

**Queensborough Community College Academic Senate Committee on Bylaws  
Meeting**

**Friday, October 21, 2011 at 3:00 PM in A-311**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Liza Larios (President's Designee), Bryn Mader, Linda Meltzer (Chair), Neera Mohess, Tian Ren (Secretary), Eileen Tittmann.

**Quorum present:** Yes.

After two spelling errors were corrected, and Eileen Tittmann's name was added to the attendance list, the minutes of May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting were approved.

**Bylaws of the Academic Senate Amendment Proposal**

The committee reviewed the proposed modifications in Article II Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Academic Senate.

In the proposal, the following sentence was added at the end of item 2:

**Items requested by a majority of the chairpersons of the academic departments may be considered as an item for the agenda of a regular meeting after those from Senate Standing Committees.**

A motion was made to accept the proposed change with a clarification on procedure. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0. The Bylaws Committee recommended adding the following sentence at the end of item 2 in Article II Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Academic Senate:

**At the request of the Steering Committee, items requested by a majority of the chairpersons of the academic departments may be considered as an item for the agenda of a regular meeting after those from Senate Standing Committees.**

The committee approved by a vote of 5-0 the second proposed modification, adding a new item to Section 4:

**5. Communication and/or Report from the Steering Committee.**

**CUNY Board of Trustees Bylaws Changes**

The committee discussed the CUNY Board of Trustees Bylaws Changes. Dr. Meltzer expressed the concern about reinforcement on important articles been deleted from the bylaws. Dr. Mader pointed out that the PSC-CUNY collective bargaining agreements might not serve as a safe substitute of some articles.

Dr. Meltzer informed the members that Dr. Philip Pecorino would like to speak with the committee about these changes. A meeting was scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tian Ren, Secretary  
Bylaws Committee of the Academic Senate