

**QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**DATE: April 3, 2023**

**FROM: QCC Faculty Executive Committee, Philip Pecorino, Chairperson**

**TO: Academic Senate Steering Committee, Steven Dahlke, Chairperson**

**SUBJECT: QCC College Policy on Certification of Faculty for Teaching Fully Online Course Sections**

Whereas, more course sections at the College are being taught fully online and with the asynchronous modality than before 2019, and

Whereas, the percentage of the total enrollment represented by fully online class sections may continue to increase past 2023, and

Whereas, support for students in fully online course sections has different elements and costs associated with that modality, and

Whereas, it is important to provide for effective support and interaction with the instructor of such course sections, and

Whereas , retention of students is extremely important, and

Whereas, the failure rate and withdrawal rate in fully online sections is significantly above those in other instructional modalities, and

Whereas , successful online programs, such as at CUNY SPS, enroll students who already have college experience and have earned college credits and assign only faculty who have been trained to teach fully online classes, and

Whereas, in consideration that there will be an increasing number of degree programs offered by Queensborough Community College that will be entirely online, and

Whereas, the College may determine for itself the College Policy that best serves its needs by action of the governing body, the Academic Senate, and

Whereas, at Queensborough Community College there are no College or Department policies determined by faculty with regard to the requirements for assigning faculty to teach using the fully asynchronous online modality for course sections, and

Therefore, be it resolved that it is the policy of Queensborough Community College that faculty assigned to teach course sections offered in the fully asynchronous online modality must be certified to teach using such modality,

Be it resolved that such certifications can be achieved in any one of a number of ways including; formal certification by a QCC eLearning Institute Certificate or QCC Quality Matters Certificate or ACUE Effective Online Teaching Certification or CUNY SPS OTE Certification or prior QCC teaching in such a fully asynchronous online modality having been observed and assessed as satisfactory by the department,

be it further resolved that, there be exceptions permitted with the approval of the department chairperson and the Provost, and

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Be it finally resolved that, this Queensborough Community College Policy would go into effect with the Fall 2024 semester and going forward.