

**STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE  
QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CUNY  
MONTHLY REPORT  
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All Senate committees are fully staffed and functioning smoothly.

The Steering Committee thanks the Committee on Committees (COC) for conducting the election for new three years terms to the Academic Senate. All outgoing senators please accept our utmost appreciation. New senators will be welcomed at our May meeting. The COC will be presenting its slate for membership on the 2016-2017 Senate committees for a vote at today's meeting.

The Bylaws Committee will present a resolution on the Committee on Ceremonial Occasions Committee, which remains a committee of the Senate but is currently unstaffed because the Senate has not designated any official ceremonies for it to address. Thus, the first recommendation is to populate the committee and designate items for it to focus on. If that fails, a second recommendation will be made for the elimination of the Ceremonial Occasions Committee.

At the last meeting on March 8th, the Senate voted to submit one name to the each of the two Common Core Review Committee (CCRC) subcommittees. Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and University Provost Vita C. Rabinowitz had requested three names for each of the two subcommittees and there was general agreement to revisit the issue if there was a response. The Vice Chancellor's office has responded and asked the Senate to reconsider and reiterated that sending three names gives the CUNY Administration flexibility in discipline diversification.

In response, the Steering Committee will present the following motion:

That the Senate vote to send three names forward as nominations to each of the two CCRC subcommittees.

If the motion fails, no further action is required as one nomination for each subcommittee has already been sent forward.

If the motion passes, the top three finishers for Subcommittee One, "English Composition," "Creative Expression," "World Cultures and Global Issues," and "U.S. Experience in its Diversity" will be sent forward as voted upon at the March 8th Senate meeting. A revote for Subcommittee Two, "Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning," "Life and Physical Sciences," "Scientific World," and "Individual and Society," will be required as Senators were mistakenly given the impression that all the candidates were chosen by their department chair when that was not the case. That situation has been corrected and Senators will receive full clarification on the floor if and when the vote is taken.

A meeting was held on March 18th with Administrators and High Impact Activity (HIP) faculty coordinators to discuss the possibility of designating HIP participation on student transcripts. Discussion was wide ranging and all in attendance expressed a desire to support and continue to expand HIPs at QCC. The view has been expressed that the designation of HIPs on transcripts might be best accomplished by the creation of a separate "Extra Curricular Transcript" that would supplement the traditional academic transcript. The Steering Committee would like to ask all senators who wish to express a view on this issue to send us their responses via email.

The Steering Committee would like to thank President Diane B. Call for her support in the creation of a food pantry on the campus of Queensborough Community College. She has designated a space for the storage and distribution of food on the third floor of the Library building. The QCC food pantry will operate in conjunction with food distribution efforts at the Newman Center and it will initially operate under the jurisdiction of the Steering Committee's Food Insecurity Subcommittee that will create an administrative structure moving forward. Please watch your email for an official announcement and a date for an opening day ceremony.

The Committee on Course and Standing has approved a request from the Department of Nursing for a change in grading policy, and will propose a resolution to that effect.