Minutes of Student Activities Committee
QUEENSBOROUGH Community College
OCTOBER 13, 2010

Date: 10/13/10

From: Barbara L. Lynch

To: Dr. Emily Tai, Chair of the Academic Senate Steering Committee
     Dr. Barbara Blake-Campbell, Secretary

Chair, Prof. Elizabeth Di Giorgio, called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. in a Conference Room at the Student Union.

In attendance were: Prof. Elizabeth Di Giorgio; Ms. Alina Gulfraz; Prof. Barbara Lynch; Ms. Gisela Rivera; Mr. Simon Ulubabov; Mr. Reuvain Zahavy.

Absent: Ms. Leilani Blira-Koessler, Dr. Paul Jean-Pierre, Dr. Chong Jue, Dr. Alicia Sinclair.

I. Approval of the Agenda for October 13, 2010
The agenda was approved by voice vote.

II. Approval of the Minutes of May 26, 2010
The minutes were approved as distributed by voice vote.

III. Reports
A. Ms. Rivera reported on the following:

   1. Freshman Welcome on Aug.1, 199 attended which is a 70% success rate. The Welcome was so successful that there was a lack of space.

      The Welcome Fair was a success.

      SGA-sponsored events completed so far this semester: Trivia Challenge, Belly Dancing.

      SGA is focusing on events outside of club hours, which are over-scheduled at the moment.

      For the Leadership Weekend, student leaders were invited to the Edith Macy Conference Center for a series of workshops. Before they left, they met with President Call and Vice Presidents Hartigan, Newcomb, Steele and Zins to identify issues to be addressed by SGA, such as smoking, the library and school spirit.

      On the smoking issue students protested on the quad and sent a survey researching other CUNY schools’ regulations.

      Upcoming student activities: comedy evening, horror movie, ghost hunter lecture, Halloween party, psychic fair, evolution of student faces using photo aging technology.
Furniture and a security guard will be added to the student union. They are also looking to hire part-time people to conduct activities in the building.

2. The committee then discussed a strategy to carry out its charges. Each committee member agreed to research the history of one charge so as not to duplicate efforts already attempted.

The charges were apportioned as follows:

Liz Di Giorgio (Charges 1 and 2):

- List all publications intended for prospective and current students and alumni; update all student publications, documents, policies.
- Investigate continued feedback on Academic Integrity pamphlet.

Reuvain Zahavy (Charge 3):

- Gather and disseminate information on student competitions and achievements, and find a way to promote them as they happen for maximum impact upon “campus spirit.”

Simon Ulubabov (Charges 4 and 7):

- Dissemination of information about Academies experience in the Freshman Handbook (is this a point of collaboration with the Publications Committee? Or would it make sense to invite faculty liaisons to the Academies to participate in a meeting about ways in which the Student Activities Committee could help to promote the Academies, and the events they sponsor?)
- Report on responses to the CUNY Sexual Assault policy, possibly in concert with the Committee on Environment, Quality of Life, and Disability Issues.

Barbara Lynch (Charge 5):

- Coordinate with PTK and the Academic Steering Committee on student volunteer efforts on campus, and student involvement in governance as per the by-laws.
Alina Gulfraz and Barbara Lynch (Charge 6)

- Monitor the possible effectiveness of Tigermail as a means to disseminate information about weekly student events; is there a better way (“live mail?”)

Meeting dismissed at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Lynch