

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Environment, Disability, and Quality of Life Issues
Wednesday, May 10, 2017, Conference Room H324, 12:10 – 1:30

Present: Leah Anderst, Sheila Beck, Sara Danzi Engoron, Edward Davis, Bill Faulkner, Jon Funk, Dominic Hull, Patricia Kinneary, Wei Lai, Tony Monahan, Mel Rodriguez, John Triolo, Clara Wajngurt, Weier Ye,

1. The meeting began at 12:15 and the minutes from the previous meeting of March 1, 2017 were approved.
2. The election for Committee Chair and Secretary was held. It was decided that a Co-Chair was no longer necessary and no one was available for the position. Dominic Hull was elected Chair. Sara Danzi Engoron was elected Secretary of the Committee.
3. Two new committee members (Patricia Kinneary and Tony Monahan) were in attendance, and they were welcomed with introductions by all.
4. Dominic Hull reported about his attendance at the Steering Committee (SC) meeting. The SC invited Chairs of the Senate Committees to the meeting. Topics discussed included a reminder that all Committees are to submit an annual report. Our annual report will be written by the previous Co-Chairs (Leah Anderst and Dominic Hull) and delivered to Emily Tai. Dave Moretti advised that departments should update their web sites and make sure they are compliant with regulations. Dave is available to assist with updates.
5. Bill Faulkner updated the committee on water testing. His office is gathering information from testing companies and each building will be tested. Water testing is done by New York City, but testing at QCC will assure that no local contamination has occurred. Testing will be the same as NYC public school testing with standards set by the NYC Health Department.
6. A draft document for parking improvements was discussed by committee members.
7. Clara Wajngurt provided a Campus Health and Safety Report. Clara solicits and reviews health and safety issues from the campus community and works with Bill Faulkner's office to ensure that issues are addressed. The committee suggested putting items in categories with summaries as a better way to organize and disseminate information at the end of each year. Perhaps comparisons to previous years will be helpful to indentify persistent problems that still require remedies.
8. It was noted that bathroom gender notification signs were up in all of the bathrooms on campus. Dominic pointed out, however, that the signs are extremely small. We made an inquiry with Administration for an explanation since larger signs might be more effective. It was agreed that the signs were a very good start to addressing the issue of gender equality.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Danzi Engoron