

**QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FACULTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Academic Freedom Committee

Report to Faculty Meeting Spring 2022

March 30, 2022

Julian Stark, Chairperson, 2019-2022

The Committee met on December 1st, 2021 and consulted by email about the following regarding certain procedures:

- The Committee considered the unilateral decision of the Chancellor to require 70% of classes to be in-person for the Spring 2022 Semester. The Committee concluded that this decision goes against the QCC Governance Plan as well as the Bylaws of the University that Departments and Programs should make decisions about instructional modalities, and that the scheduling of courses with specific modalities should be the prerogative of Department Chairs. The Committee decided to investigate this question in detail, and make recommendations to the FEC. In the meantime, a resolution recently passed by the Brooklyn College Academic Senate embodies many of the ideas that we discussed, and will be discussed and voted on at the May meeting of the QCC Academic Senate.
- The Committee considered the new Supplemental Instruction Initiative, out of concern that it would not be a voluntary program, but made mandatory for at least some faculty. The Committee will seek confirmation from OAA that this will be the case, but preliminary evidence suggests that it is indeed voluntary.

In a subsequent action, the Committee approved a resolution voted on at the February meeting of the Academic Senate on Defending Academic Freedom to Teach About Race and Gender Justice.

QCC Faculty Academic Freedom Committee:

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