

Queensborough Community College
of the City University of New York
Minutes of the Library Committee
A Standing Committee of the Academic Senate

Date: March 25, 2015

Committee Members in Attendance:

Prof. Helmut Loeffler (Committee Chair)
Prof. Joanne Chang
Prof. Liz DiGiorgio
Lisa Scandaliato (Secretary)
Prof. Jeanne Galvin (Chief Librarian and Presidential Delegate)
Farzanah Siddique (Student Representative)

Review/Approval of Minutes

- February 25, 2015 minutes updated and awaiting approval next meeting

MINUTES

I. Status on Library Artwork

DiGiorgio updates the group – some frames and prints have already arrived, awaiting the rest. In regards to Diane Carey's print donation, the print is no longer available and DiGiorgio will search for other sources to acquire the piece.

II. Follow up - ADA Compliant Restrooms & Silent Study Area

Director Jeanne Galvin confirms that the funding for the project has been allocated, and the start date is TBA.

The enclosed Silent Study area on the second floor is due to open March 26, 2015. The room is equipped with charging stations and can accommodate up to 25 students.

III. Security & Noise Concerns

Concerns arose in regard to the noise level within the group study area on the second floor. The area has partitioned spaces to control the volume; however, Director Galvin has found students are watching movies with loud audio. The sound is very distracting to the students who are there to study. Security patrols the library to maintain a peaceful environment but that is not enough.

Another concern was in regards to who is allowed to utilize the library resources. Director Galvin explained that the college is an open campus, and the community is allowed to freely utilize the space. A security officer stationed at the entrance of the library would be beneficial to control those who enter; however, the Public Safety Department is unable to accommodate the request. The committee discussed the possibility of acquiring equipment that could restrict library access to the CUNY community such as a patron checker that can scan the ID's of current students and faculty.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Scandaliato, QCC Art Gallery