## **Queensborough Community College**

The City University of New York

## MEMORANDUM

## Academic Senate Committee on Computer Resources

To: Academic Senate From: Committee on Computer Resources Date: June 5, 2007 Subject: Annual Report of the Committee on Computer Resources for 2006-2007

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• The Committee continued its policy adopted last year to create two newsletters per year, one per semester. In addition, the Committee created and published an *ad hoc* newsletter in Spring, 2007 entitled Tidbits. Tidbits entertained topics that were useful and time sensitive such as downloading and installing the daylight savings patch. The newsletters are posted to the College's web site. Articles of an informative nature were written by members of the Committee often in collaboration with the Academic Computing Center or the Office of Information Technology.

- The Committee discussed how the Tech Fee is used to replace computers and other technology related materials on the basis of systematic replacement.
- The Committee investigated the implementation of new software products such as the Vista operating system and Office 2007 in terms of campus deployment. The fruit of the investigation was reported to the faculty in the Fall, 2006 newsletter.
- The Committee took the use of video cameras installed in classrooms for security purposes under consideration. There was not recommendation in regard to the use of security cameras within the context of privacy issues.
- The Committee discussed and investigated various student response systems also known as clickers and recommended the purchase of one model to be purchased and supported by the College.
- The Committee thoroughly reviewed and disseminated to the general Faculty information regarding the free or heavily discounted software offered through the CUNY Portal.
- The Committee discussed *egrading* in terms of positives and negatives. There was not recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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