

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

Report of the President
to the Academic Senate
April 13, 2010

I trust that you had a good spring break.

Budget: 2009-10 As expected, we were asked to contribute \$1.2 million to the Program to Eliminate the Gap (PEG) for New York City. Thanks to the good work by Provost Call and Dean Newcomb, we were able to meet this obligation by using the excess revenue that was produced by the over-enrollment last fall.

2010-11 promises to be a more difficult year. In addition to the expected cuts from the State, we anticipate additional cuts from the City. Also, we have promised the University to stay within our 10,809 FTEs for fall of 2010. However, as our allocation model is based on a three-year weighted average of enrollments, and as the tuition will go up by 2%, we believe that we will be able to handle these budget restrictions with minimal impact to the programs of the College.

The Academic Department Chairs and the Department Heads will begin to prepare the budget request and Dean Newcomb will coordinate the preparation of an expenditure plan that will be consonant with our Strategic Plan. As you know, the Strategic Plan is completed in July and the Expenditure Plan is presented in August for approval.

Strategic Plan: We are at the final stages of preparing the first draft of the plan. This year we are behind schedule. Our preoccupation with the preparation of the Monitoring Report to the Middle States was partially responsible for this delay. We will be conducting Open Hearings on **May 19, at 1:00 p.m. in room M136; and on May 21, at 2:00 p.m. in room M136.** Prior to these dates, we will have meetings with the Department Chairs, the Students and the HEOs.

Middle States: The Task Forces are in the process of completing their work. The Handbook will be presented to the Academic Senate at the May meeting. The report is in the initial draft stage. I am confident that the Monitoring report will be accepted by the Commission on Higher Education.

50th Anniversary Gala: We intend to announce at the Gala the receipt of the College's **second** one-million dollar gift. As you may remember, Harriet Kupferberg provided \$1 million toward the endowment of the KHRC and, now, Mr. Norman Joondeph left a bequest of over \$1 million to endow the Art Gallery. The gift will be accepted by the Board of Trustees at the April meeting. In addition, we have had a number of cocktail receptions to raise money for Queensborough Community College's 50th Anniversary campaign. At Partners, this year, we will celebrate the success of our 50th anniversary campaign and launch a new campaign, which will

be entitled *Edge for Success*, which is designed to provide student support services such as scholarships, book awards, travel awards and faculty support such as Freshman Academies, High Impact Learning Activities, Supplemental Educational Resources such as the KHRCA and the Art Gallery, Faculty Development, Faculty Research and naming opportunities such as programs, rooms and even buildings.

As part of the Invest in CUNY Campaign of \$3 billion, our goal is to reach \$25 million by 2015. With projected revenues of an additional \$3M this year, we are well within our target having already raised approximately \$20M to date.

As always, Queensborough Community College faculty may purchase Gala tickets at half-price.

Study Abroad: The Queensborough Community College fund and the Student Association allocated funding to send 8 students and a faculty member to the Salzburg Seminar program.

AACC: Michele Cuomo, Susan Curtis and I made a presentation on the Freshman Academy Initiative at the AACC Convention in Seattle on April 16th.

Honors Conference: April 23rd

50th Anniversary: Please hold the date for our own Barbecue celebration of our 50th Anniversary on May 4th.