

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

Report of the President
to the
Academic Senate

November 8, 2011

- Enrollment: Advisement and registration for Winter session and Spring 2012 is underway. As of November 1, 743 students have enrolled for winter session and 3,789 continuing students have already registered for the Spring semester. Faculty are asked to encourage their students to work with student services staff on advisement and to register for classes as soon as possible. This registration period offers faculty an opportunity to alert students in their classes to the variety of courses available in their departments. Our new freshmen will begin their advisement/registration for Spring 2011 in early January.
- The College response to the CUNY 2012-16 Master Plan was sent to the University on Friday, October 28. Thank you to the more than 70 faculty and staff who participated in discussions and offered comments through their emails, OAA's Campus Conversation on October 29, and meetings of the CAPC, Department Chairpersons, and the Student Government Association.
- The report of the CUNY Pathways Steering Committee was sent to all QCC faculty on Monday, October 31. Our campus response to this draft report is due to the University on Monday, November 15. In addition to the presentation given by our faculty representatives on the Working Group at the October Faculty Meeting, faculty and staff are invited to OAA's *Campus Conversation* on Wednesday, November 9, at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Dining Room for a discussion of the report and our responses to the framework. Also, all Faculty and student/instructional support staff are urged to attend the *FEC Conference of the College* on Friday, November 11, at 9 a.m. in M 136 at which Dean Michelle Anderson, chair of the CUNY Pathways Steering Committee will speak and take questions, followed by presentations by our faculty involved with the Pathways initiative.
- Congratulations to Dr. Julie Pigza (Chemistry) who is the recipient of an American Chemical Society Petroleum Research grant to conduct basic research on the synthesis of certain organic compounds. Current production methods involve the use of highly volatile chemicals and this research will study the production of the same compounds using safer methods. This \$50,000 grant is the largest individual award received by our faculty, and illustrative of the talent and research activities of our colleagues across all disciplines.

- *The QCC Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship* is awarded to tenured faculty, and recognizes a “sustained and distinguished record of scholarship or creative performance, evidenced by publications, professional presentations, and/or creative works.” In the Spring 2012 semester, there will be an ceremony to honor the individuals chosen by the selection committee. The selection process begins with nominations from the academic departments or directly from faculty members who wish to nominate themselves. For each nominee, the department or the individual is asked to forward to the selection committee a one-page statement, a current curriculum vita, copies of publications, and evidence of professional presentations and creative works. The selection committee includes Dr. Linda Reesman, Dr. Sasan Karimi and Professor Bob Rogers, and the Vice President for Academic Affairs who presides without a vote. The selection committee will evaluate the nominees and their supporting documents and forward their recommendation for awardees to the President. For more information, please contact Vice President Karen Steele. Nominations along with supporting materials should be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs by *Friday, December 16, 2011*.
- Faculty, including our adjunct colleagues, are invited to consider participating in one of several faculty development institutes to be offered in January. These faculty-led programs will offer training for e Portfolio, Writing Intensive, and e learning.
- All members of the campus community are invited to the dedication of our Veterans Remembrance Terrace on Thursday, November 10 at 2:30 p.m. The ceremony which will feature remarks by two QCC students, Professor Robert Keuper, advisor to our Veterans Club, and several legislators will honor the service of QCC students faculty and staff who have served in the five branches of our military. Please join us at the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center where we will gather for the program.
- All faculty and staff are invited to our annual Celebration of Service on Thursday, November 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union. This annual event celebrates faculty and staff who have served at the College for 20, 30 and 40 years. This year's Honorees include Ellen Adams, Jules Allen, Judith Barbanel, Pat Hayes, Frances Lee, Michael Moriarty, Robert Nichol, Michael Simonetta, Roz Smernoff, Paris Svoronos, Florence Tse, Ann Tullio, and Allen Warren.
- The Office of Admissions will host its annual Fall Open House for CUNY Month on Sunday, November 13th from 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our beautiful campus and the outstanding faculty of Queensborough to prospective students and their families.

The Open House will begin at 1:00 p.m. with welcome remarks in the Medical Arts Building followed by displays, information tables and workshops from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Open House will feature the following activities: general campus tours; an opportunity to meet and interact with faculty, staff and student representatives; tours of labs and departments; displays, visual aids and/or video/DVD presentations highlighting our

academic and Continuing Education programs; Admissions, Financial Services and other presentations/workshops. Thanks in advance to the faculty and staff who contribute their time to this important event.

- Walk to Aspire, our annual campus community fundraising event for scholarships will be held on Wednesday, November 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. on the athletic track. This year's goal is 30K. Last academic year, over 200K in scholarships averaging \$1000 were awarded to 194 students.