

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
The City University of New York

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY
2008-2009

To: Steering Committee, Academic Senate
From: Mark D. Van Ells, Chairperson
Date: 10 August 2009
Subject: Annual Report of the Committee on the Library

Committee Members: Mark D. Van Ells (chairperson), Virginia Cowen (secretary), Michael Altimiri, Nam Jong Moh (Steering Committee designee), Jeanne Galvin (ex officio).

Dates committee met: 9/24/08, 11/5/08, 2/4/09, 3/4/09, 5/13/09.

Narrative summary of committee work:

The primary work of the committee this semester involved physical changes to the library. Many changes have been the result of library space being allocated to CETL. The library is undergoing a major reorganization of floor space, to include new shelving and quiet study areas for students. The committee took several “field trips” to the library to inspect the changes. Another topic of discussion was the collection itself. Ms. Galvin began the process of removing books that have not circulated in years from the collection. Some books were offered to QCC faculty and staff through a “largesse” list distributed by email across the campus. Other topics discussed by the committee this semester included the problems with extending library hours, the library’s participation in the Learning Academies, and library-related results from the Middle States self-study survey.

New Committee Members for 2007-2008: Virginia Cowen, Laura Freedgood, Lisa Yonker.

New Chairperson for 2008-2009: Virginia Cowen