

Queensborough Community College
of The City University of New York

Report of the President
to the
Academic Senate
April 9, 2013

Enrollment Update

Our Enrollment Management Team continues to meet on a weekly basis to monitor and adjust activities related to new student and continuing student enrollment for Fall 2013. To reach our enrollment goals, the EM team has been split into two groups: one group will focus on *new student enrollment strategies* while the other group will focus on *student retention and degree completion*. Both groups are being chaired by Ms. Laura Bruno, Director of Enrollment Management.

For the Fall 2013 semester, all currently enrolled returning QCC students must complete the 2013-14 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) no later than April 17, 2013 to guarantee that their financial aid awards will be processed in time to pay their tuition bill and purchase books. All students must apply on-line at www.fafsa.gov. It's fast, safe and easy! It is important that our students adhere to the April 17, 2013 filing deadline date due to the large number of financial aid applications expected. For those students who need help completing the FAFSA, a series of hands-on "Online FAFSA Completion Sessions" will be offered every week to assist students in completing the on-line FAFSA application in computer labs on campus. The schedule of workshops is available on QCC's *Financial Aid* web page. Faculty and staff are asked to encourage our currently enrolled students to file for the 2013-14 Financial Aid Cycle in advance of the **April 17th deadline**. Also, for students needing assistance with filing income tax forms, there are a few days remaining for students to take advantage of the **Free Tax Preparation** in the **Single Stop Office** located in the Library Building, Room 420.

In the fall of 2009, QCC launched the Freshman Academies—a cohort-based concept to increase student engagement in learning, retention and degree completion. This January, Freshman Academies Review was launched by a team with representation from faculty and staff. The Academies Review has focused so far on these areas:

- outcomes from the Academies Assessment Protocol and redesign of the Protocol for the next three-year period
- the effectiveness and scope of High Impact strategies thus far, and proposed redefinitions and/or expansion of the list of HIs supporting the Academies

- the student needs addressed by the Freshman Coordinators and the relation to continued advisement/case management beyond the first two semesters
- enrollment trends, and a proposed adjustment from six to five Academies, with Education and Criminal Justice as identified groups within the Liberal Arts Academy

The Review team will continue to reach out to faculty and staff for recommendations, and will present proposals for short term and longer term action items to various constituencies, including the CAPC by the end of April.

Faculty and Staff

Congratulations to Dr. Paris Svoronos (Department of Chemistry) on his appointment as a member of a newly created committee of the American Chemical Society” Division of Chemical Education’s Examination Institute. Dr. Svoronos’s selection reflects a significant recognition of his standing in the chemistry education community. We all take pride in his participation in this important ACS committee which will produce the 2015 General Chemistry Conceptual Examination.

Please join me in welcoming our newest HEO colleagues:

- **Ms. Nicki Patterson-Garcia**, is QCC’s new *Development Specialist for Alumni Affairs*. Nickie comes to Queensborough with a wealth of experience in volunteer engagement and fundraising, having worked for 16 years for the Greater New York Council of the Boy Scouts of America in a variety of positions, most recently as a Development Officer. A proud CUNY graduate (Baruch College), Nickie will concentrate her efforts on raising funds from Queensborough’s alumni while engaging our current students, who will soon be our future alumni, through fundraising events such as Walk to Aspire.
- **Ms. Mary Jane Shaw** has been appointed as *HR Projects Specialist* in the Office of Human Resources & Labor Relations. Among other responsibilities, Ms. Shaw will serve as liaison to facilitate compliance and reporting regarding University policies and legislation requirements, and will manage full-time and adjunct instructional staff employment verification processing. Ms. Shaw holds a JD degree from SUNY Buffalo Law School. In addition experience in human resources, she has worked in New York State government agencies, including the NYS Office of Mental Health and NYS Housing Finance Agency. Ms. Shaw’s office is located in the Administration Building, room 408.
- **Ms. Mildred DellaPina** is our new *HR Manager for Adjunct Operations*. In this position, she is responsible for all employment and payroll processes for part-time teaching and non-teaching instructional staff. Ms. DellaPina holds a Master’s degree from Queens College and brings to Queensborough a combination of experience in the areas of Payroll, Compensation, Benefits Administration, and Information Technology (at SUNY Maritime College, Queens College and LaGuardia Community College). Ms. DellaPina’s office is located in the Administration Building, room 408.

