

Queensborough Community College
of the City University of New York
Minutes of the Library Committee
A Standing Committee of the Academic Senate

Date: March 14, 2018

Room: Library 224

Committee Members in Attendance:

Prof. Joanne Chang (Committee Chair), Prof. Jeanne Galvin (Chief Librarian and Presidential Delegate), Prof. Larisa Honey, Prof. Danny Mangra, Prof. Agnieszka Tuszynska (Secretary), Prof. Biao Wang, and Prof. Sujun Wei

Also present: Student Government representative, Sarah Aguirre.

Review/Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from November 22, 2017 reviewed and approved.

Library Quiet Space Use and Regulations:

The committee discussed the use of the library's 3rd floor by students and possible changes in the regulations. The Student Government representative, Sarah Aguirre, took active part in the discussion. The points covered included the consumption of food and drinks in the library, the volume of conversations and nonacademic, recreational activities (such as card games), and the blockage of movement around the floor due to students lying and sitting on the floor. Sarah Aguirre presented proposed moving the coffee shop from the library building to the student union, suggesting that apart from redirecting the food traffic it may also redirect the students who want space for recreational activities. The discussion concluded with motions to ban 1) food, 2) noise/games, and 3) sleeping/lying on the floor, and with votes to ban all three of the above.

Sarah Aguirre also informed the committee members about the existence of a meditation/prayer room in the student union.

Follow up the disability bathroom conversion with B&G:

Prof. Chang had emailed the chair of the Committee on Environment, Quality of Life and Disability Issues and shared the chair's response with other Library Committee members.

Professor Chang also reported that she had walked around the building with a service technician to check on the status of the bathrooms there. It turns out that only the basement bathroom is accessible, but not even that one is compliant as there is no sink in the stall. However, there are no funds available at this time to address this issue.

The service technician brought up another issue of accessibility: ramps with proper angle between the Library building and the Administration building are needed. A request for ramps should be added in addition to the bathroom conversion request.

Project 'Fitness while Studying':

Prof. Chang had talked to Tony Gamino in the marketing office. Mr. Gamino said he can create a pamphlet.

Prof. Chang had also talked to Lois Florman, the QCC attorney, who said that as long as the pamphlet cites all the references at the end, that is enough from the copyright standpoint.

Prof. Chang presented a draft of the pamphlet to the committee members. Some edits were suggested about narrowing down the number of exercises suggested and about moving the theory of meditation to the end of the pamphlet.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by

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