

**Steering Committee Report
Academic Senate Steering Committee
Queensborough Community College
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This month we have only a few items on the agenda, but they are important ones that we should take as much time as needed to consider.

In advance of the upcoming visit by the Middle States site visit team, the Steering Committee has asked Dean Dr. Arthur Corradetti to brief the Senate on what to expect while the team is on campus. All members of the campus community are invited to attend, as always, and Dr. Corradetti has scheduled other dates to brief the community during the visit.

In addition, we have a monthly report from the Environment, Quality of Life and Disability Issues Committee, chaired by Dr. Sara Danzi-Engoron (Biology). Members of that committee, especially Dr. Danzi-Engoron and Dr. Noelia Diaz (English), have been working all year in development of a proposal to bring a child-care center to QCC. The policy makes plain the desire of many to have such a resource available to students with children, something every other CUNY campus has, except QCC and Guttman. It should be noted that by making this a policy of QCC does not resolve the rather difficult challenges that must be overcome in order to make it a reality, including capital resources, space, and more. That said, the role of the Academic Senate as the policymaking body of the college is not to overcome the inherent challenges in executing any policy. The purpose of making such a policy is to affirm the desire for a child-care center and encode such a desire in future college planning.

In Attachment F there is a document which reflects a resolution passed by CUNY UFS. It is here presented in language particular to our college so that in accordance with UFS wishes our governance body may also vote on the resolution.

The Steering Committee also notes a call from UFS for participation in UFS from each individual unit.

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