

Queensborough Community College Of the City University of New York

Minutes of the Library Committee A Standing Committee of the Academic Senate

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From: Joanne Chang

To: Dr. Philip Pecorino, Chair of the Academic Senate Steering Committee

Dr. Joel Kuszai, Secretary of the Academic Steering Committee

The meeting began at 12:30pm and ended at 1:35pm

Committee members in attendance: Prof. Sheila Beck (Library), Prof. Diane Carey, Prof. Joanne Chang, Prof. Jeanne Galvin (Library), Prof. Liz Di Giorgio, Prof. Jeffrey Jankowski (Committee on Committee Liaison)

1. Approval of October, 2013 minutes with Monday to Friday library hours changed: from 10am to 8pm to 8 am to 9pm instead.
2. Library Ad hoc Committee made recommendation to Library Committee for changing Library paintings and postings. Prof. Beck and Prof. Carey suggested bright, cheery, vibrant and attractive colors for the entire library. Other ideas include requesting new paintings, sculptures from QCC art gallery (if possible), solicitation of donations from Art Department faculty members or some contemporary artists, nature and animal photography from the world and/or nearby QCC pond, students' art works and etc. Budget for framings may be tapped in from the library fund for a few key posters (Prof. Galvin).
3. Prof. Carey suggested a digital screen that rotates to show library collection items like the one she saw from Art Gallery. There will be around 30 to 50 paintings from library to be replaced. Prof. Galvin will contact American Library Association to see if they'll give any pictures/paintings away for QCC library. Prof. Chang expressed concerns about the time, labor, and budget for the new replacement. Prof. Carey, library Ad hoc committee members and art gallery members may offer help. It is best to replace in stages during the summer times when student face-to-face time is reduced. Prof. Galvin also noted that in the last student survey, no student commented on the library paintings. Prof. Beck is going to run a five-question survey to get a general view on preference of the library paintings/posting.
4. Lighting in library needs more work (B&G took a long time to come to fix the previous lighting problem): more and better ceiling lights in the center of the library can be reinforced. Others miscellaneous include part of the carpet

- gets spilled by drinks that can be cleaned and more sitting chairs are needed by the windows. Students usually prefer better lighting by the windows.
5. Prof. Galvin still plans to visit new Bronx Community College Library which received major grants including Stanford White funding and \$25,000 from another source due to the reason that some artifacts are worth preservation. QCC library does not have that.
 6. The new Science courtyard construction will take place soon. Causes for that are to expand the cafeteria space for students and to add additional space for events so QCC does not have to rent outside space. It will be a less convenient time for Math and Science departments due to this conversion.
 7. Review of charges:
 - a. Install digital monitor/sign in the library
 - b. Walk through the building to see any sign needed
 - c. Bathroom stall for disabled shall be in the front for Men's room on the 2nd floor
 - d. Women's room on the ground floor offers good access for disabled.
 - e. Library may get some student with disability problems to comment on these bathroom issues.
 8. Prof. Galvin will report library assessment to the Academic Affairs
 9. Agenda for next meeting in February, 2014:
 - a. Continue the discussion of replacing Library art/painting pieces
 - b. Disability access.