

Proposal: On QCC and Informing Student of their Rights with regard to Religious Observances

Whereas, Queensborough Community College is committed to providing an academic and work environment that is respectful of the religious beliefs of its students, faculty, and staff, and

Whereas, the College Administrative officials are charged under the New York State Education Law with notifying students of their rights to academic accommodations for the purposes of religious observance, as set forth in New York State Education Law 224a; and

Whereas, the Academic Senate Steering Committee, according to Senate resolution, wishes to further support this goal;

Be it resolved that, The Steering Committee brings forward the following four recommendations:

1. That at the start of each semester faculty be sent an email with a link to [NYS Education Law 224a](#) and the CUNY/QCC [Request for Religious Accommodations](#) so they can be familiar with the requirements;
2. That a link to the [CUNY request for Religious Accommodations](#) be provided in the ST 100 Blackboard course as of Fall 2019 semester and give all first time full time students access to this policy.
3. That the Blackboard template on student resources be revised by Spring 2020 to include [Request for Religious Accommodations](#) among other important QCC student resource policies.
4. That faculty be encouraged to place on their syllabi a statement advising students that they have a right to seek accommodations for religious observances, with a link to the Religious Accommodations page on the QCC website, and/or a link to NYS Education Law 224a.