

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Environment, Disability, and Quality of Life Issues  
Wednesday, November 29, 2017, Room S424, 12:10 – 1:30

Present: Sheila Beck, Joseph Cartolano, Sara Danzi Engoron, Ben Freier, Jon Funk, Dominic Hull, Patricia Kinneary, Wei Lai, Linda Reesman, John Triolo, Weier Ye

1. The meeting began at 12:20 and the minutes from the previous meeting of October 4, 2017 were approved.
2. Linda Reesman was in attendance to discuss her new role in Export Control Regulation. These regulations pertain to traveling with specific materials as well as material transfer agreements with other institutions. The CUNY Export Control Preliminary Evaluation Form was distributed for discussion. Linda will serve as the contact person for inquiries regarding Export Control Regulations.
3. Accessibility of bathrooms in the library was discussed. The request for review was made by Joanne Chang from the Library Committee. Bathrooms must be handicap accessible but QCC must also comply with the number of bathrooms available. There are accessible bathrooms at present, but not on every floor. Funding is not currently available for additional conversions. At present, bathrooms in the basement are accessible. The committee will follow up on future plans.
4. The issue of hallway doors was discussed. Fire doors are usually closed in the hallways of many buildings including the Science Bldg. This presents a problem for individuals in wheelchairs or otherwise physically disabled. Most external building entry doors have automatic entry panels but not internal hallways. More may be needed. Joe Catolano will look into the matter of adding more automatic entries where traffic is heavy.
5. The committee reviewed the Cleary Report. It is a mandated report and covers only the QCC campus. Any crimes that are reported will appear on the Cleary Report even if they are later determined to be unfounded. John Triolo confirmed that the report is very accurate. He was also asked if any officers carry weapons. He reported that there are only five officers that are licensed to carry weapons and that only the President of the College can increase the number of officers able to carry guns.
6. Student government has asked us to discuss the parking issue. This is an ongoing problem for students, faculty and staff, currently without a solution. In the spring there is a plan to invite all interested parties to discuss the parking problem.
7. Recycling on campus was discussed. The committee learned that Buildings and Grounds has additional recycling cans and they can be requested for specific areas on campus. The use of Styrofoam containers was also discussed. Our understanding was that Styrofoam and plastic bowls would be discontinued in phases (eat in and to-go) in the various food service locations including the Science bldg. cafeteria. The committee will confirm the status.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Danzi Engoron