

**QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**DATE: April 3, 2023**

**FROM: QCC Faculty Executive Committee, Philip Pecorino, Chairperson**

**TO: Academic Senate Steering Committee, Steven Dahlke, Chairperson**

**SUBJECT: QCC College Policy on Fully Online Course Sections Certifications**

Whereas, more course sections at the College are being taught fully online and with the asynchronous modality than before 2019, and

Whereas, the percentage of the total enrollment represented by fully online class sections may continue to increase past 2023, and

Whereas, support for students in fully online course sections has different elements and costs associated with that modality, and

Whereas, it is important to provide for effective support and interaction with the instructor of such course sections, and

Whereas , retention of students is extremely important, and

Whereas, the failure rate and withdrawal rate in fully online sections is significantly above those in other instructional modalities, and

Whereas , successful online programs, such as at CUNY SPS, enroll students who already have college experience and have earned college credits, and

Whereas, in consideration that there will be an increasing number of degree programs offered by Queensborough Community College that will be entirely online, and

Whereas, the College may determine for itself the College Policy that best serves its needs by action of the governing body, the Academic Senate, and

Whereas, at Queensborough Community College there are no College or Department policies determined by faculty with regard to the prerequisites for the fully asynchronous online modality for course sections, and

Whereas, at Queensborough Community College there are no College or Department policies determined by faculty based on concern for effective pedagogy achieving learning outcomes with regard to the fully asynchronous online modality for course sections, and

Therefore, be it resolved that it is the policy of Queensborough Community College that there must be some measures taken to support successful student completion of course sections offered in the fully asynchronous online modality,

Be it resolved that to remain enrolled in such course sections offered in the fully asynchronous online modality, students must earn and present by the Enrollment Verification Date to the instructor of such an online class a certification issued by means of an online program for such on QCC College Online Instruction,

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be it further resolved that, there be exceptions permitted to the Certifications with the approval of the department chairperson, and

Be it finally resolved that, this Queensborough Community College Policy would go into effect with the Fall 2024 semester and going forward.