Queensborough Community College
Of the City University of New York

Minutes of the Library Committee
A Standing Committee of the Academic Senate

Date: February 26th, 2014
From: Joanne Chang
To: Dr. Philip Pecorino, Chair of the Academic Senate Steering Committee
    Dr. Joel Kuszai, Secretary of the Academic Steering Committee

The meeting began at 12:30pm and ended at 1:30pm

Committee members in attendance: Prof. Diane Carey, Prof. Joanne Chang, Prof. Jeanne Galvin, Prof. Liz Di Giorgio and Prof. Susan Sciammarella.

1. Approval of December, 2013 minutes. Motion to accept the minutes and approval by all.
2. The Library's three-question survey regarding new artwork for the Library was developed by the Library's ad hoc committee (formed by Prof. Susan Sciammarella and Prof. Sheila Beck), and was presented to the Library Committee by Prof. Susan Sciammarella. Fifty-five students in total responded, and the results were analyzed by the ad hoc committee. It suggested that students prefer brighter, vibrant and more visible artwork, and are okay with reproductions. They also desire better Internet service and mellow music. Professor Sciammarella recommended selections of artworks from different periods of time and diverse cultures (Picasso, Rembrandt and artists from Africa, Asia, Middle East, and Alaska) and suggested a low budget for all acquisitions. Questions were raised about approaching the art gallery about works that they might lend to the Library, and about asking them for advice or good sources re the framing of artwork.
3. Professor Sciammarella envisions 4 to 5 phases for the library artwork change so it is a continuous process, which also offers a legacy for the committee. Each artwork shall be labeled for the learning experience. In the case of the contemporary work by Kehinde Wiley, the original painting by Jacque-Louis David of *Napoleon Crossing the Alps* shall be juxtaposed to the contemporary one for comparison.
4. Prof. Di Giorgio had sent an email to the QCC Gallery Director Faustino Quintanilla and is waiting for the reply. Websites like allposters.com and the Brooklyn Museum for the Kehinde Wiley poster were discussed as possible sources for selections.
5. Professor Sciammarella suggested a few sculptures for the 3rd floor library, based on the student survey that students may find them relaxing.
6. Prof. Di Giorgio said that the Chair of the Art Department, Professor Bob Rogers offered reproductions of work from the upcoming 2014 Juried

Student Exhibition, which includes photography, digital art, painting, and sculpture for just the cost of the materials needed to produce them, which would be $300.

7. Prof. Carey said that it is a multicultural learning opportunity for students and Prof. Chang suggested works to be selected from pre-organized categories.
8. Prof. Galvin reported that the Internet connection slows down in the afternoon when a lot of students bring their laptop to the library to study.
9. Prof. Sciammarella also suggested inclusion of Peter Max's works, which were recently on exhibition at Nassau County Museum
10. Prof. Di Giorgio discussed the access of the bathroom for the disabled students: the first floor bathroom of the Library is accessible but not the one on the 2nd floor (which is actually the 3rd floor of the Library Building). The doorway is 24 inches as opposed to 32 on the first floor.
11. Prof. Galvin said B&G staff shall be contacted for the 3rd floor access for disabled persons. Recommendation for a member from Academic Committee of Disability to join the Library Committee for this issue in the near future.
12. Professors Chang, Di Giorgio and Galvin took a walk through the library looking for the appropriate location for a 2nd monitor for the Library's usage and for displaying nature photography in the Library.
13. Prof. Di Giorgio will request if Bruce Naples is able to arrange for installation of a monitor for Eugene Harris' nature photography and other artworks to be installed next to the Starbucks' sign in the library along with the already installed monitor inside the library for official college updates and information.