

Queensborough Community College Of the City University of New York

Minutes of the Library Committee A Standing Committee of the Academic Senate

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From: Joanne Chang

To: Dr. Emily Tai, Chair of the Academic Senate Steering Committee
Dr. Lana Zinger, Secretary of the Academic Steering Committee

The meeting began at 12:00pm and ended at 1:20pm

Committee members in attendance: student representative Marian Juste, Prof. Jeanne Galvin, Prof. Diane Carey, Prof. Joanne Chang, and Prof. Liz Di Giorgio

1. Approval of December 2012 minutes with addendum
2. Discussion of potential bookshelf space for Academic Freedom books brought by Dr. Tai continues. Space and hours in the library issues are followed:
 - No decision is made to this point in regard of the Academic Freedom bookshelf space. Prof. Galvin suggested to digitize all Academic Freedom books and put on the Libguide of QCC.
 - CETL built a computer classroom inside the library shared by the Library staff for classes.
 - More quiet space and chairs for students to study are needed so students do not have to sit on the floor.
 - Possibility for more opening hours is limited.
 - Library will open upon request for early classes at 7am.
 - Prof. Galvin pointed out the 2nd floor balcony space, which shall be considered for building as close-in space or open for study area in the warm seasons. Campus facility may be contacted to build the area.
 - A silent study room is available for students.
 - Student Cafeteria space down stair may be another venue for study. The outdoor dining area may be enclosed and arranged into indoor sitting. However, the construction may impact class teaching during the construction time.
 - Library may get grant to digitize the history of QCC and QCC library.
 - Bookstore gives \$15,000 annually to library to purchase textbooks.
3. Library gets annual funds to purchase books, textbooks and databases.

4. Report on response from Ben-Ami Freier regarding assistive software available for disabled students.
 - Invitation to Prof. Freier for a tour in the library to show facility and software for disabled students for next meeting.
 - Discussion of new legal issue of revealing the personal information to faculty members.

5. Library Course
 - At the upcoming meeting for committee chairs on April 3, 2013, Liz Di Giorgio will convey the request from the Library Committee that reference to the experimental course LIB101 be deleted from *A Guide For Committee on Library Members* because it hasn't been offered for a long time. Offering courses that are free electives and not part of a degree program is problematic in terms of enrollment. A new 3-credit Library course was proposed for the "Individual and Society" bucket. Although the course was approved by the Curriculum Committee and the Academic Senate, it was turned down by the Pathways Review Committee.

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