

QCC DISTANCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
An Academic Senate Standing Committee

Minutes

Meeting of May 9, 2006 in A411 at 2:00PM

Attending: Paul Azrak, Jean Darcy, Lorena Ellis, Stanley Garfunkel, Daqing Gao, Thomas Gerson, Bruce Naples, and Patrick Wallach.

1. Chairperson's Report

- The chairperson informed the Committee that the latest set of recommendations had been forwarded to the Office of Academic Affairs.
- The purpose of this meeting was to meet the newest members of the Committee, to discuss potential areas of involvement for the coming academic year, and to elect a Chair and a Secretary.

2. Discussion areas for the coming academic year:

- Bruce Naples informed the Committee that the soon to be released QCC Strategic Plan specifically mentioned at least two areas that the Committee is to be involved in.
- Suggestions from Committee members included:
 - Looking at QCC within the larger community of Distance Education programs at other colleges. We could then pinpoint and address issues.
 - Some CUNY colleges consider work on online courses for promotion. What is the situation at QCC? What is our relationship supposed to be with the new BA online program?
 - It was noted that a problem with the CUNY BA online program is that the class will not consist of QCC students.
 - What types of courses are most appropriate for Distance Education?
 - How can we increase the number of DE courses offered at QCC? Should current instructors of DE classes share their materials with adjuncts, so that adjuncts could offer DE classes without having to develop them?

3. Elections:

- Patrick Wallach was elected Committee Chair for the 2006-2007 academic year, and Stanley Garfunkel was elected Committee Secretary.

4. Committee members were asked to forward their Fall 2006 teaching schedules to Pat Wallach so that he can determine appropriate meeting days and times for the Fall semester.

5. The Chair thanked Paul Azrak and Tom Gerson for their invaluable contributions to the Committee during this initial year of existence.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45PM.

