

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
The City University of New York

Academic Senate

Committee on Student Activities

To: Kathleen Villani, Secretary, Steering Committee, Academic Senate

From: Barbara Campbell, Chairperson

Date: July 31, 2006

Subject: Annual Report of the Committee on Student Activities for 2005/2006

Committee members: Howard Sporn (secretary), Cheryl Spencer (Steering Committee Liaison), Dean Jean-Pierre (Administrative Rep), Gisela Rivera (Director of Student Activities), Damaris Taveras and Renato Compres (student members).

The Committee on Student Activities met five times during the academic year. The Committee worked on several charges from the Steering Committee: to follow through with the proposed Committee on Student Achievements and Competitions and present to the Academic Senate, to investigate implementation of student welcome packet, to investigate continued feedback on Academic Integrity pamphlet, to monitor developments of College web site and to gather and disseminate information on student competitions and achievements and work with Committee on Bylaws regarding a revision to the Bylaws to include this.

At our first meeting it was reported to the committee that the recommendations for the formation of the Committee on Student Achievements and Competitions was rejected, and that some of the responsibilities of the proposed new committee will instead be accepted by the Student Activities Committee, including the gathering and disseminating information on student competitions and achievements.

The main focus of this committee was to promote academic, athletic, cultural and other achievements of Queensborough students, by reaching out to various department heads. Through our investigations, we learned that departments such as the Speech, Communication and Theatre Arts and the CUNY Language Immersion Programs already had effective ways in showcasing their students' achievements. Some suggestions for publicizing student's achievements included utilizing the electronic bulletin board, banners on the front lawn of the campus and making information available to Susan Curtis. Gisela Rivera suggested the need for another billboard or banner near the campus bus stop.

During Gisela's leave of absence, Ziomara Zamora served briefly in her position and later Joan Hunt. Ziomara reported that the student government is planning to purchase two additional electronic bulletin boards and that she would send email to faculty members to ensure more publicity for student achievements via this media as well as informing the Director of Marketing and Communications, Susan Curtis.

The College Web Site Developments was addressed by having the committee's secretary, Howard Sporn forward all Committee agendas and minutes to the QCC Webmaster, David Moretti. It was reported to the Committee that feedback on the Academic Integrity Pamphlet was being handled by Dean Jean-Pierre.

Committee Chair met with Susan Curtis and Acting Director of Student Activities, Joan Hunt on April 24, 2006 to discuss the revisions made to the Student Welcome Packet. The new welcome packet has been redesigned, more user friendly, and is now increased twice the size and is organized in a manner to better facilitate the enrollment process. The new additions include a welcome message from the President of the Student Government, a list of the student clubs and activities, more graphics highlighting the student diversity and engagement.

The student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities was presented to the Committee on two occasions. Some revisions were made, and on its final presentation it was approved by the Committee.

New Recommendations for 2006/2007

- Follow through on plans to secure additional electronic boards
- Continue to seek new and innovative ways to showcase students' achievements
- Monitor college website
- Follow through with feedback on the new welcome packet

New Committee members for 2006/2007

Blake-Campbell, Barbara, Counihan, Beth (New Chair), Reeves, Sharon
Committee Designee- A. Cohen