

Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York

**Special Committee of the Academic Senate on
General Education Objectives**

TO: Kathleen Villani, Secretary, Academic Senate
FROM: Joseph Culkin, Chairperson, Special Committee of the Academic Senate on
General Education Objectives
DATE: April 18, 2007
SUBJECT: Final Committee Report

On October 18, 2005 the following Resolution was approved by the Academic Senate:

Whereas, it has been over three years since the Academic Senate established a policy in May of 2002 that set out General Educational Objectives for associate degree graduates;

Whereas, the General Education Objectives are an important part of both course assessment and academic program review,

Be it resolved that, there be established a Special Committee of the Academic Senate on General Education, and

Be it further resolved that, its charge be: to conduct a review of and issue appropriate recommendations and reports concerning the Educational Objectives in light of

- a) the Mission of the College;
- b) the information obtained from the course assessment and program review processes;
- c) recent educational and pedagogic initiatives, and

Be it further resolved that, this special committee will last from the date of its creation by the Senate until the end of May of 2007, and

Be it finally resolved that, the Special Committee consist of:

Vice President of Academic Affairs, Mark McColloch
Office of Academic Affairs and Assessment and Program Review Process, Dean Karen Steele
Natural Science, Francis Cotty, Committee on Curriculum
Social Sciences, Joseph Culkin, Department Chairperson
Professional Program, Maureen Wallace, Department Chairperson
Professional Program, Kathleen Villani, Faculty
Basic Education, Margot Edlin, Faculty
Humanities, Belle Gironde, General Education Inquiry Group
Humanities, Philip Pecorino, General Education Inquiry Group
Mathematics, Sylvia Svitak, QCC Assessment Committee

Special Committee Activity:

The Special Committee has met ten times since its formation and has prepared proposed revisions to the current General Education Objectives in accordance with the charges for this Special Committee. The Special Committee invited the College community to an open forum on March 21, 2007 and met with the students on April 18, 2007. The attached proposed revisions include suggestions made at the open forum and meeting with the students.

Members of this Special Committee are thanked for their service and valuable input.