RESOLVED, That the proposed amendments to the Governance Plan of Queensborough Community College be adopted, effective July 1, 2012.

EXPLANATION: The amendments to the Queensborough Community College ("QCC") Governance Plan are designed to update the Plan to make it consistent with CUNY’s Bylaws and the Bylaws of the QCC Faculty, and to codify current practices at QCC. The amendments were approved by the QCC Academic Senate on February 14, 2012 and are recommended by the College President. In addition, a college-wide referendum on revising the Governance Plan was approved by a majority of the faculty and received a positive vote by students (but not a majority of those eligible to vote). Pursuant to the Governance Plan, when amendments are approved by a majority of one constituency (in this case the faculty) and are recommended by the College President, the absence of a majority vote by another constituency (the students) does not affect passage of the amendments.

Specifically, the amendments clarify who is eligible to vote in department elections: The revisions state that all full-time employees who hold professorial titles, as well as lecturers and instructors, may vote in their respective departments as long as they have not received notice of non-reappointment or submitted a resignation. The amendments revise the manner in which members of the Academic Review Committee of the QCC Academic Senate are elected to be consistent with QCC Faculty Bylaws. They add Higher Education Officers and College Laboratory Technicians to the voting membership of the Academic Senate. The amendments further delete provisions concerning student government and student organizations, which have been superseded by recent revisions to CUNY’s Bylaws.