

QCC DISTANCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
An Academic Senate Standing Committee

Minutes

Meeting of September 26, 2006 in M127 at 2:05PM

Attending: Lorena Ellis, Stanley Garfunkel, Daqing Gao, Bruce Naples, and Patrick Wallach.

1. Chairperson's Report

- The chairperson distributed copies of the Minutes of the last Distance Education Committee meeting, the recommendations the Committee had forwarded to the Dean of Academic Affairs during the past academic year, and a copy of the Committee's "charge."
- The chairperson informed the Committee that he had met with Phil Pecorino, Chair of the Academic Senate, to discuss the work of the Committee. Prof. Pecorino suggested that the Committee might consider holding a forum, perhaps during club hours, to get advice and recommendations from faculty (and perhaps students or student government representatives).

2. Discussion at the meeting included:

- Prof. Wallach reviewed the Committee's specific "charges" for the current academic year.
- Prof. Wallach briefly discussed his experiences, to date, with the CUNY Online BA Program, and how this class appeared to differ from his experiences with online classes at QCC.
- Prof. Wallach noted that we might wish to explore the notion that each academic department at QCC be required to offer a number of online sections.
- Prof. Naples raised the question of whether we should be trying to solve a particular problem or set of problems with online instruction at QCC, or should our task be to try to increase the number of online courses and sections offered.
- Prof. Ellis commented that we might wish to make a recommendation that the great amount of effort required by an instructor to teach an online section should be viewed positively by the College P&B Committee and the President when that instructor is being considered for tenure and/or promotion.
 - Prof. Garfunkel said that he would try to find the list of requirements (guidelines) for each rank at the College and distribute this list to the Committee.

3. The next meeting of the Committee will be at 2:00PM on October 10, 2006.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00PM.