

Committee on Bylaws of the Academic Senate-AGENDA

Thursday January 5, 2012 @ 2PM

Room A310

- I. Approval of the Agenda
- II. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting 10/28/11
- III. New Business:

A. For the Committee on Bylaws, we consider for Resolution the proposed amendment to the Bylaws of the Academic Senate regarding Article VII, Section 13 which relates to The Committee on Budget Advise ment and detailed below.

Proposal for an insertion into Section 13 of Article VII, "Committees," with a renumbering of the remaining committees from 14-27, as follows:

Article VII,

Section 13. The Committee on Budget Advise ment

The Committee on Budget Advise ment shall consist of one (1) representative from the Steering Committee of the Academic Senate; one (1) representative from the Budget Committee of the College Personnel and Budget Committee/Committee of Chairs; one (1) representative from the Faculty Executive Committee; and one (1) representative from Student Government; and

The Committee on Budget Advise ment shall:

- 1. Meet, on at least a bi-annual basis, with the **College's Vice-President of Finance and Administration** to discuss college budgetary matters;
- 2. Serve in an advisory capacity to the President on matters of the College budget in its entirety including the Resource Allocation Process;
- 3. Hold any college budget documents circulated in meetings as confidential;

4. Report to the College Advisory Planning Committee (CAPC) and the Academic Senate concerning budgetary conditions, and any recommendations regarding the budget and/or the budget allocation process at Queensborough Community College

RATIONALE: Chronic budget shortfalls at the state and municipal level continue to impose the possibility of drastic cuts upon the CUNY Community Colleges. CUNY Chancellor Matthew Goldstein has urged campuses to work together to face the current environment of fiscal challenge. The creation of a permanent committee on Budget Advisement would bring Queensborough in accordance with a "best practices" model of budget consultation through shared governance that is followed on other CUNY campus, most notably Baruch College, CUNY and the City College of New York. While all budget documents circulated at meetings with **the Vice-President of Finance and Administration** would be considered confidential, the chair of the committee will submit general findings and resolutions advanced at these meetings for consideration in the monthly agenda of the Academic Senate as needed, as well as annual written reports to the Academic Senate as in the case of all committees of the Academic Senate.

Please note that there are two alternatives to Article VII Section 13.1 being considered by the Steering Committee to above:

Replace/From:

"College's Vice-President of Finance and Administration" to discuss college budgetary matters;

To:

"College's head of the Office of Finance and Administration" to discuss college budgetary matters;

OR:

"College's chief officer for Finance and Administration" to discuss college budgetary matters;