

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Environment, Disability, and Quality of Life Issues
Wednesday, November 23, 2016, Conference Room H324, 12:00 – 1:30

Present: Leah Anderst, Sara Danzi Engoron, Edward Davis, Bill Faulkner, Jon Funk, Ben Freier, Dominic Hull, Wei Lai, Mel Rodriguez, John Triolo, Clara Wajngurt, Weier Ye

1. The meeting began at 12:15 and the minutes from the previous meeting of September 28, 2016 were approved with one error noted. John Funk was written as John Frank in error. This was noted and will be changed.

2. The committee was brought up to date on the slippery surfaces in the new atrium. Bill Faulkner reported that this has been remedied.

3. Leah reported that she contacted the Senate Committee on Computer Resources to inquire about policies for locked smart rooms. Hallway crowding has been a problem because students do not have access to classrooms until the professor unlocks it. Smart rooms remain locked because there have been some reports of theft. The committee discussed the fact that most rooms are constantly in use during the day. The committee wondered about students' feelings about locked classrooms since it may be perceived as trust issues. Leah will contact Student Government representatives to inquire.

4. Parking pass issues were discussed. It was reported that credit cards will be an option by the Fall 2017 semester, although whether the passes must be picked up at the office or can be mailed is not known at this time.

5. The committee was asked again by the FEC to address certain parking and security camera issues. Passes for daily parking will be distributed at the gate when prearranged. A daily parking pass for guests can be requested by emailing publicsafetyparking@qcc.cuny.edu. The gate at Cloverdale will be widened for better access. Parking spaces will be held in visitor spots as necessary. Part-time faculty members can get parking passes. Lot #2 has paid parking at \$1 per day. The consensus of the committee is not to remove lot #2 from student use for exclusive faculty use.

Security cameras are in smart classrooms and are aimed at the podium. ACC keeps the videos and department Chairs can request to review them if necessary. Committee members suggested clarifying the inquiry from Phil Pecorino. Bill Faulkner offered to follow up on public safety cameras and procedures with Mark Chropufka who has replaced Bruce Naples.

6. The committee received an inquiry from the FEC about water quality. Mel Rodriguez reported that QCC was only required to report water quality when a daycare was on campus, which was 3-4 years ago. Mel will investigate and report to the committee. To our knowledge, there has never been unsatisfactory water quality and NY water quality is good, so we do not know if there was a specific reason for the inquiry.

7. New business was discussed. An email was received from a student regarding making QCC a sanctuary for undocumented students. Reportedly a letter sent to Chancellor Milliken and it was agreed that this may be more of a CUNY issue. Leah and Dominic volunteered to meet with students and to draft a

recommendation to support QCC as a sanctuary school. [Follow up to meeting – a draft letter was sent to committee members via email on 11/29/16 for a vote of support]

8. Parking congestion was considered again and we were told there is a parking fine that will be imposed on all non-tagged vehicles. The possibility of a shuttle service from the LIRR was discussed again, but funding would only increase student fees. It was proposed that fees to students would increase by \$60-64 per student for each semester to cover the cost.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Danzi Engoron