

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
The City University of New York

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY
AY 2007-2008

To: Steering Committee, Academic Senate
From: Mark D. Van Ells, Chairperson
Date: September 2008
Subject: Annual Report of the Committee on the Library

Committee Members: Mark D. Van Ells (chairperson and secretary), Baher Baheri, Virginia Cowen, John Imhof (Steering Committee designee), Jeanne Galvin (ex officio).

Dates committee met: 19 September 2007, 24 October 2007, 11 December 2007, 12 March 2008, 16 April 2008, 15 May 2008.

Narrative summary of committee work:

The committee's work focused on several areas. First, the committee spent a considerable amount of time discussing the library's role in the new Learning Academies. Library representatives were involved in the planning process, and the library has also given up physical space for the academies. Second, the committee discussed the library's part in the strategic planning process. The committee developed survey questions for faculty members about the library, and the responses will guide the committee's future recommendations.

Finally, the committee spent a great deal of time discussing the progress of physical improvements to the library itself. Quiet study areas have been established for students, and new worker cubicle were built for workers. The committee also discussed the library's cooperation with CETL – including providing space in the library for CETL – and Professor Galvin's plans to place parts of the libraries collections in storage to conserve precious and shrinking space.

New Committee Members for 2007-2008: Mark D. Van Ells, Michael Altimiri, Virginia Cowen.

New Chairperson for 2008-2009: Mark D. Van Ells