# Kingsborough's Community College College Council Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

#### **▶** What is the College Council?

The College Council is the primary governing body responsible for formulating academic, administrative, and policy decisions at Kingsborough Community College. It typically includes faculty, staff, students, and administrative representatives.

# ➤ What are the responsibilities of the College Council?

The Council reviews and approves curriculum changes, degree requirements, academic standards, and policies relating to the governance of the college.

# **➤** Who can be a member of the College Council?

Membership includes faculty, students, staff, and alumni.

# ➤ Who are the current members of the College Council?

The current College Council members can be found here: College Council Members List

#### **➤** How are members selected or elected?

Members are typically elected by their peers (e.g., faculty elect faculty members; students elect student representatives) or appointed according to college bylaws. College Council members are elected through a process overseen by the Legislative Committee. Delegates are elected by their respective constituencies (e.g., full-time faculty, part-time faculty, HEOs/CLTs, support staff, students, and alumni) according to specific rules and timelines, usually in May.

#### > Are students allowed to vote in College Council meetings?

Yes, College Council Student Representatives have the same voting rights as other College Council members.

#### **➤** How often does the College Council meet?

The College Council must meet at least twice a semester.

#### ➤ Are College Council meetings open to the college community?

Yes, College Council meetings are open to the public.

#### ➤ How can I find the meeting schedule or agenda?

The schedule, agendas, and minutes are posted on the College Council webpage.

# ➤ How are academic policies and curricula reviewed?

Proposals are submitted to the Curriculum Committee before being reviewed and voted on at College Council meetings.

#### ➤ How can students provide input on academic policies?

Students can voice concerns to their representatives on the Council or participate in designated committees.

# What types of committees exist within the College Council?

The College Council has the following standing committees: <u>Curriculum</u>, <u>DEI</u>, <u>Facilities</u>, <u>Instructional</u>, <u>Legislative</u>, <u>Shared Governance</u>, <u>Strategic Planning</u> and <u>Students</u>. The college council also includes special committees: Steering and Committees. Detailed committee information can be found on the <u>College Council Committee Duties</u>.

## > Can non-Council members attend committee meetings?

Yes, non-council members may attend College Council and committee meetings. All meetings must be held in person as per the <a href="NYS Open Meeting Law">NYS Open Meeting Law</a>.

# > Can meetings that involve the College Council or College Council Standing Meetings be held virtually via Zoom or any other virtual format?

No. All meetings must be held in person as per the NYS Open Meeting Law.

# **▶** Where can I find the College Council Constitution?

The college council constitution can be found within the College Council Constitution's webpage.

# ➤ How can I get involved with the College Council?

Contact your department chair, student government, or the Council's secretary to learn about open seats, nomination procedures, or ways to attend meetings.

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