

**STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE  
QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CUNY  
MONTHLY REPORT  
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The Academic Senate Steering Committee would also like to extend a warm welcome to the students and their Principal from BTech. The Senate is the policy making body of the College, and this is where we come together as a community to figure out what kind of a place we want Queensborough to be.

All Senate positions are filled as are the committees, and they are functioning smoothly. Thanks to the expansion of the number of faculty on each committee, the Committee on Environment, Quality of Life, and Disability Issues will be asking each of its members to review a report related to units of our college, such as Central Receiving, the mailroom, and so on, in order to monitor any issues that might relate to the experience of our college environment. We are grateful to the members of this committee for all their efforts.

This same busy Committee on Environment, Quality of Life and Disability has a subcommittee, chaired by Dr. Clara Wajngurt of the Math Department, to create an anti-bullying policy for our campus, present it to various constituencies for comment and revision, pass it through the parent committee and then present it to the Academic Senate Steering Committee in preparation for its presentation to and (possible) passage by the full Academic Senate. Upon consultation with Vice Chancellor Schaefer of CUNY Legal Affairs, we have been informed that

any such policy passed by the QCC Senate would conflict with policy previously passed by the CUNY Board of Trustees, and thus the local QCC policy would automatically be declared null and void. As a result, the subcommittee is now modifying its efforts to now create a “Bullying Statement” rather than a policy.

This committee will also continue to consult with Faculty Executive Committee as it attempts to design a procedure under which faculty will deal with faculty first in the event of faculty misconduct.

The Cultural and Archival Resources Committee’s newly created Special Committee on the Determination of Faculty Coordinators of the NEH Challenge Grant for Two-year Colleges from the NEH titled: Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives at Queensborough Community College has not met yet. The Steering Committee has been informed by the President that a review committee from outside the college will judge the grant proposals. As soon as the Senate is apprised of the makeup of that committee and it is functioning, proper parliamentary procedures will be initiated to deactivate the Special Committee and modify the charge of the Committee on Cultural and Archival Resources to: *Receive and act on the recommendation of the Special Committee on Determination of Faculty Coordinators of the NEH Challenge Grant for Two-year Colleges and forward that to the Project Director of the NEH Challenge Grant.*