

**Steering Committee Report
Academic Senate Steering Committee
Queensborough Community College
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A discussion is underway about leadership and the Food Insecurity Committee. There are issues regarding staffing needs and whether Food Pantry management should rest with the Administration or Faculty. The Pantry is a QCC organization operating under a government mandate. Therein lies the question of where management should lie.

Steering Committee proposes a review of current standing committees to determine whether formation of new committees may be called for. An example is Environment, Quality of Life, and Disability Issues. As the title suggests, the charge has become too large to handle. Developing a committee, following appropriate procedures, that would handle ADA issues in all their forms, seems advisable.

SC is reviewing Senate Committee websites for continuity and consistency. The aim is a professional and thorough demonstration of committee activities for the past (approximately) three years. This includes Annual Reports, Agendas, Minutes, and Committee Guidebooks, many of which were last revised, with Phil Pecorino's leadership, in 2007.

The 2019 COACHE survey will be administered soon. Look for an email with a link. Participation is important because, per OAA, the survey is designed solely to "determine ...current job satisfaction compared to faculty at peer institutions. Your views are especially important to us as we strive to attract and retain the best and brightest scholars and teachers, increase the satisfaction of all faculty, and to make Queensborough Community College a great place to work."

Changes to the University Faculty Senate Governance Charter are now under discussion. Changes involve unit representation on the University Senate and recall procedures for senators; QCC senators may email the Steering Committee to receive a copy of proposed changes. UFS participation is an excellent way to serve the University and create a healthy CV. The SC report for March will include a list of available opportunities.

The process has begun for electing senators for three-year terms to end in 2022. Refer to your email for a message sent February 13th from Committee on Committees for a petition. Filled out petitions must be submitted by February 21st. Consider continued or first-time senate service, and encourage colleagues to run for available positions. An email calling for committee participation requests will be coming from CoC in March. Here also, encourage colleagues to take part. Committee work is a fundamental way to serve QCC.

Being prepared for the March Middle States site visit is also outstanding service. Please refer to a February 14th email from the Middle States Self Study Team about upcoming campus forums that will help faculty to be aware of important aspects of the Middle States Report.