

Resolution

Creation of a Special Committee of the Academic Senate on a Student Bill of Rights and Student Complaints Process

Whereas, the Academic Senate Steering Committee is in receipt of a proposal for a Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities developed by students and vetted through student government and the Committee on Student Activities,

Whereas the received proposal had language that needed to be amended and was so and accepted by the students,

Whereas the Strategic Plan calls for vetting this proposal through the Faculty Executive Committee and acting on it during the 2006-2007 academic year,

Whereas the Faculty Executive Committee has recommended that there be a committee with representation from all constituencies be formed to address this proposal,

Whereas the Legal Counsel to the CUNY Board of Trustees is developing a policy for Student Complaints concerning faculty behavior in the classroom,

Whereas the draft of the CUNY policy on complaints concerning faculty has been vetted through the Steering Committee and the Office of the President and adaptations have been made to it for application at this College,

Whereas the Student Bill of Rights will be widely disseminated and may lead to complaints concerning faculty related to those rights,

Be it resolved that the Academic Senate will create a Special Committee of the Academic Senate on a *Student Bill of Rights and Student Complaints Process*

Charge:

- A) Prepare two proposed policies for submission to the Academic Senate that are likely to have the approval of the Senate.
 - 1. Proposed Policy concerning a QCC Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities
 - 2. Proposed Policy for Procedures for Handling Student Complaints about Faculty Conduct in the Classroom.
- B) Insure that due process is provided for both faculty and students in any process that would handle complaints or charges of violations.
- C) Submit the proposals in time for the December 2006 meeting of the Academic Senate.

Special Committee Membership:

Office of Academic Affairs	Arthur Corradetti
Office of Student Affairs	Paul Jean-Pierre
Chair, Steering Committee	Philip Pecorino
FEC - (2) Faculty	Steven Beltzer, Maan Lin-Martinez
Dept. Chairperson	? to be named
Chair, Committee on Bylaws	Susan Jacobowitz
Chair, Committee on Student Activities	Beth Counihan
QCC Student Government Representative	Tanya Murray

Amplification:

The last report was that the CUNY policy on complaints was expected to be acted on by the CUNY BOT in November, 2006. When this special committee submits its report and recommendations for the Academic Senate they will be held until after the CUNY BOT acts on the Policy for Complaints to insure that the QCC proposal is consistent with that policy. If it is consistent, then it will be brought directly to the Academic Senate for its deliberations and action. If it is not, then it will be revised accordingly by the Special Committee and then brought to the Academic Senate.