

Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York
Steering Committee Report

For the December 12, 2006 meeting of the Academic Senate

1. Senate Matters

Meetings: In order for a policy to be approved by the Academic Senate an absolute majority is recorded to vote in favor of it. That would be 39 votes. This is so regardless of the number in attendance.

As the Senate has previously expressed a desire to avoid physical ballots and as there is a requirement to record all votes we ask for your cooperation. To facilitate the recording of the ballots by voice on matters where there is a considerable number of votes cast in favor and against any proposal we ask that senators participate in a roll call voting method. The roster names will be called and the secretary will record votes of YES or NO or ABSTAIN on a roster ballot tally sheet and then announce the totals. This will be done in a manner that all may observe on the front screen.

2. Senate Bylaws

We anticipate that we will soon be receiving recommendations for such changes to the Bylaws of the Academic Senate as are made necessary by recent court decisions.

3. Special Committees

A. Special Committee on Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities and the Student Complaint Process

The final report of this committee is on the Agenda.

The CUNY proposal for the Student Complaint Policy and Procedures is being reviewed at the Chancellery and there may soon be some action of the Board of Trustees or statement concerning either the emerging policy or guidelines.

B. Special Committee on the Use of External Instruments for Evaluations and Assessments

This committee was formed and intended to have 11 members. Eight members were identified and did communicate and act. Their report is on the Agenda.

4. Possible Resolutions

- A. Under Old Business the matter deferred from the last meeting: Use of Open Spaces and Privacy in the Classrooms,
- B. Under Reports of Special Committees is the proposal for a Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities, and
- C. Under Reports of Special Committees a proposal for an Interim Policy creating a process for Student Complaints Concerning Faculty in Academic Settings.