



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

**April 4, 2017**

### **ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

- The Enrollment Management team is fully focused on reaching our new and continuing enrollment targets for fall 2017. Recruitment activity has begun, with particular emphasis on Queens and Nassau County. In addition to college fairs, our team of Admission recruiters are outreaching to their contacts in local high schools to provide assistance, updates and encourage applications to QCC.
- The College has admitted close to 6000 new freshmen and transfers. We will continue to receive allocations of newly admitted from the University through the end of June. In the meantime, we are open for Direct Admissions and have already received close to 200 direct admission students.
- Enrollment Management partnered with ASAP, College Discovery and the Office of New Student Engagement to create a New Student and Family Welcome. We will be hosting 2 welcomes each month until July.

#### **Academic Advisement & Registration**

Summer/Fall 2016 advisement and registration for continuing students is currently underway in the Academies and special program offices. Advisers are concentrating early outreach efforts on students who are currently on probation or are in danger of going on probation so as to provide them with guidance and information on support resources. Registration for new Students will begin on Tuesday, April 11th.

### **ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION**

#### **Middle States**

The response from the campus community to the call for volunteers to serve on a Middle States self-study working group was very strong—over 90 of the faculty and staff signed up to participate. The membership for each working has been established, and each group has been notified. Work will begin in fall 2017. The self-study steering committee, consisting of the three executive co-chairs, the working group co-chairs, the vice president for academic affairs, the vice president for marketing and communication, and the director of institutional research, will be meeting to help the executive co-chairs to

develop a self-study design, which is required by Middle States. A draft design is due in April. The self-study design guides the work of the entire project. Our Middle States liaison, Dr. Heather Perfetti, will come to campus on May 4 on a preparation visit whose primary goal is to provide feedback to the steering committee on the draft of the self-study design submitted.

### **Assessment Institute**

Participants from this semester's Assessment Institute are now implementing the assessment plans that they developed during the institute. Assessment reports are due at the end of the semester. This semester's institute included 18 faculty participants spanning 11 departments.

### **General Education Task Force**

Task Force members have revised the Information Management rubric to include "digital technology," and are organizing support for developing rubrics for the revised disciplinary outcomes in the sciences, social sciences and history, and the humanities and the arts. Faculty participating in the spring 2017 assessment are in place. The Task Force will prepare a report on the initial trends in the assessment outcomes over three semesters (spring 2015, spring 2016, and fall 2016) and recommend action for college consideration.

## **STUDENT RESOURCES**

### **Milestone Scholarship**

To encourage timely degree completion, continuing QCC students who began in Fall 2016 and have completed between 26 and 29 credits towards their degree at the end of this term are eligible to receive a Milestone scholarship for a credit course taken at QCC this summer. The scholarships are intended to support a student reaching the "thirty credit milestone" of his/her Queensborough degree within one calendar year. The student must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 to be eligible for this scholarship. The Office of Academic Affairs will identify students as milestone candidates, and will send these students an invitation to apply for this summer's Milestone scholarships.

### **STEM Waiver**

To promote credit accumulation in STEM courses, and help STEM students accumulate a sufficient number of credits each year without jeopardizing their future Tuition Assistance Program eligibility, the Mayor's budget has provided additional funds for tuition waivers for students taking STEM courses in the summer sessions. QCC will be granting STEM waivers for the 2017 summer sessions. Students will be granted a waiver for any STEM course that is required in their program of study. In addition, to encourage students to take a STEM course, QCC will grant waivers for up to two

additional STEM or non-related STEM courses taken in the summer sessions. Fees are not covered by the waivers. Students will be granted the waiver if they are in “good academic standing” and NYC residents. A student does not need to be a STEM major to be granted the waivers. There is no requirement that students complete the courses or earn a specific grade. Incoming, transfer, first year students as well as continuing students will be encouraged to participate. An on-line application is being designed for easy student access and information. The STEM waiver program will be promoted on the college’s webpage and through Tigermail

- The QCC Counseling Center now provides 24/7 emergency services through our after-hours service provider, ProtoCall. If you have an emergency outside of the Counseling Center hours, please call ProtoCall at 855-582-6069 to speak with a licensed mental health professional.
- QCC’s Lambda Sigma Chapter of the **Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society** is accepting new membership for the Spring 2017 semester. Membership in the honor society provides opportunities for students to grow as scholars and leaders by way of networking, scholarships, job skills, leadership, community-building, and mentorship. Additional information, including eligibility requirements and application deadline date, can be found at [www.qcc.cuny.edu/ptk](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/ptk).
- Now through April 18, 2017, Single Stop will make **Free Tax Preparation** available for QCC students in the Student Union, Upper Level. In addition, we will have one Saturday session on March 11, 2017. Please encourage students to take advantage of this free service. Further information about this program and hours of operation are available from the Single Stop Office, located in the Library Building – Room 432A or at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/singlestop/>.
- Faculty and staff are asked to encourage our students to avail themselves of the valuable and free resources through the **QCC Single Stop Program**, located in the Library Building, Room 432-A. Services provided include (but are not limited to) financial benefits screening, financial counseling, legal assistance, tax preparation services, and more. Additional information can be found on their website at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/singlestop>.
- **The Freya Moskowitz Stern Scholarship and The Finch College Alumni Scholarship** are now available for interested students. Both scholarships, worth \$5000, are awarded to second-year female community college students who will graduate from QCC at the conclusion of Spring 2017 and transfer to a four-year university for the fall 2017 semester. The application deadline is Monday, May 15, 2017. For additional

information, including eligibility requirements, please visit:

[http://www.finchcollege.org/html/PDFs/Scholarship\\_Criteria.pdf](http://www.finchcollege.org/html/PDFs/Scholarship_Criteria.pdf).

