

Queensborough Community College

Fall Faculty Meeting

Sponsored by the Faculty Executive Committee

September 30, 2015 at 12-2 p.m.

Medical Arts Room 136

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**Reception with luncheon** in the Medical Arts Well was followed by greetings from FEC Chairperson Dr. Philip Pecorino. He presented the notes of the previous meeting and they were accepted by the faculty.

**Treasurer David Humphries** presented his report and thanked the faculty for paying their dues.

**President Diane Bova Call** welcomed the faculty. She commented on the COACHE survey, identifying the results as an opportunity. There was not yet a meeting with COACHE, and it was uncertain what the themes and comparisons with CUNY represent for QCC. She looked forward to working with governance leaders for clarity. President Call expressed disappointment with the progress on the contract: out of 23 unions on the campus, just one had settled a contract. She commended faculty and students on recent accomplishments, and said she will continue to share information on developments.

**FEC Chairperson Pecorino** in his report stated that he was aware of challenges and proud of responses. Although it is a challenging time, he noted that the COACHE survey reflected that faculty value their colleagues and hoped that it will continue. He then presented the results of the informal FEC survey conducted on Survey Monkey. Faculty participation was 178/398 faculty. The survey included feedback on the following: college website, bullying, freedom of speech, Department Chairperson as FEC Chair, reappointment/tenure/promotion, cuisine for faculty meeting luncheon, productivity report, and expectations of the FEC. He commended Mr. Stephen Di Dio for highlighting positive activities on the website. This was followed by a review of each category of the COACHE survey. QCC's response was 53% compared with the CUNY response rate of 48%. The results were coded in red and green dots, and it was observed that the results were in relation to other campuses. The best aspects identified were colleagues, and the worst aspects identified were facilities, compensation, quality of students, and teaching load.

**New business:** Professor Santoro asked about privacy of abstracts for submission of grants. Professor Stark, Chairperson of the Academic Freedom Committee responded and will follow up after the meeting.

Invitations were extended to the University Faculty Senate meeting, PSC-CUNY rally at the Chancellor's apartment, and PSC-QCC meeting.

The winners of the Open Educational Resources Award 2015 were announced and congratulated.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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