- **Mr. Paul Tellers** joined the campus on April 1 as Chief Facilities Officer, replacing Arthur Perkins. Paul is a licensed architect and graduate of the University of Detroit. He comes to us with 25 years of university planning experience, including nearly 20 years at Carnegie Mellon University, where he was University Architect. Paul also has a strong record of community service, having served on a number of Pittsburgh area community planning committees and task forces. Paul's work at Carnegie Mellon also contributed toward advancing the University's goal of becoming a model sustainable campus. Mr. Tellers will focus on the physical development of the campus, specifically the design and Implementation of in-house projects. Additionally, he will serve as our liaison to CUNY and DASNY for our major capital projects. Mr. Tellers' office is in the Service Building, room 201.

Student Awards and Honors

- Rene Rhodd, QCC Articulation Manager of our Education degree program offers very exciting news from one of our Education Academy graduates, Hia Abdel. "Hia began her studies here at QCC in the fall of 2009. While pursuing her degree she was very active on campus in student clubs and was a member of Phi Delta Kappa. I remember her as a very determined and goal oriented student. In the fall of 2011 she transferred to NYU, The Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development with a full scholarship. She will graduate this May from NYU with a dual degree in Childhood General and Special Education and just got accepted into Teachers College Columbia University for Deaf and Hard of Hearing with a dual in Reading Specialist." Ms. Abdel added in her message to Ms. Rhodd: "I wouldn't have been here, or be going where I'm going without QCC. I'm so thankful!"
- Seven middle and high school students who attend QCC's Science and Technology Entry Program (QCC-STEP) attended a statewide STEP conference in Albany, NY in March. As part of this educational conference, they presented their research in a poster competition. Two students were awarded a second place trophy (social services-senior division) for their work on cyber-bullying in public vs. private schools. Two students were awarded a second-place trophy (human services-senior division) for their work on HPV awareness among high school students. Our 8th and 9th graders presented a poster of their research regarding the reasons why minorities are underrepresented in STEM fields. These student researchers were mentored by Dr. Joan Petersen (Biological Sciences and Geology) and Dr. Simran Kaur (Biological Sciences and Geology), Dr. Patricia Burke (Nursing), and Mr. Rhoundy Jones (Assistant Director of QCC-STEP). Dr. Petersen notes: we are very proud of all of our young researchers for their hard work and dedication to science. Information about the STEP program, including photos from this year's conference, can be found at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/step/index.html>
- The Queensborough Academic Senate Awards and Scholarship Committee is seeking nominations for the "Special Awards" that will be presented at the College's Honor's

Convocation on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 and Queensborough's 52nd Annual Commencement Exercises on Friday, May 31, 2013. Please consider nominating students for one or more of the following awards:

The John F. Kennedy Award- awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the College and community

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award – awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in promoting racial harmony and appreciation of cultural diversity

The Women's Club Award – awarded to current students (male or female) who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the College community (minimum 30 credits and 2.75 GPA)

The Ray Ricketts Memorial Award – awarded to a returning student (left college at one point) who exhibits exceptional scholarship (Dean's list) and leadership.

The Incentive Award (for Day and Evening Students) – awarded to two (2) day and two (2) evening students who have demonstrated outstanding academic performance and are working parents.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, April 26. For additional information, please contact Mr. Reynald Pierre-Charles (rpierrecharles@qcc.cuny.edu) in the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, L 412.

Walk to Aspire for Student Scholarships

QCC welcomed the first day of spring at our 6th **Annual Walk to Aspire** on March 20. Co-sponsored by the QCC Fund Board and the Student Government Association, **Walk to Aspire** raises scholarship funds for new and continuing QCC students. This year, 21 teams comprising students, faculty, staff, and alumni have raised more than \$20,000--- and will continue raising scholarship dollars through May 1. With several weeks to go, four teams are in the hunt for the distinction of raising the most dollars through sponsorships, bake sales and raffles: "We Mean Business" (The Business Department and Finance/Administration), "SODA" (Services for Students with Disabilities), The Student Government/ASAP Team, and the Alumni Team. Since its inception in 2007, **Walk to Aspire**, has raised more than \$100,000 for scholarships. A special thank you is extended to additional sponsors of the event: Health First, White Castle, Champion Vending, Fidelis Cares, SBS Promo, Pragmatech Sound Corp., Kai Bailey Empowerment Center, Alpha Auto Collision & Repair, Ovation Payroll, and NYCTL Insurance BKG, Inc. Refreshments were donated by Pepsi.

