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TO: Emily Tai, Chair, Academic Senate Steering Committee
FROM: Urszula Golebiewska, Chair, Committee on Academic Development and Elective Programs
SUBJECT: **Annual Report for Committee on Academic Development and Elective Programs for 2011/2012**
DATE: **May 31, 2011**

Committee members:

Urszula Golebiewska (Chair)
Peter Grey (Secretary)
Sandra Marcus
Andrea Salis
Howard Sporn
Helene Dunkelblau, Steering Committee's Designee
Michele Cuomo, President's Designee

Committee met six times during the spring and fall semesters. The meetings took place on Monday September 19th 2012 at 3PM; Friday November 4th 2011 at 3 pm; Wednesday November 30th 2012 at 1PM; Monday March 19th 2012 at 1 pm; Tuesday April 17th 2012 at 4 pm; and Friday May 11th 2012 at 11 am.

During the first meeting the Committee on Academic Development discussed committee charges and recommendations from the previous year. Specifically, the committee discussed the fish bowl event organized with CETL on Wednesday, March 2nd 2011. The event was received very favorably. The committee decided to continue collaboration with CETL on development of events for faculty.

The committee discussed ideas of several topics for workshops/discussion panels. Two possible topics emerged: "What is college education for?" and "The Honors Program Discussion Panel". First, the committee decided to concentrate on the honors program. The committee invited Dr. Paris Svoronos, Chair of the Honors Committee, to the meeting on November 4th 2012. After a

very informative discussion the committee decided to develop a discussion panel to share ideas and strategies on involving students in the honors program. The committee met several times to discuss the organization of the panel. Four panelists were invited: Dr Svoronos, Dr Santoro, Dr Ellerton, and student Cassandra Feigert. Later, the Student Association President, Mr. “K” Atanda, stepped in. A list containing a series of leading questions for the panelists was developed. The Honors Program Discussion Panel was held on Wednesday April 18th. The reception of the panel was positive. The committee decided to recommend further development of similar events. In particular, we recommend the development of a discussion session “What is college education for?”.

Two committee members have resigned and the committee is looking forward to two new members designated by the Committee on Committees.

Recommendations: Continue to work with CETL on faculty development events and promotion of them.

New Committee members (2012/2013):

Howard Sporn (Chair)

Franca Ferrari-Bridgers (Secretary)

Howard Sporn

Michele Cuomo, President’s Designee

Francis Leslie, Steering Committee Designee

Respectfully Submitted,

Urszula Golebiewska, Chair