

**Steering Committee Report
Academic Senate Steering Committee
Queensborough Community College
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This month there are three reports from Bylaws, Curriculum, and the Committee on Food Insecurity, which as it turns out is one of the most active committees on campus.

The Committee on the Bylaws will present a resolution, originally from The Committee on Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness, addressing a basic change of language in the charge of that committee. As you can see in Attachment D of this month's distribution, this is an entirely sensible change and the Steering Committee greatly appreciates the work of everyone involved.

This month is a quiet one for the Committee on Curriculum, with one new course and a program revision.

Under new business, Senator Lynch, who is Vice President for Academic Affairs, will speak regarding the General Education Outcomes.

In some old business, the Steering Committee still has not heard from Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs Loretta Martinez regarding our query about what is required under Perez. You'll remember, in October we agreed to look into whether our practice of treating students differently when recording the minutes was appropriate and what exactly is required. Joel Kuszai, Chair of the Academic Senate Steering Committee, recently followed up with Vice Chancellor Martinez, again seeking a response, even an acknowledgement of receipt of our query. The failure to obtain even the most basic courtesy acknowledgement is discouraging, to say the least.

On that note, are you interested in governance? If you're a member of the Academic Senate and interested in serving on the Steering Committee, whether next year or in some future one, please start making this known. E-mail us, talk to us. If you're not a member of the senate and interested in governance, please feel free to reach out. As a compliment to the initiative of the FEC to find especially junior faculty who would like to get involved in low-stakes ways with shared governance, the Steering Committee is seeking interested people to join a modest reading group on issues relating to governance. Interested? Imagine a listserv or a Facebook group with an "article of the week." Look for an announcement about this before the end of the month.

Have a good end to the semester and a restful break.

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