Minutes
Meeting of October 10, 2006 in M127 at 2:04PM

Attending: Lorena Ellis, Stanley Garfunkel, Daqing Gao, Bruce Naples, and Patrick Wallach.

Guests: Prof. Kathy Villani (Business) and Prof. Samita Ghoshal (Biology)

1. Chairperson's Report
   - The Chair reminded the members that an invitation to attend this meeting was extended to the entire QCC faculty.
   - The Chair indicated that perhaps a second "open" meeting was warranted, possibly during Club Hours.

2. Discussion at the meeting included:
   - Prof. Ellis suggested that perhaps the Committee's list of recommendations should be again sent to the faculty, via email.
   - Prof. Naples indicated that among CUNY's community colleges, we are the biggest user of BlackBoard.
   - It was suggested that perhaps the Committee should try to ascertain the number of Distance Education courses currently being offered at other CUNY community colleges. Prof. Naples noted that perhaps only 50 percent of such courses would actually be listed on CUNY's Distance Learning Network.
   - Prof. Naples suggested the Committee, outside of online courses, may also consider other applications of distance education such as E-Portfolios and the use of BlackBoard for student/faculty orientation and support.
     - The Committee spent some time discussing the relationship of E-Portfolios and BlackBoard to Distance Education.
   - Prof. Villani shared with the Committee her notion of what she calls TIC-TAC (Technology In the Curriculum─Technology Across the Curriculum). She suggested that QCC might require students to take some form of technology skills text. If the student does not pass the test, they would not be permitted to enroll for an online class. Students not passing the exam might be required to take some form of remedial work in technology.
   - The next meeting of the Committee will be at 2:00PM on November 14, 2006 in M-127.

3. The meeting was adjourned at 2:56PM.