

**Queensborough Community College, CUNY  
Academic Senate**

**To: Drs. Emily Tai, Joel Kuszai & John Talbird**  
**Fr: Dr. Susan Jacobowitz, Chair, Bylaws Committee**  
**Date: September 13, 2017**  
**Subject: Resolution**

**Resolution for the Amendment of Article VII,  
Section 4(a) of the Bylaws of the Academic Senate**

**Whereas**, in the spring of each academic year, in accordance with Article VII, Section 4(a), the Committee on Committees invites applications from members of the Instructional Staff at Queensborough Community College to make selections for standing committees of the Academic Senate; and

**Whereas**, under the provisions of Article VII, Section 4(a) of the Bylaws of the Academic Senate, the Committee on Committees is charged with nominating the members of the Standing Committees of the Academic Senate; and

**Whereas**, under the provisions of Article VII, Section 4(a), it states “additional nominations may be made by a petition to be signed by (7) members of the Instructional Staff, and submitted to the Chairperson of the Committee on Committees at least one week prior to the election;” and

**Whereas**, this provision allows for the self-nomination of an instructional staff member after the voluntary selection period and the assignment of individuals to committees by the Committee on Committees and would result in the Academic Senate having to vote on the individual membership of committees and could result in multiple nominees from the same department and places an undue burden on the Committee on Committees and the Academic Senate;

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Bylaws of the Academic Senate be changed to reflect an amendment to Section VII 4(a) to read as follows:

**Article VII, Section 4(a) Nomination to all standing committees except the Committee on Committees shall be made by the Committee on Committees and shall be circulated to the members of the instructional staff at least two weeks prior to the election.**

**Rationale:**

The Committee on Committees provides a two-week period in the spring of each academic year for members of the Instructional Staff to make committee selections for the committees of the Academic Senate. The Committee on Committees meets in the spring of each academic year to

make committee selections in accordance with the selections made by the members of the Instructional Staff and the governance documents of Queensborough Community College. The present language in Article VII, Section 4(a) presents an undue burden for the members of the Academic Senate who would then be forced to vote for membership in a committee on an individual basis and would provide complication after committee assignments by the Committee on Committees have been made, in that multiple members of the same department may seek nomination to the same standing committee of the Academic Senate.