

**President's Report
to the
Academic Senate**

April 17, 2012

Academic Affairs:

- The Office of Academic Affairs is pleased to invite full- and part-time QCC faculty to apply for the **2012-2013 Online Course Development Initiative**. The application deadline is Monday April 16, 2012. Selected faculty will be expected to attend the Summer Institute during June 2012, complete final preparations for online course delivery during Fall 2012, and teach the course online at least two semesters, Spring 2013 and Fall 2013. This faculty development initiative is emphasizing partly online (blended) courses, but faculty members who wish to develop fully online (asynchronous) courses may also apply.
- Our dual joint degree program in **Accounting for Forensic Accounting/Economics** with John Jay College has been officially registered with the New York State Department of Education.
- **Queensborough's "Pathways" website** is now available at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/pathways/index.html>. There are two ways of getting there: <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu> > Academics > Academic Affairs > Pathways OR <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu> > Faculty & Staff > Spotlight on New Projects > Pathways. We thank Dave Moretti for his assistance in setting up and maintaining it as course nominations reviewed by the College's Curriculum Committee and our Academic Senate.

FY 13 Budget Outlook:

- The budget outlook for next year is much improved over the past two years. The FY2013 state adopted budget provides an increase in per-FTE base aid of \$150 to \$2,272. This base aid increase will amount to an increase of \$12.2 million for the CUNY community colleges. In addition, the State has funded a \$9.7 million increase for enrollment growth at the CUNY community colleges. Finally, next year will be year two of the CUNY 5 year tuition increase plan, which increases tuition by \$300 for a full-time, resident undergraduate. As a result of these additional resources, plans are being made for another CUNY Investment Plan for Community Colleges (CCIP), as well as other programs to invest in the community colleges. We expect the University will target new funding for new full-time faculty, academic research, information technology, academic support, workforce development, infrastructure and student services.
- QCC's annual **Resource Planning & Allocation Process** is underway. Divisions and departments are in the process of preparing budget requests, mindful that our resource plan must ensure our resources support our highest priorities, as reflected in the Strategic Plan developed by the College Advisory Planning Committee. Strategic Plan initiatives will receive the highest priority for discretionary funding. Each Division will submit budget request proposals for new funding related to strategic priorities, operational needs and new enrollment growth. These proposals will be reviewed and prioritized by the Cabinet. The Budget Subcommittee of the Faculty P&B Committee and the Academic Senate Budget

Advisory Committee will be consulted for their funding recommendations prior to our final expenditure plan for FY 13.

Upcoming Events:

The **Faculty Excellence in Research and Scholarship Awards** will be presented at a ceremony in the Oakland Dining room immediately following the Academic Senate, on Tuesday, April 17. Professor Jules Allen, Professor in Art and Design, Dr. Pellegrino Manfra Professor, Social Sciences/Economics, and Dr. Philip Pecorino, Professor, Social Sciences/Economics will be honored.

The **Spring 2012 Presidential Lecture** will be held on Wednesday, April 18 at 4:30 PM in Medical Arts, room 136. Dr. Edmund Clingan, History Department will speak on *Oil, Credit, and the Shifting Balance of Power*. Students, faculty, staff and the community are invited to attend.

The Art Gallery exhibit *Bundu* will open On Thursday, April 19, at 5:00 in the main gallery.

On Tuesday, April 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Oakland Dining Room, our Office of Affirmative Action, Compliance and Diversity is sponsoring a faculty development forum on **Students with Autism**. Panelists from QCC, CUNY and community organizations will offer strategies faculty might apply to support students in their classes who are on the autism spectrum. Topics include: How to work with each student to manage his/her classroom engagement/participation and Concerns with managing the interactions and/or reactions received from other students.

Queensborough's annual **Honors Conference** will take place on Friday, May 4, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Medical Arts Building . All faculty and students are invited to attend

CUNY's annual **Conference on Coordinated Undergraduate Education** will be held on Friday, May 11 at College of Staten Island, 9:30 am-5:00 pm. This year's theme is *A CUNYVerse of Innovations: innovative and/or successful approaches in undergraduate education*; conference website for information and registration: <https://www.csi.cuny.edu/CUE/index.html>.