

Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York
COMMITTEE ON BYLAWS
REPORT TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE

To: Emily Tai, Chair, Academic Senate Steering Committee

From: Linda Meltzer, Chair, Bylaws Committee

Date: January 5, 2012

Re: Resolution/Recommendation

The Committee on bylaws would like to recommend the proposed amendment to the Bylaws of the Academic Senate regarding Article VII, Section 13 which relates to The Committee on Budget Advisement.

Proposal for an insertion into Section 13 of Article VII, “Committees,” with a renumbering of the remaining committees from 14-27, as follows:

Article VII,

Section 13. The Committee on Budget Advisement

The Committee on Budget Advisement shall consist of one (1) representative from the Steering Committee of the Academic Senate; one (1) representative from the Budget Committee of the College Personnel and Budget Committee/Committee of Chairs; one (1) representative from the Faculty Executive Committee; and one (1) representative from Student Government; and

The Committee on Budget Advisement shall:

1. Meet, on at least a bi-annual basis, with the College’s chief officer for Finance and Administration to discuss college budgetary matters;

2. Serve in an advisory capacity to the President on matters of the College budget in its entirety including the Resource Allocation Process;
3. Hold any college budget documents circulated in meetings as confidential;
4. Report to the College Advisory Planning Committee (CAPC) and the Academic Senate concerning budgetary conditions, and any recommendations regarding the budget and/or the budget allocation process at Queensborough Community College

RATIONALE: Chronic budget shortfalls at the state and municipal level continue to impose the possibility of drastic cuts upon the CUNY Community Colleges. CUNY Chancellor Matthew Goldstein has urged campuses to work together to face the current environment of fiscal challenge. The creation of a permanent committee on Budget Advisement would bring Queensborough in accordance with a “best practices” model of budget consultation through shared governance that is followed on other CUNY campus, most notably Baruch College, CUNY and the City College of New York. While all budget documents circulated at meetings with the college’s chief officer for Finance and Administration would be considered confidential, the chair of the committee will submit general findings and resolutions advanced at these meetings for consideration in the monthly agenda of the Academic Senate as needed, as well as annual written reports to the Academic Senate as in the case of all committees of the Academic Senate.

If approved, we would recommend a renumbering of remaining committees,

FROM:

Article VII, Section 13-26

To:

Article VII, Section 14-27