

**Queensborough Community College**  
The City University of New York

**Steering Committee Report**  
**For the March 14, 2006 meeting of the**  
**Academic Senate**

**1. Senate Membership**

Petitions for nominations for Senate seats expiring this spring have been circulated. For those whose terms are expiring this Spring please take note and if you desire to continue your service, please complete the petition and send it in to the Committee on Committees c/o Michael Cesarano.

**2. Meetings of the Academic Senate**

Considering the need to record how each member of the Senate votes on policies and resolutions we did some research on the use of an audience response system (aka “clickers”) but unless and until there is a need for them we will not pursue acquiring them for use by the Academic Senate. At other CUNY colleges they are acquiring some form of “clicker” to record votes and when not used by the governing body they are used in classrooms. Five CUNY units have such systems.

**3. Meetings of the Academic Senate Committees**

If Senate Standing Committees send their proposals to the Academic Senate and it is then forwarded to the University BOT for its acceptance and approval then the Senate Standing Committees are subject to the Perez decision.

If Senate Standing Committees send their proposals to the Steering Committee of the Academic Senate and it decides to place them on the agenda of the Academic Senate and then the Senate acts to approve them and forwards them to the University BOT for its acceptance and approval then the Senate Standing Committees are NOT subject to the Perez decision.

**4. The Senate Website**

The Committee on Bylaws and the Committee on Publications are working on having the Senate Bylaws complete and up to date on the website and in the College Archives.

**5. Standing Committees**

Request for volunteers for all Standing Committees have been circulated. Please consider doing so if you have not done so already. Please encourage people to nominate themselves, or support the nomination of interested faculty.

**Work in Progress:**

The Committee on Bylaws is presenting to the Senate a number of proposals for revisions in the bylaws required by the court decision in the Perez case and other matters.

**6. Committee on Academic Freedom**

The University Faculty Senate has passed a resolution recommending that all campuses have an Academic Freedom Committee. Please be informed that we are referring this matter to the Committee on Bylaws for its review. Any and all interested parties should contact the committee with their thoughts on this or respond to any calls for contributions to this discussion.