

**Queensborough Community College**  
The City University of New York

**Steering Committee Report**

**For the October 10, 2006 meeting of the  
Academic Senate**

**1. Senate Matters**

**Meetings**

Following the Bylaws there is a meeting of the Senate scheduled for January of 2007, however, it is not expected to be needed.

**Clicker Demo**

It is our understanding that there are not as yet a sufficient number of clickers of one manufacturer available on campus for use by the Senate. We will continue to monitor this situation and report again if it might become possible to offer a demonstration of the system for audience response at a future Senate meeting.

**2. Senate Bylaws**

We anticipate that we will soon be receiving recommendations for such changes to the Senate Bylaws as are made necessary by recent court decisions.

**3. Standing Committees**

Committees have their full compliment of faculty members and Presidential Designees and of liaisons from the Committee on Committees. The Student Government has been requested to supply the listing of student members and as soon as it is received appropriate actions will be taken to have students serving on the committees. Several designees to committees of the Steering Committee have become full members due to the departure of full members.

**Work in Progress**

The Committee on Bylaws will be presenting to the Senate during this academic year a number of proposals for revisions in the bylaws required by the court decision in the Perez v CUNY case and on the matter of the possible formation of a Committee on Academic Freedom.

The Committee on Ceremonial Occasions is engaged in reconsiderations of its Bylaws charges.

**4. Special Committees**

**Special Committee on General Education Objectives Review (2005-2007)**

The Committee has been meeting and it is believed it will have its final report and recommendations presented to the Senate in late spring as per its charge.

**Special Committee on Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities and Student Complaint Process (Fall2006)**

This Committee has been formed and has begun discussions on the Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities.

**The Special Committee on External Instruments for Evaluations and Assessments (2006-2007)**

This committee has five faculty members elected by the Senate and three administrators who will be meeting to begin their work while awaiting the remaining three appointees of the QCC Committee on Assessment, the QCC IRB Committee, and the Student Government.

**5. Steering Committee Award for Recognition of College Service and Contributions to Governance**

Nominations have been received and a request has been made to the President and the FEC to name representatives to a committee to review the nominations. The Steering Committee has named Senator Appleman to serve on this committee and as soon as the President and the FEC forward their nominees the committee may begin its work.

**6. Student Misconduct**

At the last meeting of the Academic Senate a faculty member made certain claims about the behavior of students and faculty and their "rights" etc... The remarks may have been a misrepresentation of the situation at the College with regard to faculty prerogatives and procedures for handling student misconduct. The next day a member of the Senate asked a question concerning classroom behavior at a meeting of the Senate Committee Chairpersons. The College has procedures for handling matters of student conduct in the classroom and for faculty who wish to report problems with student conduct. Faculty and staff are responsible for maintaining a proper learning environment and must act to prevent and halt disruptions in or to that environment. The Office of Student Affairs will be providing information on this matter and it will be made available to the Senate.