FY 14 Budget Update

QCC's 2013–14 (FY 14) Resource Planning and Allocation process is now underway. The FY 14 budget is expected to be somewhat improved due to a planned annual tuition increase. And, although the FY 14 State budget has yet to be enacted at the time of this writing, it appears that a welcome restoration of \$150 per FTES will be enacted. While this news is positive, we remain watchful of student enrollment, mindful that 100 fewer full-time students approximates a loss of almost \$500,000 in tuition revenue and student fees. Our Resource Planning and Allocation process includes the development and review of budget proposals consonant with the College's Strategic Plan and the University Master Plan. Budget proposals are developed at the department level and then advanced for consideration by the appropriate vice president. The process will include a review of the FY 14 budget plan by the Academic Senate Budget Advisory Committee, the Budget Subcommittee of the College Planning and Budget committee, and the College Advisory Planning Committee. These reviews will take place in May. We expect to receive a final FY 14 budget from the University in July after the City enacts its FY 14 budget.

CUNY 20/20: The State has funded \$55 million for a new initiative called CUNY 20/20. Planning for CUNY 20/20 is in its initial stages, but the University envisions all campuses competing for the funds both individually and collaboratively. The University is seeking proposals that will foster partnerships among colleges with business and industry and community based organizations with the goal of *economic development and job creation*. Approximately five proposals will be funded.

Upcoming Events

One of the most anticipated events of the spring is the Asian Cultural Festival. Sponsored by the Port of Entry Program, the festival featuring the many cultures of Asia, will take place on Wednesday, April 10 from 1:00 – 3:00 in the Student Union.

The QCC Office of Academic Service Learning (OASL) is sponsoring a Community Partnership Building Breakfast on April 11 in the Oakland Dining Room. Representatives from current and potential partners for our service learning projects have been invited to meet with faculty and staff who are or plan to engage in service learning efforts.

Faculty, students, staff and the community are invited to the Spring 2013 Presidential Lecture on Tuesday, April 16, 4:30 p.m., in M136. This annual event presents outstanding QCC faculty members. This year, Professor Jules Allen, Department of Art and Design, nationally recognized photographer, and 2012 Faculty Excellence award recipient, will speak on "Conjure, light, Forward Momentum - A Depth of Feeling."

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The Office of Career Services will hold its annual Etiquette Dinner on Thursday, April 18th at 4:00 in the Oakland Dining Room.

The Office of Academic Service Learning, along with Student Activities and Student Government will again sponsor an **Earth Day Celebration** on Wednesday, April 24 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the Student Union. This event is open to the QCC community and students from local high schools. Themes highlighted include sustainable energy, the environment, and health.

All faculty and staff are invited to QCC's annual fundraising gala "Partners for Progress" on Thursday, April 25 at Terrace on the Park. The Honorees at this year's Partners Gala include Joseph R. Ficalora, Class of 1967, President and Chief Executive Officer and a director of New York Community Bancorp, Inc., one of the nation's largest thrift depositories, as our Alumni Partner of the Year, the Korean-American Civic Empowerment (KACE) as our Community Partner of the Year, with whom the KHRCA has partnered the Korean Comfort Women exhibit to create public awareness of this WWII atrocity, and John Kuitwaard, President, Metropolitan Food Service Inc. as our Campus Partner of the Year. Metropolitan Foods has provided food services to our campus community since 1986. All funds raised through our Gala support scholarships to Queensborough students, as well as our educational resources and student learning laboratories the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center & Archives (KHRCA), the QCC Art Gallery and the Queensborough Performing Arts Center (QPAC). Tickets for faculty and staff are \$150 (half price of the cost of tickets to external supporters).

SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY: Queensborough Community College (QCC) is one of only six community colleges in the country to have been awarded a challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). If you restrict the proceeds of your ticket to the KHRCA/NEH Endowment when supporting QCC's Gala, QCC will be eligible to receive up to a 50% match for your gift!

The ninth annual Queensborough Honors Conference is scheduled for Friday, May 3, from 11:30 – 5:00 in the Medical Arts building. Our students, and students from other CUNY colleges, will present the outcomes of their honors coursework. Everyone is welcome to attend this wonderful array of student presentations on their honors projects.

Lastly, Queensborough's 52nd Commencement Exercises and Presidential Inauguration will be held the morning of Friday, May 31, 2013. Faculty members and HEOs are encouraged to participate in this event, which is so very meaningful to our graduates and their families. Faculty and HEOs participating in the academic procession may order their academic attire through the QCC Commencement Webpage at www.qcc.cuny.edu/commencement. I invite you as my guests for the Commencement/Inauguration Luncheon which will be held on The Great Lawn (adjacent to Oakland) immediately following the commencement ceremony. All faculty and staff are invited to attend.