

STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE  
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The Academic Senate and all Senate committees have commenced the Fall 2016 semester at full membership. Openings do occur during the academic year, so please encourage your constituents seeking college service to consult their department chairs and then contact a member of the Steering Committee and we will forward their names to Christine Mooney, this year's Chairperson of the Committee on Committees. Every single Senate Committee report from last year has been submitted and they are attached to the September agenda soon will be available on the Senate webpage. The Steering Committee would like to thank all of last year's committee chairs for their prompt responses.

The Administration's General Education Assessment Task Force will be continuing its work this upcoming academic year. As occurred last year, a representative of that committee will present progress reports to the Academic Senate at its regular monthly meetings. All policy recommendations will be presented to the full body for a vote. The Senate Committee on Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness provides a representative to the General Education Task Force and for 2016-2017 that will be Changiz Alizadeh.

The Steering Committee in collaboration Queensborough's Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, acting together with co-sponsoring Student Association Clubs, and the Subcommittee on Food Insecurity of the Academic Senate, would like to invite you to consider contributing non-perishable foods to a Food Drive to stock the Lucille A. Bova Food Pantry that opened last May at Queensborough, and is now operating at QCC on the Fourth floor of the Library Building. The members of the Subcommittee on Food Insecurity have also assembled hours for the Pantry, which are listed in the Subcommittee report attached to this agenda, and will shortly be announced on a website that is being created on the Queensborough webpage. Several Service-learning classes will be involved in enhancing the pantry this fall, as well. Until a food pantry email address is up and running, please refer students who have Food Insecurity needs to Vice-Chair Emily Tai at [etai@qcc.cuny.edu](mailto:etai@qcc.cuny.edu).

The Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) has requested that the Academic Senate Steering Committee present a number of questions to the Academic Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Quality of Life, and Disability Issues. The Steering Committee will be working directly with that committee to produce responses in a timely manner:

Water Quality:

What are the results of the testing of the water available through fountains on campus? How often is it tested?

Parking Availability:

Can there be better enforcement of parking regulations and imposing of penalties for any and all violators in an effort to insure that non-authorized vehicles parking on campus is minimized?

Can there be use of single day passes displayed on dashboards of vehicles granted permission for good reason to park on a single day? This would minimize the appearance of unauthorized parking.

Parking Authorization:

Can the purchase of parking tags be accomplished and facilitated through use of credit cards?

Can the purchase of parking tags take place via online means with delivery by mail?

Security:

Can we have a description of the measures in place or to be put into effect for the security of video recordings being made by any and all units of the College?

The new contract has designated CUNY Start and CLIP instructors as “faculty”. The Steering Committee will be looking for guidance from the CUNY Central Office regarding the eligibility of these new faculty for membership in the Academic Senate and on Senate committees.

As was stated last year at this time, please remind your colleagues that the QCC Academic Senate is the policymaking body of the College. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Steering Committee if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Senate or its committees. Also, please be reminded that any Senator who wishes to initiate discussion and/or a resolution for a vote by the full Senate has every right to do so,

and the Steering Committee stands ready to offer procedural support. Finally, we wish to remind everyone on campus that the Academic Senate is a public body under the Open Meetings Law of New York State. All members of our college community are welcome to attend, and may ask for permission from the Chair to speak to the body.