Minutes for Meeting of Committee on Environment, Quality of Life, and Disability Issues. November 18, 2015

Present: Leah Anderst, Sebastian Murolo, Sheila Beck, Weier Ye, William Faulkner, Clara Wajngurt, Isabel Hocevar, Patricia Kinneary

- I. The meeting began and the minutes of October 7th, 2015 were approved and accepted.
- II. Discussion of Annual Report 2014/2015 and committee charges will take place at a future meeting.
- III. Decision was made by the Committee to postpone discussions on the Clery Report until Ed Locke, Dept. of Public Safety, is available.
- IV. QCC faculty member, Eugene Harris, has expressed concern to this committee that signs for the cafeteria are not visually pleasing and inquired about updating the signage. Bill Faulkner stated that the area is currently under construction and the signage will be updated when the site work is completed.
- V. The discussion then turned to the Anti-Bullying Statement and the future of the Anti-Bullying Sub-Committee. It was noted that the Anti-Bullying Statement had not yet been placed in the College Handbook. The committee will communicate with Steven DiDeo regarding a timeline for getting the statement into the next printing of the handbook. Clara Wajngurt then reported that someone at the Academic Senate meeting asked for a definition of the Anti-Bullying Statement for purposes of educating the college community. The sub-committee had previously avoided working on an anti-bullying definition but would be willing to move forward with this task and are requesting guidance from the committee on the best way to proceed.

After some discussion among committee members as to whether or not it was necessary to develop an anti-bullying definition, the committee agreed that the anti-bullying sub-committee will begin by developing a survey to disseminate to the college community.

VI. Discussion then turned to Public Safety and Campus Security. Public Safety has sent emails to the Deans of Departments regarding Security Workshops currently being offered for faculty members and staff. They are showing a video and educating everyone on how to best handle an Active

Shooter situation in the workplace or in public. There is also a Public Safety website and all faculty are encouraged to view the website.

CUNY Student Affairs Department is currently holding certification sessions regarding Mental Health and First Aide Training.