Guidelines for the Inquiry Group

An inquiry group at Hostos Community College is a group of faculty who meet regularly to discuss different academic topics related to general education and curriculum, skills development, teaching practices and strategies, student achievement, or any other topic on teaching and learning that the department considers important.

During the inquiry group, faculty develop understanding of the selected topic by asking a series of questions and looking at the information obtained by the possible answers; sharing experiences and facts that emerge in the discussion; and by revising and obtaining data that successfully complement the group explanations to the formulated questions.

It is expected that through these discussions each department will develop a clear overview of what teaching strategies or practices are being used that benefit the students, which challenges each of department is facing, and what other topics of interest are being addressed.

One of the main goals of the inquiry group is to engage as many faculty members as possible in the intellectual life of the department and the discussions could be qualitative, quantitative or philosophical in nature. It is expected that the inquiry groups lead to some form of product including college-wide presentations, publications or reflective statements, assessment, or program overview.

Inquiry Group Profile (To be determined by each department’s IG)

- Name of the Inquiry Group
- Number of Participants
- Thematic focus within GenEd
- Goal(s)
- Questions to be answered
- Schedule of Meetings
- Expected Outcomes

Current Department Leaders

Behavioral and Social Sciences (Prof. Felix Cardona)
Business Department (Prof. Sandy Figueroa)
Education Department (Prof. Gina Cicco)
English Department (Profs. Craig Bernardini & Linda Hirsch)
Humanities (Prof. Angel Morales)
Language and Cognition (Profs. Paula Korsko & Marianela Hurvich)
Library (Prof. Lisa Tappeiner)
Natural Sciences (Prof. Nelson Núñez-Rodríguez & John Gillen)

Initiative Leader
Provost and Senior VP Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Ph.D.

Initiative Coordinator
Professor Amanda Bernal-Carlo, Ph.D.