

**STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE QUEENSBOROUGH  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CUNY MONTHLY REPORT  
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All positions in the QCC Academic Senate and its committees are currently filled. Last March 23rd, the Committee on Committees (COC) announced the results of the election for membership in the Academic Senate. Congratulations to all the incoming Senators who will be joining this body in May and our thanks and gratitude go to all the outgoing Senators for their efforts and support.

At today's meeting, the COC will be presenting for approval by the full Senate its slate of appointments to Senate Committees for the 2015-16 academic year.

Attached to this report is the Steering Committee's pilot survey aiming to capture committee members' input and insight about the effectiveness and collegial experience of their committees. This short survey is entirely voluntary and anonymous, and only aggregate data without any individual identifiers will be analyzed. We are asking for discussion and debate at today's meeting and the approval of a resolution authorizing its administration to members of all of this year's Senate Committees. The collective results are intended to provide a better understanding of the committees' value to its members and the College as a whole. It will not affect anyone's reappointment, tenure or promotion evaluation.

The Steering Committee is currently in discussion within the College Activities Planning Committee (CAPC) on the makeup of a "Mission Committee" to be under the auspices of the Academic Senate. This committee will operate for two years (the 2015-16 and 2016-17 academic years only) and be charged with evaluating and updating (if necessary) Queensborough's Mission Statement. A resolution to create the "Mission Committee" will be presented at the Senate meeting this May.

The Bylaws Committee is busy vetting changes to the charges of the Publications Committee and will soon be doing the same for the Continuing Education Committee, and it is hoped that resolutions in this regard will be presented at the May Senate meeting.

The Environment, Quality of Life, and Disability Issues Committee is proposing a resolution calling for the adoption of an Anti-Bullying Statement (attached). This statement does not rise to the level of policy that the Chancellor has mandated will emanate solely from CUNY Central, but it does acknowledge that bullying, though difficult to define, does exist and the Queensborough community stands united against it. This statement will be featured prominently in all faculty and student handbooks.