

**STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE  
QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CUNY  
MONTHLY REPORT  
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All positions in the QCC Academic Senate and its committees are currently filled. The Steering Committee has also been in communication with student government to add student members to our committees where the new semester schedule meant that former representatives couldn't come to certain meetings.

Thanks to the efforts of the Committee on Committees, the nomination and selection process for Senate committees is well underway. In addition, nominations are now closed for the election of three year terms to the Academic Senate: Faculty Member-at-Large (21 nominations for 14 positions) and CLT Representative (two nominations for one position). Candidates are welcome to post personal statements on the Senate's page of the college website. For examples, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/governance/academicSenate/CandidatesforSenateMembershi> p.html and click on the drop-down menus at the bottom of the page. Voting is scheduled to start on March 1 and end on March 15.

The Steering Committee has accepted the report of the Subcommittee on Food Insecurity. It is a thoughtful and wide-ranging report that includes four recommendations that will be submitted to this body this afternoon in resolution form for approval. We would like to thank everyone on the committee for their efforts in addressing this critical issue.

We would also like to thank the members of the Curriculum Committee and indeed all members of the College community who have worked long and hard on the details of the merger of the Academic Literacy and English departments. A resolution to that effect will be presented to this body this afternoon, the culmination of a process that, from the perspective of the Steering Committee, has been eminently fair and equitable.

The Steering Committee would also like to thank President Call for her support in the matter of designating High Impact Activities on student transcripts, and also thank Dean Palmer for calling a meeting for March 18 to address the issue. The President, several members of her Administration, the Steering Committee, all the faculty HIP coordinators, and the members of the Steering Committee's Subcommittee on HIPS will be meeting to map a path forward for designating HIPs on student transcripts in particular and supporting the future of HIPs in general. The Steering Committee will present progress reports to the full Academic Senate.