

*Steering Committee Report  
November 2016*

*All Senate committees are fully staffed and functioning smoothly. However, the Committee on Committees still has a vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Jean Murley (English). We are therefore requesting open nominations for one open position on the Committee on Committees. The election will be conducted at this meeting.*

*The Steering Committee is also presenting a resolution for approval by the full Senate to officially designate Queensborough Community College as a "Sanctuary Campus." The Committee on Environment, Quality of Life and Disability Issues voted to support this resolution.*

*The Steering Committee also wishes to commend and thank Dr. Matt Lau and the entire Commuter Resources Committee for the publication of its Computer Resources Newsletter. It has been distributed to the entire community, is included in this month's Senate materials, and thus will be posted to the Academic Senate webpage.*

*At the Steering Committee's request, Dr. David Humphries, English Department chair, has agreed to offer an update regarding the subject of remediation. Changes are being implemented by the CUNY Administration at all six community colleges that will impact the preparedness of students in all disciplines. Please note that the Agenda includes a position paper from the Reading Discipline Council, which Senators may wish to review.*

*The QCC Food Pantry continues to expand and help additional members of the QCC community. In just a few short months it has become more successful than we could have hoped. Thank you to all who have contributed and helped. The report of the Steering Committee's Food Insecurity Subcommittee is included in this month's Senate materials. We would particularly like to invite any faculty who may be interested in this effort to join members of the Committee in a meeting on December 12, at 1 PM, in Science 316.*

*The Academic Senate Budget Committee met on November 30th with Vice President Bill Faulkner and other members of the Administration, one representative of the Department Chairs, the Faculty Executive Committee, the Senate Steering Committee, and three members of the Student Government Association. The general parameters of the QCC budget were discussed, particularly in light of variables such as city and state aid, possible tuition hikes, and enrollment.*

*The Committee on Environment, Quality of Life, and Disability Issues has responded to the Faculty Executive Committee queries regarding parking, surveillance cameras, and drinking water on campus. The committee plans to further address the issue of water testing.*