

**Academic Senate
Queensborough Community College
The City University of New York
Committee on Bylaws Meeting
Wednesday, March 14, 2007, 1:00 p.m., H-428**

Minutes

Present

Members: Belle Birchfield, Robert Holt, Susan Jacobowitz, David Sarno
Designees: Liza Larios (Administration), Jan Ramjerdi (Committee on Committees)

Absent

Members: Vincent Defazio, student representative
Designees: Caf Dowlah (Steering Committee)

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

II. Committee on Ceremonial Occasions

The motion to eliminate the Committee on Ceremonial Occasions was discussed, and then was defeated by a vote of 4-0.

III. Academic Freedom Committee

The committee discussed the creation of a Committee on Academic Freedom, possibly through clarifying/expanding the charges in the Faculty Bylaws (Article VI., Section 6.1) regarding academic freedom. We discussed the need for faculty members to serve on a Complaints Appeals Review Committee, as per the Policy on Student Complaints concerning Faculty in Academic Settings, adopted by the CUNY BOT January 29, 2007. We are looking at several different drafts and approaches, in consultation with the Faculty Executive Committee. At our next meeting on April 11th, we will review drafts and proposals and move this matter forward.

IV. Perez Decision

The Bylaws Committee is ready to recommend changes to the Bylaws of the Academic Senate regarding compliance with the Open Meetings Law but we are waiting for one more confirmation from the Office of Legal Affairs before going forward with the understanding that committees and subcommittees of a public body (in this instance, the Academic Senate), are subject to the requirements of the Open Meetings Law. We will move this matter forward at our next meeting.

V. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on April 11, 1-2:30 p.m., in H-428. The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Holt, Secretary