee on Committees that the Senate move forward with the implementation of online elections. The election which may be the easiest to implement would be the election of the At-large members of the Academic Senate.

VI. Outgoing Members

The chair wishes to thank Dr. Julia Ortiz-Griffin and Prof. George Thorsen for their dedicated service to the Committee. Their terms, as well as that of the chairperson, expired with the election of three new members of the Committee on Committees in May.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas J. Gerson, Chairperson
Committee on Committees
2004 - 2005 Academic Year

2005 – 2006 Standing Committees

Academic Development / Elective Academic Programs (5 members)				
Eder, A.	Elias, M.	Marcus, S.	Petersen, J	Ren, T.
Admissions (5 members)				
Anthony, W.	Deutsch, M.	Jankowski, J.	Mader, B.	Molloy, J
Awards and Scholarships (3 members)				
Dowlah, C.	Gengo, P.	Lin-Martinez, J.		
Bylaws (5 members)				
Birchfield, B.	Holt, R.	Jacobowitz, S.	Kelly, K.	Weber, C.
Ceremonial Occasions (7 members)				
Ansani, A.	Cohen, A.	Della Vecchia, E.	Dougherty, H.	Kincaid, S.
O'Donnell, H.	Sciammarella, S.			
Computer Resources (7 members)				
Altimari, M.	Burleson, G.	Ellerton, S.	Grant, K	Mangra, D.
Moh, N.	Thorsen, G.			
Continuing Education (3 members)				
Beck, S.	Poulsen, J.	Sehmi, S.		
Course and Standing (9 members)				
Allaire, P.	Capozzoli, G.	Chauhan, M.	Feldman, D	Mandel, R.
Marchese, P.	Menendez, A.	Raya, E.	Scal, R.	
Curriculum (7 members)				
Cotty, F.	Karimi, S.	Kolios, A.	Rusineck, R.	Tai, E.
Tully, N.	Yuster, R.			
Distance Education (5 members)				
Azrak, P.	Darcy, J.	Garfunkel, S.	Gerson, T.	Wallach, P.
Environment, Quality of Life and Disability Issues (5 members)				
Colalillo, G.	Edlin, M.	Katz, M.	Kim, Y.	Van Ells, M.
Gallery and Performing Arts (5 members)				
Carroll, J.	McGill, G.	Fernandes, M.	Golden, K.	Hest, J.
Library (3 members)				
Becker, R.	Rogers, B.	Trachman, M.		
Publications (3 members)				
Dunkelblau, H.	Harris, E.	Mertz, L.		
Student Activities (3 members)				
Blake-Campbell, B.	Perez, R.	Sporn, H.		
Writing Across the Disciplines/Writing Across the Curriculum (WID/WAC) (5 members)				
Flamholz, A.	Gayle, M.	Magaldi, M.	Montgomery, K.	Small, M.
Vendor Services (5 members)				
Clingan, E.	Marchitello, P.	Petterson, N	Rochford, R.	Yao, H.

Spring 2005 Election Results

Academic Senate Members-at-Large

Elections were held to fill fourteen (14) Faculty At-Large seats. Nominating petitions were submitted, in a timely fashion, by twenty (23) eligible members of the Faculty. They are listed below in the order of votes received in the election.

Valid Ballots = 152

Invalid Ballots = 9

Name	Department	Votes	Status
Robert Becker	English	108	Elected
Thomas J. Gerson	ECET	104	Elected
Anthony Kolios	Business	88	Elected
Kenneth Pearl	History	81	Elected
Julia Carroll	Basic Skills	80	Elected
Ken Golden	Art and Photography	80	Elected
Shailaja Nagarkatte	Mathematics	77	Elected
Frank Cotty	Biology and Geology	76	Elected
Phyllis Pace	Business	75	Elected
Kathleen Villani	Business	71	Elected
Devin Feldman	Library	67	Elected
Allan Kashkin	Music	60	Elected
Kip Montgomery	Music	57	Elected
Jenny Lin-Martinez	Foreign Languages	56	Alternate *
Richard Yuster	ECET	54	Elected
Regina Sullivan	Biology and Geology	51	Alternate
Geoffrey Burlison	Music	50	Alternate
Raji Subramaniam	Biology and Geology	48	Alternate
Dina Dahbany-Miraglia	Speech and Theatre Arts	47	Alternate
Laura Freedgood	Basic Skills	44	Alternate
Jilani Warsi	Basic Skills	37	Alternate
Hamid Namdar	ECET	32	Alternate
Simran Sehmi	Biology and Geology	32	Alternate

* May only be appointed to fill a seat vacated by a member of the same department. (Article I, Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Academic Senate states “No more than five (5) faculty members totally shall be permitted to be from any one department.”)