

Faculty Executive Committee Meeting
September 27, 2016
3-5pm in H-217
With Sandra Palmer, Dean of Faculty
Tentative Agenda

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes 8-30-16
3. Treasurer's Report: Current balances, access to funds, estimate of expenses-David Humphries
4. Chairperson's Report
 - FEC Representative on:
 - QCC P&B Sub Com on Budget
 - Academic Senate Advisory Committee on Budget
 - Middle States Committees
 - QCC Early Alert System- advisor responses
 - Fall 2016-requesting criteria from department chairpersons for ½ year fellowship leave with FULL PAY
 - Access to all faculty lists
 - General email lists- Faculty Dialogue and Community Dialogue-Restricted Access Request for opt out and not opt
 - Status of new Faculty in CLIP and CUNYStart
 - Response form PSC re Grant Application Process
 - Response form CUNY Legal Affairs re: FEC action on complaints re faculty behavior
5. Report on Elections Fall 2016 and Spring 2017-Alicia Sinclair
 Elections to be Run by the FEC in 2017
 - FEC Chairperson
 - FEC Members
 - UFS Full-Time Three-Year Delegates
 - UFS Full-Time One-Year Alternate(s)
 - UFS Part-Time Three-Year Delegate(s) (if necessary)
 - UFS Part-Time One-Year Alternate
 - Elected Adjunct CLT (if necessary)
 - CLT Member of College P&B
 - Academic Review Committee Panel (6)
6. Report on Technology Fee Committee- Anthony Kolios
7. Report on Technology Plan Committee- Anthony Kolios
8. Report on FEC website- Anthony Kolios-FEC agenda and minutes and committees and faculty meeting materials
9. Report on Community (Institution) Building Committee- Wilma Fletcher-Anthony
10. Items with the President
 Resolution to Problems in Department of Foreign Languages
11. Faculty Meetings
 Fall 2016 November 9, 2016 update from Phil Pecorino, assistance of Edmund Clingan on research into topic
 Spring 2017 March 8, 2017 Possible GUSET SPEAKERS/Presentations TOPIC????
12. Old Business
 - a.) Grant Review/Approval Process
 - b.) Requests of Academic Senate Committees
 - Request for Academic Senate Committee to report on Security Camera Use on campus
 - Request for Academic Senate Committee to report on Technology in Classrooms
 - Request for Academic Senate Committee to report on Parking
 - c.) Request to Provost: (A)How are we doing? What is the current assessment on the effectiveness of:
 HIPS, Honors,WI, Online Instruction
 - d.) UPDATE: Request for Academic Senate Committee to report on faculty teaching in Continuing Education
 - e.) UPDATE: Department chairs as faculty members: should be subject to the same rules relative to attendance and absences, i.e., Absences need to be reported whether or not they are authorized or un authorized
13. New Business

FACULTY EVENTS CALENDAR 2016-2017

FEC Meetings	Academic Senate	PSC Meetings ???????	QCC General Faculty Meeting	Department Chairs Meet alone	Department Chairs with Provost
Fourth Tuesdays 3-5pm H-217	Second Tuesdays 3-5pm M-136	EC and Chapter General Mtgs	Wednesday <u>12-2pm.</u> M-136	Second Tuesdays 2-3pm	First Tuesdays 3-5pm
August 30 President Call 3pm					
<u>September 27</u> Dean Palmer	<u>September 13</u>	Sept 6 EC Sept 28 General Meeting Oakland		<u>September 13</u>	<u>September 6</u>
October 25	<u>October 18</u>	Oct 20 EC		<u>October 18</u>	<u>October 4</u>
November 29	<u>November 8</u>	<u>Nov 15 EC</u> Nov 30 General Meeting Oakland	November 9	<u>November 8</u>	<u>November 1</u>
<u>December 20</u>	<u>December 13</u>	<u>Dec 20 EC</u>		<u>December 13</u>	<u>December 6</u>
January 24 Dean Palmer					
<u>February 28</u>	<u>February 14</u>	Feb 21 EC		<u>February 14</u>	<u>February 7</u>
<u>March 28</u> President Call 3pm	<u>March 14</u>	March 21 EC	<u>March 8</u>	<u>March 14</u>	<u>March 7</u>
April 25	April 11	April 20 EC		April 11	April 4
May 23	May 9	May 16 EC		May 9	May 2

CUNY QCC SOCIAL PROMOTION GRADE INFLATION

The last informal survey of QCC faculty conducted by the Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) produced a clear indication that a significant number of faculty indicated their concern over such matters as pressures on faculty for retention of students and for progress towards graduation. This raises concern over the possibility of grade inflation and even social promotion extending from the K-12 setting into our own College. The FEC heard this concern and has arranged a program to present the data and to hear faculty voices and provide answers to questions and address concerns.

In a country where there is growing concern for the results of large investments in higher education there is focus on the rate of graduation and beyond that a growing interest in ascertain the rate of employment post-graduation. There have been efforts and proposals to link the funding of public higher education to the outcomes in terms of graduation and employment rates. Within such an atmosphere there should be no surprise that many faculty are concerned that they will be evaluated in terms of the retention rates in their classes and that in turn raises the concern that particularly among the non-tenured, contingent faculty who teach most of the contact hours there might be pressure to inflate grades.

Thus far at QCC, the data would not appear to indicate any significant grade inflation over the last few years. Is this a relief or is there still more about which to be concerned? The data also indicates no significant improvement in the college readiness rates amongst the graduates of the NYC DOE. During the period of Mayor William De Blasio and Chancellor Carmen Farina, there have been reports of a return to what is tantamount to social promotion in K-12 classes. If this is the case how are CUNY colleges to produce increases in their retention and graduation outcomes? Is more support needed or will there be grade inflation?

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FACULTY MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 2016

12:00- 2pm

Medical Arts Room M-136

12:00-12:30 Reception Luncheon

12:35 Welcome

12:40 President Call

12:45 FEC Reports

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Elections

12:50 TOPIC: CUNY QCC SOCIAL PROMOTION GRADE INFLATION

PANEL:

National Situation: national scholar or writer

- Stuart Rojstaczer, a former Duke University professor
- Christopher Healy, a Furman University professor
- [Scott Jaschik](#) INSIDE HIGHER EDUCATION

1:20 NYC DOE Situation: CUNY DOE liaison person

1:25 CUNY Situation: CUNY OIR representative

1:30 QCC Situation: QCC OIR representative

1:35 QCC Faculty Members willing to speak

1:40 Q&A

2:00 adjourn