

Proposed Resolution Regarding Open Committee Meetings (Cally)

WHEREAS The College Council of Kingsborough Community College is the principle governing body of the college, and

WHEREAS The College Council of Kingsborough Community College is divided into seven committees: Steering, Committees, Curriculum, Instructional, Legislative, Strategic Planning, and Students, and

WHEREAS Meetings of the whole College Council have historically been open to all members of the college community, and

WHEREAS The New York State Court of Appeals in Perez v. CUNY (2005) ruled that the Senate and Executive Committee of Hostos Community College are public bodies subject to the New York State Open Meetings Law, and

WHEREAS Openness and transparency are accepted requirements for good governance, be it

RESOLVED

That Article IV Section IV of the College Council Constitution be amended with the addition of a subsection C to read:

All meetings of College Council Committees, (Steering, Committees, Curriculum, Instruction, Legislative, Strategic Planning, and Students) shall be open to all members of the college community. The chairs of all College Council Committees shall announce via campus email and/or other appropriate means of communication the agenda, date, time, and location of all committee meetings at least one week in advance of said meeting.

Relevant Constitution Sections:

Article II, Section III: Meetings of the College Council and committees of the Council shall follow Robert's Rules of Order.

Article IV, Section IV:

a) The College Council shall be divided into seven committees: two special committees, Steering and Committees; and five standing committees, Curriculum, Instructional, Legislative, Strategic Planning and Budget, and Students...

b) Committee members shall serve on a single standing committee for the duration of their terms on the College Council... The Steering Committee shall be composed of the President or a designated Dean, the Secretary of the College Council, and the chairpersons of the standing committees... The President of the College shall serve as the chairperson of the Steering Committee... The Steering Committee shall meet regularly during the academic year and shall meet by call of the chairperson.

[No section (c) in current version.]