Steering Committee Report Academic Senate Steering Committee Queensborough Community College April 10, 2018

This month we will vote to approve the Committee on Committee candidates for standing committees of the Academic Senate. A lot of work goes into this process and the Steering Committee extends its thanks to the CoC and chair Helmut Loeffler (History), who tried to accommodate the requests of those who submitted their preferences to the committee earlier this semester.

For those who did not manage to get placed on a committee, or who neglected to submit their preferences, please think about serving as either the Steering Committee or the Committee on Committees non-voting designee on a committee. If you have an interest in the work of a particular committee, or are otherwise looking for service opportunities, please contact Dr. Loeffler and the CoC *and* the Steering Committee for information on placement as a liaison. These placements should be occurring before Graduation.

On March 14, the Steering Committee was represented by Joel Kuszai at a meeting of the Committee on the Environment, Quality of Life and Disability Issues, chaired by Dominic Hull (Chemistry). The committee meeting was also attended by FEC Chair Pecorino, VP Faulkner, Lt. Black of Public Safety, and Michael Betancur, SGA Parliamentarian, who spoke on behalf of students. The first and major agenda item was a discussion of the current situation with parking on campus. It was a robust conversation that reviewed the matter, with thorough airing from both faculty and students. It is mentioned here as evidence of the fact that consideration of the parking issue is ongoing.

On Friday, March 30, 2018 an incident occurred on campus and around noon two email messages were sent, one notifying the community of the incident, and the other that the campus was deemed safe by the NYPD. Since Friday afternoon, the Steering Committee has been in communication with Vice Presidents Newcomb and Di Dio as well as John Triolo, Director of Public Safety. The matter remains under investigation by the NYPD.

Finally, we say goodbye to some members of the Senate this month as their terms are expiring. It is with tremendous gratitude that the Steering Committee thanks the following senators for their service to the College: Anthony Kolios (Faculty, Business), Maan Lin (Faculty, Foreign Languages & Literatures), John Talbird (Faculty, English), Pedro Irigoyan (CLT), Carol Alleyne (HEO), Josephine Pantaleo (HEO), and Richard Tayson (Adjunct, English).

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