

**Steering Committee Report
December 2015**

The Academic Senate and all of its constituent committees are at full strength.

At today's meeting the Steering Committee will be presenting two resolutions. The first will be to approve a letter to Governor Cuomo from the Senate asking him to sign the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) bill in regard to CUNY that is currently on his desk. If approved, the letter will be sent immediately this afternoon following our meeting.

The second resolution will ask the endorsement of the Senate for the Steering Committee to create a sub-committee consisting of members from various constituencies to examine the need for a program to address hunger issues within the college community and, if needed, prepare a plan for how to implement and sustain a program and submit it to the Academic Senate for the March, 2016, meeting. An interim report on progress will be provided at the February, 2015, meeting. This proposed resolution is endorsed by both the Faculty Executive Committee and the Student Government Association.

At the request of the Faculty Executive Committee, the Committee on Course and Standing has put forward a resolution to clarify and grant Senate approval to the official Grade Appeal Process.

The Steering Committee would like to thank Raj Vaswani of Information Technology and Committee on Committees Chair David Sarno of Chemistry who, in consultation with Vice President Karen Steele, have put considerable time and effort to utilize Excel to streamline and improve the application and selection process for Senate committees. This new system will be put to use this coming Spring '16 semester.