

Steering Committee Report to Academic Senate –March 8, 2005

1. Meetings of the Academic Senate

- A) This is the second Senate meeting for which there will be only an electronic distribution via email and a few copies in print form available in the room. For this meeting we have distributed the agenda and all attachments as a single WORD file for easier printing.
- B) We will also attempt call your attention to the important items that call for Senate action in the cover email.
- C) We have received feedback about voting on proposals at the Senate while making exception for certain items and so we propose that proposals in the future should be line by line (topic by topic) and voted on that way as with the monthly curriculum committee items.
- D) Further, we note that there has been some subsequent discussion regarding an item on the last agenda: the WID WAC Program and the maximum seat limit of WI classes. We have entered into conversations about the matter with faculty, department chairpersons, President Marti and Vice President McColloch, faculty governance leaders in CUNY and with the Professional Staff Congress. We have notified the Faculty Executive Committee of the matter and of some of the actions being discussed. We have at the time of the composing of this report no proposals on this matter from any committee or member of the Senate nor from the Executive Committee of the Faculty. If anyone wishes to pursue this matter further, in so far as the Academic Senate is to be involved, they may, as always, bring it up under Old Business or they may forward their request or proposal to the Steering Committee and it will be considered for the agenda of the next Senate meeting

2. Senate Members

The Committee on Committees reports that we have the full complement of faculty in the Senate. We also have received notification that there have been changes in the student government representation and thus, we still do not have the full student complement at this time.

3. The Senate Website

The Academic Senate Website is found off of the Governance webpage:
<http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/Governance/default.asp>

The site is now receiving the agenda and minutes of all Academic Senate committees.
http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/Governance/AcademicSenate/academic_senate_committees.asp

More committees are making use of the site. Members may go there to review the work of the committees. The site now includes a number of important items related to curriculum development and revisions placed there by the Committee on Curriculum:
<http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/Governance/AcademicSenate/CURR/documents.asp>

4. Collegial Governance

The Committee of Academic Senate Committee Chairpersons met on February 9, 2005 to review their work and the comprehensive agenda of the Academic Senate including what President Marti has termed the “legislative agenda” of the Administration and “Collegial Governance”. President Marti spoke of the role of the committees in the assessment process. The next such meeting will be a meeting with the President and his cabinet and representatives on the committees on May 11, 2005 in M-136 at 1pm.

5.Standing Committees

Committees for 2005-2006 The nominations to Standing Committees are now underway. It is not too late to apply or to encourage others to do so. Department Chairpersons may want to communicate with the Committee on Committees to determine which of their faculty have responded so far.

Work in Progress:

The Committee on Bylaws has made progress towards presenting the Senate with proposals for the creation of several new committees and revisions of several current Standing Committees that appear on the current agenda. They remain at work concerning a standing committee on Honors Programs and another on Student Competitions. Anyone with something to communicate concerning these matters should contact the Committee on Bylaws.

On the Addition of Committees of the QCC Academic Senate

- **Committee On Environment** –revision of title and charge
- **Committee on Vendor Services-** new Standing Committee as requested by the Committee on Environment
- **Committee on Distance Education-**new Standing Committee as recommended by the Committee on Computer Resources
- **Committee on WID WAC-** Change in status and charge as recommended by the Committee on Curriculum and by the Committee on Curriculum Sub Committee on WID WAC