

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The City University of New York

ACADEMIC SENATE

COMMITTEE ON BYLAWS

To: Dr. Joel Kuszai, Secretary, Academic Senate Steering Committee
From: Stephen W. Hammel, Esq., Chair, Committee on Bylaws
Subject: Changes to the Bylaws of the Academic Senate under; Committees, Section VII, Section 2(c), related to the drafting of a resolution allowing the use of electronic voting by Senate Committees.
Date: April 27, 2015

The Committee on Bylaws has meet, considered and voted to send the following bylaws changes to the Academic Senate for consideration;

The Bylaws Committee recommends that the following additional language be added to the Bylaws of the Academic Senate under;

Committees, Section VII, Section 2(c), related to the drafting of a resolution allowing the use of electronic voting by Senate Committees;

Senate Committees may use electronic voting for Committee resolutions, recommendations or other deliberative matters, as long as the following requirements are fulfilled;

a. compliance with Robert's Rules of Order, relating to electronic voting in order to provide, at a minimum, simultaneous aural communications between all meeting participants.

b. compliance with open meeting laws pursuant to New York State V. Perez.

c. compliance with all other committee meeting regulations provided for under this section.

RATIONALE:

The Bylaws Committee acknowledges that technology has improved numerous aspects of our lives, including the ability to attend meetings electronically. We note that face to face meetings are most preferable, however we believe that in certain circumstances, electronic voting can be very beneficial to the college's committee work. Our most important concern was that everyone involved in an electronic meeting be able to freely contribute to that discussion. Should a committee believe that they are able to accomplish that goal, than we believe it should be embraced as another beneficial use of technology.