

**QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**The City University of New York**

**ACADEMIC SENATE**

**COMMITTEE ON GALLERY AND PERFORMING ARTS**

**To:** Devin McKay, Secretary, Steering Committee, Academic Senate

**From:** Robert R. Sweetnam, Chairperson

**Date:** May 1, 2009

**Subject:** Annual Report of the Committee on Gallery and Performing Arts for 2008/2009

---

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Mr. Faustino Quintanilla (Director, QCC Art Gallery)  
Ms. Susan Agin (Managing and Artistic Director, Queensborough Performing Arts Center)  
Dr. Arthur Flug (Director, Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center & Archives)  
Mr. Robert R. Sweetnam (Department of Speech Communication & Theatre Arts)  
Dr. Mihaela Bojin (Chemistry Department)  
Dr. Jose Osorio (Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures)  
Dr. Zivah Perel (English Department)  
Dr. Jane Poulsen (Department of Social Sciences)  
Dr. Jan Ramjerdi (English Department)  
Dr. Mangala Tawde (Department of Biological Sciences and Geology)  
Ms. Rosemary Zins (Vice president for Institutional Advancement)  
Ms. Frida Alcivar (Student Representative)  
Ms. Bianca Demars (Student Representative)

**COMMITTEE OFFICERS:**

Mr. Robert Sweetnam, Chairperson  
Dr. Zivah Perel, Secretary  
Ms. Rosemary Zins, President's Designee  
Dr. Jan Ramjerdi, COC Liaison  
Dr. Mangala Tawde, Steering Committee Designee

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

September 16, 2008  
October 15, 2008  
December 10, 2008  
March 18, 2009  
April 22, 2009  
May 13, 2009

(The committee usually meets once a month on second or third Wednesday of each month from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm with various locations for each meeting.)

**SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE WORK:**

1. The committee researched successful programs from other institutions that have student involvement in associations similar to QCC's performing arts center, galley, and holocaust center.
2. The committee discussed strategies for curriculum within the Freshmen Academies to increase student involvement in performances, exhibits, and events at the Queensborough Performing Arts Center, QCC Art Gallery, and the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center & Archives.
3. The committee has developed example syllabi that incorporate performances, exhibits, and events at the Queensborough Performing Arts Center, QCC Art Gallery, and the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center & Archives with course work.
4. The committee worked on restructuring specific charges for the committee to better suit the needs of the students and the development of the Queensborough Performing Arts Center, QCC Art Gallery, and the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center & Archives.

**UPDATES ON QUEENSBOROUGH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, QCC ART GALLERY,  
AND THE KUPFERBERG HOLOCAUST RESOURCE CENTER & ARCHIVES:**

1. See attached schedule for Professional Arts Series for 2009/10 in QPAC
2. Queens Symphony Orchestra, Oratorio Society of Queens, ArtsPower, Paperbag Players, Chamber Theater, Children's Orchestra Society are all continuing events at QPAC and will have performances for 2009/10 in QPAC.
3. The Music Department, Dance Department, and Theatre Arts Department will hold their student performances for 2009/10 in QPAC.
4. Queensborough Performing Arts Center will upgrade the rigging system in the Humanities Theatre late summer/early fall 2009.
5. See attached schedule for upcoming events and exhibits at the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center & Archives.
6. The Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center & Archives is conducting a search for an assistant director.
7. The Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center & Archives will open its new building in the fall 2009.
8. See attached schedule for upcoming events and exhibits at the QCC Art Gallery.
9. QCC Art Gallery is conducting a search for an assistant director.
10. The Visual Arts Department will hold its annual student art exhibition in the QCC Art Gallery at the end of the spring semester 2010.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Updates to the guide and committee activities form are attached.

**APPRECIATION:**

Thank you to the members of the committee for all their hard work.

Others that need to be recognized for assistance provided during the year are Sheela Sarecha, the staff of the office of Institutional Advancement, the staff at the QCAP box office, the staff at the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center & Archives, and the staff at the QCC Art Gallery, and Dr. Zivah Perel, Secretary of the committee for the extra workload.