



**Report of the President  
to the  
Academic Senate  
March 10, 2015**

**Enrollment Management Update**

- The two phases of freshmen have been received by the Admissions Office and acceptance notifications have been sent to approximately 5000 students. A robust plan to market the Summer 2015 sessions including STEM waivers is in place.
- Academic Advisement for continuing students is currently available and registration will begin on Monday, March 9th. Advisement and Registration for new students will begin at the end of March. Advisers will outreach to their caseloads through Starfish. New students will be invited to meet with an advisor through Hobsons emails.

**BTECH**

- BTECH teachers and the principal continue to discuss with various academic departments and college faculty about the sequence of college courses in the program. Dr. Wilma Fletcher-Anthony joined the Transition, Intervention and Enrichment subcommittee and finalized the offerings that will be incorporated into the program, namely ST100 during their first semester and two workshops that will be offered prior to students enrolling in their first college course. The Indicators of Success and Readiness (ISRs) model is taking shape with discussions on rubrics to measure skill proficiency.

**Opportunities for Faculty**

- The Office of Academic Affairs is pleased to invite full- and part-time QCC faculty to apply for the 2015- 2016 Online Course Development Initiative. The **application deadline is Monday March 9, 2015**. Selected faculty will be expected to attend the Summer Institute during June 2015, and complete final preparations for online course delivery for Fall 2015. Participants will receive a stipend and use of a laptop if they do not have one.

**Opportunities for Students**

- QCC will be granting STEM tuition waivers for the 2015 summer sessions. Students will be granted a waiver for any STEM course that is required in their program of study, and up to two additional STEM or nonSTEM courses taken in the summer sessions. Students must be in "good academic standing" and NYC residents. A student does not need to be a STEM major. Incoming, transfer, first

year students as well as continuing students will be encouraged to apply. Fees are not covered by the waivers.

- All students wishing to receive financial aid for the Fall 2015 and/or Spring 2016 semesters need to complete the 2015-16 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The following types of financial aid require the FAFSA to be completed every year: Pell, TAP SEOG, Work Study, and Student Loans. All currently enrolled returning QCC students must complete the 2015-16 FAFSA by **April 20, 2015** to guarantee that financial aid awards will be processed in time to pay their tuition and books.
- The **Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation** awarded QCC a three-year grant, of up to \$100,000 per year, to provide one-time, emergency grants to students in good standing with short-term financial emergencies to enable them to remain in school, rather than being forced to leave or drop out. Ms. Denise Scalzo, Associate Director of Student Financial Services, will serve as the Grants Manager for this campus initiative. Additional information can be found at [www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships).
- Please encourage our students to avail themselves of the valuable and free resources through the **QCC Single Stop Program**. A list of the services provided includes financial benefits screening, financial counseling, legal assistance, and tax preparation. Additional information can be found at [www.qcc.cuny.edu/singlestop](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/singlestop).

## Announcements

- Our new Director for Grants and Sponsored Programs, Terence Diamond, began on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Terence brings a wealth of grant experience to Queensborough Community College in terms of grant writing successes, developing new corporate and foundation grant prospects, and assisting others in writing and revising grant proposals to increase their chances for funding. In addition to holding a Master's degree in History from NYU and a bachelor's in History from Virginia Commonwealth University, Terence has also published plays as well as journal articles and has served as an Arts Reviewer.
- Dr. Dan Leshem started as the Director of the KHRCA on February 23 and he is with us today. As I mentioned at the last Senate meeting, Dr. Leshem holds his Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from Emory University and previously served as the Associate Director for Research at the Shoah Foundation at USC.

## Upcoming Events

- The College's student led grass-roots fundraiser, Walk to Aspire will be held on **Wednesday, April 22** at noon. New events include a scavenger hunt, and wellness activities. Pictures of the event will be posted on the Facebook page.

- The College's annual fundraiser, the "**Partners for Progress**" gala will be held on Thursday, April 30. We will be honoring Frank Korzekwinski as *Corporate Partner of the Year*, Liren Wei, *Art Gallery Partner of the Year*, and Vicki Kasomenakis, Class of 1981 for *Alumni Partner of the Year*. An "Early Bird" rate of \$125 is available to faculty and staff up until Thursday, March 27<sup>st</sup>, after that date, tickets for faculty and staff will be \$150. We hope that you will join us.
- The **Annual Holocaust Freedom Seder** will be held on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at noon in the Student Union Building. This event honors the Holocaust survivors of our community by recreating the Passover Seder held in 1946, the first Seder to be held after World War II. For ticket information, please contact the KHRCA.
- Newly Tenured Faculty and CCE will be celebrated at a reception sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs on Tuesday, March 10, at 4:30 p.m. in the Oakland Dining Room. This year, 24 colleagues, from 14 academic departments will be honored as awardees of tenure/CCE.
- The Dean's List Ceremony and Celebration of Milestone students (those completing 30 credits within their first year) will be held on Tuesday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Humanities Theatre. More than 1,400 students will be honored this year.
- The Campus Conversation sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs will be held Thursday, March 26, at 4:30 p.m. in the Oakland Dining Room. The topic of the Campus Conversation will be focused on Copyright and Fair Use Regulations.
- The QCC Job Fair will take place on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Student Union Lounge. Please encourage all students to take advantage of this great opportunity to meet future employers in their field of study. Students in need of creating/updating their resume can contact the Office of Career Services to schedule an appointment.
- Student Government Elections will take place from March 26 to April 1, 2015 in the Administration Building Lobby. Please encourage all students to participate in the election to select their new student representatives for the 2015-2016 academic year.
- Single Stop will be hosting a fair on Wednesday, April 1st from 12:10 – 2:10 p.m. in the Student Union, Upper level. Single Stop staff members along with servicer providers, NYLAG and Legal Aid Society, will be on site to share resources to students. The event will be co-sponsored by Student Activities, M.A.L.E.S., and C.O.P.E.