DATE: October 25, 2007

TO: Barbara Blake-Campbell

FROM: Dr. Andrea Cohen

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Student Activities Committee Meeting of September 27, 2007

MINUTES

PRESENT: Barbara Blake-Campbell, Gisela Rivera, Dean Paul Jean-Pierre, Andrea Cohen, Howard Sporn

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Barbara Blake-Campbell, Chair of the Student Activities Committee.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Barbara commented that the minutes and agendas from committee meetings need to be forwarded to Bruce Naples.

The following were topics of discussion at the October 25, 2007 Student Activities Committee meeting.

I. Update regarding student achievements.
   A. Howard reported that he has begun to contact club advisors to get information about activities/achievements from the previous semester.
   B. Dean Jean-Pierre mentioned that information about students’ scientific achievements should be forwarded to Ruth Fontana. He has sent e-mails to three different departments and has started collecting information regarding students’ work from the Biology and Foreign Language Departments.
   C. Andrea said that she has to contact Susan Lambert to get information on e-portfolio as a vehicle for publicizing students’ academic work. Some committee members had heard that the licensing for e-portfolio had been discontinued. A follow-up is needed.

II. Review of Judicial Affairs Information
   A. Dean Jean-Pierre spoke about two cases of plagiarism on the CPE from Spring 2006 semester. The consequence for the students was to write a paper on the ethical implications of cheating and an apology letter.
B. Dean Jean-Pierre said that there have been no repeat offenders with regard to plagiarism.
C. Dean Jean-Pierre also reported on two additional cases of plagiarism from students taking biology classes.

III. Report on Tigermail Usage
   A. Barbara spoke to Ralph Moretti and Tony Hong about usage, and each reported an increase in use over the past year. Tong Hong had stats that 9,000 QCC students used Tigermail at least once over the past year. George Sherman will have stats on Tigermail usage over the past three years.
   B. Gisela stated that she wasn’t going to use Tigermail for casting votes in the elections for student government during the upcoming year due to problems from the previous year (there was no help desk).

IV. Student Bill of Rights
   A. Dean Jean-Pierre reported that Phil Pecorino spoke against a revised Student Bill of Rights with the argument that the revisions would lead to a substantial increase in student complaints against faculty.
   B. Phil Pecorino stressed that a Student Bill of Rights already existed in the college catalog.

V. New Business
   A. Gisela reported that there were large student turnouts at the Latino and Italian festivals and at the Welcome Back party for students.
   B. Upcoming events discussed
      1. November 28 Multicultural Festival
      2. month of November the focus will be on preparing for elections
      3. Oct 25 – Halloween party is the first evening event
      4. Anthony Angulo VP of part-time students – will hand out survey to see if this population of students is interested in social events over weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 29th at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Andrea Cohen
Secretary, The Student Activities Committee