

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

Report of the President
to the
Academic Senate
March 13, 2012

Enrollment update:

- Advisement and registration for Summer sessions and the Fall 2012 semester began March 5th. Our goal to advise all *continuing* students by June 30th. Email messages were sent to all currently enrolled students reminding those who need to see an advisor to schedule their advisement appointment as soon as possible. Our plan is to have our freshmen coordinators advise and register all new freshmen by the end of July. Please encourage current students to complete their advisement/registration process as early as possible.
- Fall 2011 students who are close to 30 credits (or half of their total degree credit requirements) after this semester may apply for a scholarship to take a QCC course for free this summer. For more information, please contact Dean Michele Cuomo in the Office of Academic Affairs. She will be contacting eligible students in May.
- Those students eligible to graduate in either June or August should apply for graduation through the CUNYfirst system. This year's Commencement is scheduled for June 1, 2012. All faculty and HEOs are expected to participate.

Pathways update:

- Queensborough's draft Implementation Plan (due by April 1) has been distributed for governance review and will be presented to the March Senate as an information item. **Dr. Lorena Ellis and Dr. Arthur Corradetti**, our Pathways Liaisons have been attending Pathways Implementation meetings at CUNY, and the first meeting of the CUNY Review Committee for course submissions to Pathways will meet on Friday March 2 as a large group, and then will meet as the eight separate committees.
- Our faculty representatives on the CUNY review committees are:
 - ❖ English Composition, **Dr. Linda Reesman**, Professor and Chairperson of English
 - ❖ Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning, **Dr. Joseph Bertorelli**, Professor and previous chairperson, Mathematics and Computer Science
 - ❖ Life and Physical Sciences, **Dr. Paris Svoronos**, Professor and previous Chairperson, Chemistry
 - ❖ World Cultures and Global Issues, **Dr. Edmund Clingan**, Associate Professor, History

- ❖ U.S. Experience in its Diversity, **Dr. Peter Bales**, Associate Professor, Social Sciences and History
 - ❖ Creative Expression, **Professor Georgia McGill**, Professor and Chairperson, Speech Communication and Theatre Arts
 - ❖ Individual and Society, **Dr. Joseph Culkin**, Professor and Chairperson, Social Sciences
 - ❖ Scientific World, **Dr. Bryn Mader**, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences and Geology
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- Queensborough is in conversation with John Jay and with Queens on how our existing dual/joint programs will work with Pathways. Our Office of Academic Affairs will organize a discussion with York and QCC faculty from our articulated programs.
 - All our campus governance groups have been reviewing and considering courses and programs as part of our response to Pathways, in continual consultation with academic departments, the chairpersons, the Academic Senate Special Committee, and the Curriculum Committee. Our OAA has been distributing updates to all parties as they are formulated. All academic departments have submitted a list of courses they plan to nominate for the Common Core; and representative groups have been seriously discussing how the new Common Core and the Majors committee selections will impact our degree programs, especially the AA and AS at this point. Most active discussion has focused on how best to maintain Queensborough's tradition of laboratory science, foreign language requirements, and health and physical education requirements.

Upcoming events:

- Elections for our 2012-13 Student Government Executive Board will be held from March 23 through March 29. Faculty and staff are asked to alert students to this governance process, and encourage them to meet the candidates at a Forum on Wednesday, March 21 from 1 --3 PM in the Humanities quad—and to vote!
- The Academic Senate has begun its process of application for/election to membership on Academic Senate Committees and/or as Senators at Large. The electoral process will begin with filing nominating petitions (due March 8) in advance of elections in April. Faculty have been sent further information from the Committee on Committees via QCC email.
- On Wednesday, March 21, a celebration of our newly tenured faculty colleagues and those with CCE will be held at 4:00 PM in the Oakland Dining Room. Honorees include: **Dr. Margot Edlin, Professor Christina Tucker-Manzo, Ms. Annette Perez-Lopez, Mr. Ken Mohan, Mr. Peter Irigoyen, Ms. Susan Hock, Mr. Bahar Baheri, Mr. Ernie Jackson, Ms. Diane Carey, Ms. Elise Denbo and Mr. Weier Ye.**

- The Office of Career Services will host our annual Job Fair on Wednesday March 21st in the Student Union. All students are invited to participate in this event, which offers an increasingly rare opportunity for our students to present themselves to employers for summer, part and full time employment.
- Our Technology Fee Intern Awards Reception will be held on Wednesday, March 28 at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Dining Room. Tech Fee interns serve in tech support roles in a number of departments, including in IT staffing the Help Desk, in our Learning Centers, and in the ACC. More than 15 interns have gone on to become full time staff members at QCC.
- The Spring 2012 Faculty Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in M 136. Sponsored by the Faculty Executive Committee, this meeting combines updates and actions on faculty business, as well as informative presentations and discussions on topics of importance to our academic community. The FEC also holds annual elections for several important college committees. All faculty are encouraged to attend in the April 4 meeting, and to consider seeking membership on such committees as Student Discipline, Academic Review, Academic Integrity, and the Boards of the QCC Association and Auxiliary Enterprises. Faculty will receive additional information about the election process in the coming weeks.
- All faculty are invited to participate in our Commencement ceremony on Friday morning, June 1. It is a very special day for our graduates and their families who enjoy meeting faculty members who have made a positive difference in their lives. In March, information will be sent to faculty and HEOs about ordering academic attire, (provided free of charge). Please save the date and join the academic procession of QCC's faculty and HEOs, always an impressive start to our graduation ceremony.

Grants and Faculty/Staff updates:

Queensborough has been awarded a \$1 million grant from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation to renovate our main parking lot, under the Green Innovation Grant Program. Dean Arthur Perkins of Campus Facilities, authored the proposal and will serve as project director.

Please welcome several new colleagues to our community: Ms. Laura Kotkin has been named the Director of Development. Ms. Kotkin began her career at QCC, and most recently served in this position at the CUNY Law School. On March 19, Mr. Alex Burnett will join us as the Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations. Previously, Mr. Burnett served in government as an information officer in South Carolina, and comes to us from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs where he was Communications Manager.