

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FACULTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Spring 2020

FEC Report to Faculty on Spring 2019 Semester Activities:
“What the FEC does”

From: Philip Pecorino, Chairperson Faculty Executive Committee

To: QCC Faculty

Subject: Spring 2020 Report

1. There has been some involvement of FEC with the Academic Master Planning Process
2. Discussed the Criteria for Tenure and Promotion and Online Degrees-Need for clear Statement from President and P&B-not obtained-FEC sent message to all faculty
3. Discussed the Planning for Use of New Building on Cloverdale Boulevard as Part of Facilities Plan-status unresolved as of Spring 2020
4. Discussed Assessment of Governance as part of Academic Master Plan and Long Term Planning
5. Met with SGA President on Student Matters of Concern
6. Requested information on the B-Tech program; goals and current status-not yet received
7. Requested Information relating to the WI recertification process and the role of the Academic Senate committee and role of department chairpersons and governance-matters are being addressed
8. Appointment of Faculty with Disregard for BOT Criteria and QCC criteria – matter has been resolved
9. QCC Email System: the FEC has sent a request to the PSC to include email access as a negotiating item in the current negotiations for a new contract. There has been no response to this request.
10. The FEC made an effort to bring a restoration of access to academic department email distribution lists and an optout dialogue list for the faculty by means of a Policy set by the Academic Senate. Such restorations are a suggestion of the 2019 QCC MSCHE Self Study. Approved by Academic Senate 10-15-19 and put into effect. Email was sent to all faculty in February of 2020 concerning the new system and how to send email to all in a department and to all faculty.
11. Dean Larios sent a Communication May 2, 2018 to FEC regarding FEC actions and the FEC replied requesting clarification, explanation or evidence. – There has not been a response to that request.
12. Review of the College Budget – The FEC has a good working relationship with Vice President William Faulkner. All requested and all pertinent reports regarding the budget are made available to the Academic Senate Budget Advisory Committee.
13. Review of the Student Technology Fee Budgets for the Last Three Years – The FEC will have a member on the Student Tech Fee Committee.
14. Review of Faculty Associated with Pre-College, Continuing Education and Workforce Development – The FEC requested and received a listing of the faculty in these programs from former Vice President Denise Ward. Discussions are ongoing as to the relation of the FEC to these faculty.

15. The matter of student rights for religious observances and class schedules was referred to an ad hoc special committee of the Academic Senate that is to deliver its proposal for the October 2019 meeting of the Academic Senate. Approved by Academic Senate 10-15-19
16. Proposed changes to the Governance Documents including the Governance Plan, the QCC Faculty Bylaws and the Academic Senate By-Laws have been circulated and responses gathered. Changes have been made to the Governance Plan and to the Academic Senate bylaws. There was to be voting on the amendments to the Faculty Bylaws in March and April of 2020. Voting will be rescheduled.
17. Review of the Student Technology Fee Budgets for last three years-Students are advised to be vigilant.
18. Discussion on the flyer posting policy is continuing with Julian Stark of the Academic Freedom Committee
19. Faculty Leadership Development Program Proposal has been developed with the Academic Senate Steering Committee. It addresses a Recommendation of the 2019 QCC MSCHE Self Study.
20. QCC Assessment of Governance Program Proposal has been developed with the Academic Senate Steering Committee. It addresses a Recommendation of the 2019 QCC MSCHE Self Study.
21. COACHE Survey effort to secure faculty participation-invitations have been sent to faculty by QCC and COACHE
22. Spring 2020 FEC Faculty Survey-results sent to faculty and pertinent College Units-Academic Senate Committee on Publications
23. Possible Academic Senate Actions:
 - Efforts to bring a restoration of academic department email distribution lists access and opt out dialogue lists for Faculty and Community—successful
 - Religious Observances and class schedules-sent to Academic Senate- successful 2019
 - Ombudsman-in progress
 - Anti Bullying-in progress
24. Elections Run by the FEC in Spring 2020
 UFS Representatives-completed
 Faculty Committee Members:
 - FEC and ARC Completed
 - CLT representative to College P&B- completed
 - Faculty on Panels for the Faculty Student Disciplinary Committee, Association and Fund boards-completed
25. FEC made contributions to the QCC Scholarship fund for students operated by the QCC FUND in memory of three of our departed Colleagues: John Gilleaudeau, Joseph Bertorelli and Linda Stanley. The FEC also had an ad in QCC Partners for Progress Book where the funds benefit student scholarships.

In progress:

- Faculty Leadership Development Program Proposal
- QCC Assessment of Governance
- COACHE Survey effort to secure faculty participation
- Review of the College Budget- all parts and sources
- Review of the Student Technology Fee Budgets for last three years
- Review of faculty associated with Pre-College, Continuing Education and Workforce Development

- Review of the Governance Documents for Amendments: QCC Faculty Bylaws,

Finances

There is ample balance in the accounts, reported to faculty at each Faculty Meeting, to operate as has been the case over the last years. The checking account is used to quickly reimburse faculty for purchasing food for faculty meetings, polling and survey monkey licenses, and memorial contributions and an ad in QCC Partners for Progress Book.