

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
The City University of New York
ACADEMIC SENATE
COMMITTEE ON VENDOR SERVICES

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To: Dr. Emily Tai, Chair, Steering Committee of the Academic Senate
From: Dr. Gheorghe Proteasa, Chair, Committee on Vendor Services
Subject: Annual Report for Committee on Vendor Services
Date: August 2012

1. The Members of Committee Vendor Services were:

Gheorghe Proteasa, Chair
Lawrence Bentley, Secretary
Manette Berlinger
Jonathan Cornick
Eladia Raya
(William Faulkner, President's Designee)

2. Summary of Committee work:

- 1) The Committee suggested that the Auxiliary Enterprise Board and the College administration continue to find ways to reduce the price of bottled water and to increase the number of healthier options made available for purchasing at the vending machines.**

In the Committee's meeting, on March 20th, 2012, the Committee welcomed Sherri Newcombe, Vice-president for Administration and Finance, who was kind enough to give a very informative narrative on the History and charge of the Committee on Vendor Services.

From Vice-President Newcombe's presentation, it emerged that the charge of the committee is to advise the college administration as to comments from the faculty, staff and student bodies regarding the various vendor services and their activities. The Committee on Vendor Services operates under the auspices of the Auxiliary Board and Funds.

Vice-President Newcombe elaborated on the connection between the Committee on Vendor Services and the Auxiliary Board and Funds. She answered questions from the Committee on Vendor Services members and an open discussion ensued covering the following topics:

- New York City Pre-negotiated contracts must be honored so that the college could be directed to a vendor.
- **Metropolitan Food Services** is the vendor for Food delivery service. MFS is also running the Oakland Dining Room.
- Some of the other services include: the Bookstore (Barnes & Noble), Parking, the Performing Arts Center, Student Government and the QCC Fund.
- The Term “Pouring Rights,” was explained, as when a company controls all of the liquid refreshments on campus. E.g. Coke vs Pepsi. **PepsiCo** has the current pouring rights on QCC campus.
- Under this Contract, Champion Beverage Vending is a new service management company that has begun supplying improved new equipment.
- Some of the new equipment will be able to supply cans which are more environmentally friendly and sell bottled water at less expensive price.
- These newer devices will allow the college to track usage patterns electronically and use prepaid cards.
- Book Sales were discussed regarding methods of reducing the cost of books for the students. Effective cost reducing strategies would be the use of e-books, as well as renting vs. buying textbooks.
- The use of Student Cash Vouchers at the bookstore was described. Also described was that Cash Vouchers are generated from certain types of Student Grants (i.e. Pell)
- Future development of an on campus **ID/Debit card** capable of facilitating the purchase of food. The new cards will be available in Fall 2012. Metropolitan Food Services would supply the equipment. Students would not be charged sales tax and credits would be given to students and faculty. Copying services and parking accounts could be tied to the funds on the card in the future.

3. Report on status of prior recommendations made to the College and reported to the Academic Senate:

The Committee followed up on last year’s Committee recommendation to inquire about the possibility of reducing the price of bottled water and increasing the availability of healthier food choices.

We are pleased to inform the Academic Senate that the price of water was significantly decreased. The vendor is offering a canned form for purchase at certain vending machines. Pursuant the impact on sales, this form of canned water could be offered in the future at an increasing number of points of sale (POS).

We are noticing an increased number of healthier food choices across the campus. The presence of fresh fruits (apple and bananas) in the Cafeteria represents the results of a concerted action of the College and the Committee to change the alimentary culture of our community.

4. New Recommendations:

In concord with the President's designee we might want to think of ways to increase the recycling efforts on campus. One idea was to reduce the number of coffee cups by incentivizing those bringing their own mugs/reusable cups.

The Committee also considers it would be helpful for next year to be able to review the Report of the Auxiliary Enterprise Board.

6. The new members of Committee on Vendor Services are:

Gheorghe Proteasa	Biology and Geology
Cornick, Jonathan	Mathematics and Computer Science
Jose Osorio	Foreign Language and Literature
Manette Berlinger	Basic Educational Skills
Mary Ann Rosa	Nursing

(William Faulkner, President's designee)