

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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ACADEMIC SENATE
COMMITTEE ON VENDOR SERVICES

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To: Dr. Emily Tai/ Dr. Philip Pecorino, Chair, Steering Committee of the Academic Senate
From: Dr. Gheorghe Proteasa, Chair, Committee on Vendor Services
Subject: Annual Report for Committee on Vendor Services
Date: August 2013

1. The Members of Committee Vendor Services were:

Gheorghe Proteasa, Chair
Jonathan Cornick, Secretary
Manette Berlinger
Mary Rosa
Jose Osorio
(William Faulkner, President's Designee)

2. Committee meetings were held on the following dates

- May 9th, 2012 from 2:15 PM to 3:00 PM in S-227
- Wednesday, December 12th, 2012 from 1 PM to 3PM in M-209

3. Summary of Committee work:

- 1) **The Committee suggested that the Auxiliary Enterprise Board and the College administration continue to find ways to reduce the price of textbooks for our students, work with vendors in identifying avenues to reduce the sale price of bottled water and to enhance the quality and increase the number of healthier food options that are available for purchasing on our campus.**

In the Committee's meeting, on May 9th, 2012, the Committee re-elected Gheorghe Proteasa as Chair and Jonathan Cornick as Secretary.

From the presentation made by Professor Proteasa it emerged that the charge of the committee is to advise the college administration as to comments from the faculty, staff and student bodies regarding the various vendor services and their activities and

that the Committee on Vendor Services operates under the auspices of the Auxiliary Board and Funds.

Professor Proteasa then explained what the Committee on Vendor Services had achieved in recent years, and an open discussion on possible future tasks followed:

- The committee had previously requested that water could be 25 cents cheaper than soda in campus vending machines. Although this was not formally agreed, canned water was now available at a cheaper price from one machine in the Administration building. The current committee would like this option available in more vending machines on campus, along with other bottle sizes for water. Choices of carbonated and noncarbonated water.
- Options for cheaper student textbooks were discussed, including e-books, renting, 3 hole punch binding and workbooks.
- The committee agreed it would like more healthy eating options on campus for students including more lower fat and vegetarian menu items, and more fresh fruit available.

4. Report on status of prior recommendations made to the College and reported to the Academic Senate:

- The Committee followed up on last year's Committee recommendation to inquire about the possibility of increasing the recycling efforts in our campus.

We are pleased to inform the Academic Senate that the number of recycling bins with emphasis on paper, plastic containers and bottles as well as aluminum has significantly increased.

It was noted that Buildings and Grounds is offering specific recycling bins in individual offices.

- We are glad to notice that our efforts to increase the number of healthier food choices across the campus are "bearing fruit." The presence of fresh fruits (containers with fruit salad, apple and bananas) in the Cafeteria represents the results of our concerted efforts.

We are noticing an increased number of yogurt choices from low to non-fat.

The most significant victory of the Committee as part of a concerted action of the College and the Committee to change the alimentary culture of our community is the significant increase in the number of salad portions sold at the salad bar in the Cafeteria.

5. New Recommendations:

- In line with the President's designee we might want to think of ways to increase the efforts for less expensive text and lab books on campus. One idea was to entice the course coordinators to request paper cover textbooks.
- The Committee continues to consider that it would be helpful for next year to be able to review the Report of the Auxiliary Enterprise Board.

6. The new members of Committee on Vendor Services are:

Proteasa, Gheorghe	Biological Sciences & Geology
Carvajal, Beata Warchol	Mathematics & Computer Science
Honey, Larissa	Social Sciences
Mooney, Christine	Business
Rosa, Mary Ann	Nursing

(William Faulkner, President's designee)

Respectfully submitted,
Gheorghe Proteasa, Chair