

QCC COMMITTEE on COMPUTER RESOURCES
An Academic Senate Standing Committee

Minutes

Meeting of March 22, 2005 in M-127 at 11:45 am

Attending: Wendy Ford, Anthony Kolios, Martin Kutnowski, Sandra Marcus, Dwight Meyer, Bruce Naples, Bob Rogers, George Sherman, and Patrick Wallach.

Absentee: Robert Kueper.

1. The minutes of the February 22 meeting were approved.
2. Chairperson's Report
 - The chairperson reported on receiving a fair amount of spam in his college account. The ACC Director and the OIT Director explained the reasons why some spam is still received by faculty members on campus. Overall, a relatively reduced number of unwanted messages are received at QCC when compared with other organizations.
 - The mailbox storage limits were briefly discussed.
 - The tech online survey was discussed. The chair invited conclusions based on the survey, to which it was agreed that a) there is an interest in technology; b) there is interest in online education; c) people in general want incentives to continue developing online instructional materials; and d) the overall participation in the survey was about 15% of instructional staff.
 - Since there is a proposal for a new committee on distance education, the chair asked for input as to the mission statement of such new committee. Bob Rogers commented on the philosophical and practical merits and disadvantages of social interaction on the one hand (coming to class, coming to the office, and so on) vs. working from the home office and communicating electronically, on the other. It was reported that there is an important, university-wide emphasis on the creation of CUNY BA online degree.
3. Report from ACC Director
 - A student workshop on Blackboard will be offered for the first time this semester.
 - CUNY Central is considering a course management system other than Blackboard for the future.
4. Report from OIT Director
 - Email addresses of students were sent to instructors for the first time. In the future, the email list corresponding to each course will be available to instructors.
 - Faster switches (10 MB to 100MB) continue being deployed throughout campus.
5. Setting Date, Time and Location for next meeting: Tuesday, April 19 at 11:45 AM.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 1 PM.