# QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE The City University of New York

### Writing In The Disciplines/Writing Across The Curriculum WID/WAC Committee

#### **Meeting Minutes**

#### May 22, 2013

| In Attendance | Karan Puri        | Jennifer Maloy | Johannes Burgers |
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|               | Lawrence Bentley  | Julian Stark   | Megan Elias      |
|               | Kathleen Wentrack | Paul Marchese  |                  |

- 1. The meeting commenced at 1:30 PM in room L-313.
- 2. The meeting agenda was approved.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 were approved.
- 4. The committee welcomed Dr. Jennifer Maloy and Dr. Johannes Burgers as new members for the 2013-14 academic year. Dr. Julian Stark, Professor Lawrence Bentley and Dr. Julia Rothenberg will be leaving the committee. The committee thanked them for their service.
- 5. The following waiver petitions were heard and decided upon:
  - I. Clifford Guilloteau Approved
  - II. Steven Park Approved
  - III. Travis Lalchan Approved pending documentation
  - IV. Loudie Noezli Denied
- 6. The election for chair and secretary of the committee for the 2013-14 academic year was held. Dr. Karan Puri and Dr. Julie Pigza were nominated to continue in the positions of chair and secretary, respectively. Both individuals were unanimously elected to their respective positions. (It should be noted that Dr. Pigza is no longer at Queensborough Community College. Therefore, a new election for the position of secretary will be held at the first meeting of the 2013-14 academic year).
- 7. The WID/WAC committee thanked Dr. Kathleen Wentrack for her extensive work on the resolution of the discrepancy relating to the charges of the WID/WAC Committee. The committee would continue to work with the Bylaws Committee to resolve this issue in the coming year to resolve this issue.
- 8. The WAC coordinator raised possibility/desirability of assessing the WID/WAC program to address the question of whether WI improves student writing and learning at QCC. The idea was to make assessment component part of the WI requirement. Currently, two fellows are working full time to assess the program, conducting surveys in classes with the permission of the WI faculty teaching the class. The project is very labor intensive and is also incomplete because only some faculty opt in. Dr. Paul Marchese was given a copy of the report produced through this assessment. The general feeling is that adding mandatory assessment to WI requirements will not work to produce useful data. Dr. Marchese mentioned that Victor Fischera (from the Office of

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Institutional Research and Assessment) is putting together an assessment of all high impact practices. The WAC coordinator will work with Mr. Fischera on this plan.

- 9. No other old business was discussed.
- 10. No other new business was discussed.
- 11. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Karan Puri, Chair