Committee on the Environment, Quality of Life, and Disability Issues

Queensborough Community College

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

Room M255, 12:10 pm-1:30 pm

Minutes

 Present: Sara Danzi Engoron (Chair), Noelia Diaz (Secretary), Benami Freier, Chantale Damas, Mel Rodriguez, Dugwon Seo, Anthony Monahan, Juan Vargas (student representative), Angela Ridinger -Dotterman, John M. Triolo (Public Safety), Punita Bhansali, Neeraj Mehta, Tony Monahan, Jannette Urciuoli and Naja B Hougaard.

1. Introductions and welcome of new members to the committee.
2. The minutes from the previous meeting (October 23, 2019) were reviewed and approved.
3. The committee discussed the modified charges of the new subcommittee on EQLD, currently a subcommittee of the Steering Committee on Accessibility Issues. Dr. Jeannette Urciuoli, the current chair of the subcommittee on College Accessibility, provided the background on the subcommittee’s origins. Dr. Urciuoli clarified that the focus of the subcommittee is on ADA course compliance since currently many courses do not meet the required guidelines. It will also raise awareness across campus by informing faculty, perhaps via flash sessions, on the resources already available and clarification of the ADA CUNY requirements. Dr. Urciuoli announced that she was stepping down as a chair and that Dr. Angela Ridinger-Dotterman will replace her. At present the subcommittee has eight self-selected members. The subcommittee will generate its own report and submit it to the EQLD committee. After a year, and depending on how much work has been accomplished, the subcommittee will dissolve or continue operating. There was an amendment made to the charges. It now reads: The Coordinator of Services/ or designee for Students with Disabilities shall serve as an ex-officio member. A motion to vote was made and all eight members voted in favor.
4. One of the recommendations of Middle States was to develop working groups for both the Academic and Facilities Master Plans. The Facilities Master Plan will seek to find the space for the proposed new Child Care Center.
5. Sara Danzi Engoron encouraged members of the EQLD committee to review the Steering Committee monthly report, available online, for issues pertaining to our committee.
6. New business. As of late cleaning has been an issue, particularly in the bathrooms, since there are less custodians due to budget cuts. Anyone aware of a hazardous situation (water on the floor) can call Public Safety and for non-hazardous situations Building and Managements should be contacted.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Noelia Diaz, Committee Secretary