

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
of The City University of New York

***Report of the President***  
to the Academic Senate  
**April 21, 2009**

**Middle States Evaluation Team Visit:** Thanks to all who contributed to the preparation of the Self-Study Report and to those who participated in all the preparations leading up to and during the visit of the Team. It was a good visit. At the time of this writing, we are awaiting receipt of the draft report. The draft report will be shared with the MSA Steering Committee to review for factual errors. I will prepare a letter that will address any inaccuracies contained in the report, and I will convene a meeting of the College Advisory Planning Committee to discuss the implementation of the recommendations and the consideration of the suggestions. We will receive the final letter depicting the Commission's determination in July.

One of the recommendations is going to be on assessment. Coincidentally, we had contracted with Dr. Derek Price from DVP Praxis, Ltd. to create the assessment plan for the Freshman Academies. We look forward to the development of the plan.

**Budget:** We are still awaiting the resolution of the State budget in Albany and after that is received, we will be looking at the NY City Council for action. The College's allocation is determined by CUNY that, in turn, receives an allocation for all six community colleges from the NY City Council.

**Capital Projects:**

- **Library Café:** This space in the lobby of the Library will house a "Starbucks-like" coffee shop
- **\*Third Floor of the Library:** An amazing transformation has taken place. Students are studying in groups, new furniture has arrived, the place is clean, airy and welcoming.
- **\*Cafeteria Lower Level Science Bldg:** This area has been renovated, new furniture is in place. While it is still not the best space for students to congregate, it is much better than it used to be.
- **Freshman Academy Spaces:** All administrative spaces have been identified as follows:

Visual & Performing Arts, LB-25	Health Related Sciences, M-326
Business, A-405a	Education, M-127
STEM, S-332	Liberal Arts, H-350/351
- **Fence Project:** A new fence will be erected around the perimeter of the College. Construction will start at the end of April.
- **Kupferberg Center is almost complete:** We expect to receive the certificate of occupancy by the end of the month.

\* A significant portion of the funding for these projects was obtained through the Student Government Association.

Still to come:

- Exterior Doors
- A new Cafeteria

**Earth Day:** On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the campus will celebrate Earth Day. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, through the efforts of student volunteers with the Buildings & Grounds crews, the College expects to plant over 400 trees, a gift from Mayor Bloomberg.

**Partners for Progress:** If you haven't made your reservations yet, you still have time to join the best party in Queens, and for a very good cause. A large turnout is expected and, as of this writing, we are closing in on our goal of \$250,000.

**CUNYFirst:** This project has sapped a great deal of our energies. Our thanks go to all the people of Queensborough Community College who have done a great job in helping us through the conversion. Although we don't see any of the products on line yet, they are coming and are going to be very useful in our planning.