

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Environment, Disability, and Quality of Life Issues  
Wednesday, March 1, 2017, Conference Room H324, 12:00 – 1:30

Present: Leah Anderst, Sara Danzi Engoron, Edward Davis, Bill Faulkner, Ben Freier, Jon Funk, Dominic Hull, Weier Ye, John Triolo

1. The meeting began at 12:10 and the minutes from the previous meeting of November 23, 2016 were approved.
2. The committee had a brief follow up discussion about the Sanctuary Letter written and circulated by the QCC Steering Committee. Leah emailed the letter to committee members and we voted via email to support the Steering Committee's Resolution to Designate QCC a Sanctuary Campus for Immigrants and Members of Protected Classes. The Resolution was approved by the QCC Senate.
3. Leah reported that she attended the Senate Committee on Computer Resources to inquire about policies for locked smart rooms. It does not seem possible to create one policy that fits each situation. After some discussion, our committee decided that since individual departments have different needs, each department should decide on its own policies for student access to classrooms. As an example, in English the CLTs have been opening doors to ease hallway crowding.
4. The committee reported back to Phil Pecorino regarding requests about water quality, parking in lot #2, and security cameras. These issues were discussed in the last meeting of the committee and again during this meeting. Regarding water quality, there are no plans at this time to test as there have been no issues or reports of water quality problems. New water fountains are being installed all over campus. Phil asked us to review our recommendation for the continued access to parking lot #2 by students. The lot is currently available to all, including students and faculty, and the cost is \$1 per day. The committee reaffirmed that the shared access is best. Regarding security cameras, ACC maintains the videos. Bill Faulkner has now clarified that no videos will be released to anyone without his permission.
5. The committee reviewed issues related to the Science Atrium. There is a leak in the Atrium which is being worked on and will continue until resolved. It was noted by several members that the students like the Atrium very much and use it all year round. Questions about the open structure were asked and Bill Faulkner explained that the construction of the Atrium and the closure of the Atrium is occurring in two phases. The first phase is complete. The second phase will begin in approximately a year, June 2018. This phase will include a new servery and kitchen. The kitchen will be in the lower level of the Science building and the servery will be in the same location that it is in now. Phase 2 will also enclose the Atrium so it will not be open to the air. In the meantime, it may be possible to add a temporary barrier to reduce the air flow from the outside in cold temperatures.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Danzi Engoron