

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
The City University of New York

COMMITTEE on STUDENT ACTIVITIES of the ACADEMIC SENATE

ANNUAL REPORT

To: Devin McKay, Secretary, Steering Committee of the Academic Senate

From: Barbara Campbell, Chairperson

Date: July 29, 2008

Annual Report of the Committee on Student Activities for 2007/2008

Committee members: Andrea Cohen (Secretary & member Fall '2007), Howard Sporn, Scott Sherman, Dean Paul Jean-Pierre (Administrative Rep), Anthony Angulo (Student Member).

Guest: Gisela Rivera (Director of Student Activities)

Dates committee met and regular meeting times : The Committee on Student Activities met five times during the 07/08 academic year: September 27, November 29, February 28, March 27, and May 1. These meetings were usually held on the last Thursday of the month at 3:00PM in the lower level of the Students Union.

Narrative summary of committee work and report on status of prior recommendations:

The committee worked on several charges from the Steering Committee and from the recommendations made by committee members of 06/07. Committee work focused on the following goals: to rectify student difficulties with Tigermail; to monitor continued feed back on the student Welcome Packet; advocate for more electronic billboards, and place one of them the Q27bus stop; and advocate for a Student Information Desk.

The discussion about a Student Art Show has phased out, since it was originally put forth by a former student member and apparently was an idea not fully explored. The targeted item at this time is the renovation/relocation of the Cafeteria. Ms Ziomara reported than more than 900signatures were obtained in favor of this new project. The Student Government members have been meeting with the Food Service Committee, and the design is expected to be completed by an Architectural student. The students have also gained the support of Vice President Hartigan. The committee has learnt that the Student Government will make a contribution, with the hope that the college will match that amount. Ultimately the students are also expected to solicit private funding as well.

Howard Sporn has successfully gathered information on student achievements, which has been forwarded to both Ruth Griggs-Fontana, director of marketing. Digital Signage Request Form was sent to Barbara Blake-Campbell in response to her inquiry broadcasting interviews on the new flat screen monitors. Prof. Campbell explored creative options with Jason Ano for showcasing student achievements and was informed that certain animation clips/options are possible. This new mode of information vehicle has been reported to be very effective.

Gisela Rivera reported on the success of the Latino, Italian November Multicultural Festival activities, as well as the Welcome Back party for students. The April elections had an overwhelming turnout for the Student Government Election process. A reported 30% increase in voting during the Student Government Elections resulted in a full complement of voting officers for the Student Government Board. NYPRIG passed a referendum to increase student dues by \$2.00 for full-time students, and \$1.00 for part-time students. This is subject to the approval of President Marti and the Board of Trustees.

The suggestion for a Student Information Desk which was proposed by Jamal Bilal (former student member) has been tabled. Maintaining a Student Information Desk would require additional staffing. Other alternatives discussed include disseminating information via electronic signage board located in various buildings across the campus.

Through the unrelenting efforts of Dr. Anthony DeLuca, Dean of Academic Affairs, the college now has now secured Epsilon as the platform for the E-Portfolio. Several faculty members have undergone E-Portfolio training and have established their own accounts. Some faculty members are utilizing E-portfolio as an alternative to Blackboard and have reported good student participation.

Concerns about Tigermail usage were abated after Barbara Blake-Campbell was provided with a grid of Unique Tigermail account logons for the current and past two years. Contrary to the assumptions of underusage, a reported 9000 students used Tigermail at least once over the last three years. See graph attachment provided by Tony Hong.

Judicial Affairs Information

Academic Integrity Violations:

Dean Jean Pierre reported on two cases of plagiarism on the CPE during Spring 2006 semester, which resulted in each students being required to write a paper on the ethical implications of cheating and an apology letter. Of the offenders during the period of Fall 2003 to Spring 2007, 50% were from the Biology Department. There were no repeat offenders.

New Recommendations:

- Follow-up the gathering of student achievement information. Include the following programs: C-STEP, Project Prize and Office of Disabilities. Certainly if others were overlooked, please add.
- Continue to seek creative ways in showcasing student achievements. Explore the Special effects capabilities of the signage board.
- Encourage Student Usage of E-Portfolio
- Support on-going efforts to relocate/redesign Cafeteria
- Investigate concern of low utilization of services in particular disciplines in the Learning Center.

New Committee Members for 2007/2008: Nadine Donahue, Howard Sporn, Scott Sherman, Anthony Angulo (Student Member).

New Chairperson: Nadine Donahue, **Secretary:** TBA.