

**Steering Committee Report
Academic Senate Steering Committee
Queensborough Community College
April 2019**

The Steering Committee report highlights progress on several fronts at the college this month.

The Middle States site visit concluded successfully with no requirements made by the site team. Several recommendations were made, which will motivate further growth in the college's efforts to fully comply with all seven standards. Congratulations to co-chairs Dean Corradetti, Dr. Ansani, Professor Ford and the rest of the Middle States Self-Study team. The Steering Committee looks forward to working with the Senate, the College Administration, students, staff and faculty as we work to satisfy recommendations and suggestions.

On the agenda for this month are a number of proposals from the Committee on Curriculum, chaired by Dr. Todd Holden (see attachment D).

The Steering Committee notes a resolution to be discussed from the FEC regarding email policy. The committee is aware of meaningful points of view from many perspectives on this issue, and welcomes open discussion.

The Food Insecurity Committee has further clarified process regarding the operation of the Food Pantry (see attachment E). The proposed change to the bylaws charge for Food Insecurity was drafted by that committee and has now been passed by the Committee on the Bylaws. It now arrives at the Senate for approval (see attachment F).

This month, we say goodbye to the Committee on Ceremonial Occasions, which voted itself out of existence in November 2018. After the Steering Committee sent the charges for Ceremonial Occasions to the Committee on the Environment, Quality of Life and Disability Issues for consideration of the charges of the former committee, they voted not to accept the additional charges, so now it returns to the Senate for final disposition (see attachment J).

The Steering Committee thanks Registrar Canale along with Vice President Sandra Palmer, Chair of the Committee on Course and Standing Daniel Armstrong, Linda K. Evangelou (Assistant Dean for New Student Enrollment Services), Elpha Chantelle Farrier (Admissions representative), Michael Verdino (Director of Academy Advisement), and Steering Committee representatives for work on Grade Change Policy and Fresh Start Policy (see attachment K & L).

Look for an email from the FEC in the coming days. An important vote needs to be taken. Several changes to the governance plan are proposed, and the first one regarding the chairing of the Academic Senate aligns with a recommendation from Middle States. Therefore its passage is a priority for the college -- the Steering Committee endorses a YES vote on the first proposal.

The April meeting is the last meeting for the following members of the Academic Senate: Peter Bales, Julia Carroll, Michael Cesarano, Joanne Chang, Susan Jacobowitz, Shannon Kincaid, Joel Kuszai, and Alexandra Tarasko. At the May meeting, we will welcome new members to the Academic Senate and elect a Steering Committee, a Senate Technology Officer and a Senate Parliamentarian for the 2019-2020 academic year.

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