- The application period for the **2017 University Student Senate (USS) Scholarships** is now open! Students can either apply for the Ernesto Malave Merit Scholarship or the Donald and Mary Ellen Passantino Scholarships (available to international students and students with disabilities only). Completed application packets must be submitted to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs by Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. For additional information, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships/index.html>.
- The Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation renewed QCC's three-year grant, of up to \$100,000 per year, for three years, 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. The college successfully awarded \$300,000 to Queensborough students in need through December 31, 2016. Ms. Veronica Lukas, Executive Director of Student Financial Services, will be sending periodic e-mail reminders to the college community outlining the grant eligibility and encouraging faculty and staff to refer students to apply. Ms. Karen O'Sullivan, Associate Director of Student Financial Services, will serve as the Grants Manager for this campus initiative. Please refer students with short-term financial emergencies to Ms. O'Sullivan at your earliest convenience. Additional information can be found at [www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships).
- All currently enrolled students wishing to receive financial aid for the Fall 2017 and/or Spring 2018 semesters were advised to complete the 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the Priority Filing Deadline Date of March 15, 2017. Students who missed this date are encourage to complete the FAFSA **IMMEDIATELY**.

## **BTECH UPDATE**

The BTECH industry partner, SAP, hosted a panel discussion on campus entitled 'Executive Leadership: Leadership in the Digital Economy'. Close to 300 QCC Business and Engineering Technology students and faculty attended the discussion. Executive panelists from Goya foods, IBM, SAP and the Mayor's office of Workforce Development shared their ideas about success in searching for and managing ones careers and highlighted topics about the importance of diversity in the workplace and the demonstration of workplace skills, such as teamwork, taking initiative and critical thinking . Professor Leslie Frances acted as moderator. BTECH will be hosting their National Honor Society Induction at QCC on March 31st. It's from 5:15 pm to 7 pm in S111.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Office of Academic Affairs

- The Newly Tenured Faculty and Certificate of Continuous Employment (CCE) will be celebrated at a reception sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs on a new date Tuesday, April 4, at 4:30 p.m. in the Oakland Dining Room. Twenty-three colleagues from 9 academic departments will be honored as awardees of tenure/CCE. They are Dr. Rose-Marie Aikas, Dr. Bjorn Berkhout, Dr. Naydu Carmona, Mr. Steven Cheng, Ms. Danielle Cifone, Dr. Steven Dahlke, Dr. Sunil Dehipawala, Professor Leslie Francis, Dr. Eva Goldhammer, Professor Stephen Hammel, Ms. Ruchel Hammer, Ms. Li Xu Li, Dr. Anissa Moody, Mr. Marlon Moreno, Dr. Gheorghe Proteasa, Mr. Terence Rohan, Dr. Julia Rothenberg, Dr. Andrea Salis, Mr. Kenneth Schmidt, Dr. Jed Shahar, Dr. Howard Sporn, Dr. Kostas Stroumbakis, Dr. James Timbilla.
- The Campus Conversation sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 4:30 pm in the Oakland Dining Room. The topic of the Campus Conversation will be focused on the Middle States Reaccreditation: Preparing the Campus for the Self-Study Process.

### Institutional Advancement

#### Art Gallery

- At the **QCC Art Gallery**, **Rewoven: Innovative Fiber Art** will continue to be on exhibit until Sunday, June 17, 2017. This exhibit is an international collaboration between the QCC Art Gallery, the Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts in Taiwan, and the Godwin Ternbach Museum at Queens College.
- The Department of Art and Design's ninth annual **Juried Student Exhibition** will be featured at the **QCC Art Gallery from Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**. This exhibit features select works from Queensborough Community College's students who are majoring in various Art and Design mediums.

#### KHC

- At the **Kupferberg Holocaust Center**, **The Jacket from Dachau: One Survivor's Search for Justice, Identity, and Home** will continue to be on view **through June, 2017**. This original exhibition tells the story of Holocaust survival, chance encounters, and how a single artifact can weave a narrative of justice, identity, and a search for home. The exhibit was co-curated by Cary Lane, Ph.D., the KHC 2016-2017 Curator-

in-Residence and assistant professor of English at Queensborough Community College. Please contact the Center to arrange a tour of the exhibit for your classes.

- **KHC Cinema Series this Spring** includes screenings of various films pertaining to the Holocaust, Genocide, and human rights. You are invited to attend the screening of **Woman in Gold (2015)** on **Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 12:10 p.m.** which chronicles the famous lawsuit to recover renowned artist Gustave Klimt's "Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer," which was seized by the Nazis during World War II.
- **On Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.,** the KHC presents our **Annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration** to honor the victims of the Holocaust. This year, the KHC will also host a special discussion on the state of antisemitism today.
- **The KHC** continues the **2016-17 Colloquia** awarded to QCC Faculty Coordinators: **Dr. Aliza Atik (English), Dr. Kathleen Alves (English), and Dr. Mirna Lekic (Music).** This year's theme is **Fleeing Genocide: Displacement, Exile and the Refugee.** The seventh event, **Echoes of Exile** will take place on **Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** A performance of musical testimonies of resistance, remembrance and exile, featuring QCC music faculty, Ensemble 365 and the QCC Jazz Ensemble. The eighth and final event, **Girlhood, Displacement, and Resistance during the Japanese Occupation** will take place on **Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 12:10 p.m.** Dr. Kathleen Alves, Assistant Professor of English at Queensborough will address displacement, victimhood, survival, and resistance through the girlhood narratives of her family's flight from persecution during the Japanese occupation of the Philippines.

### **2017 Partners for Progress Gala**

The 2017 Partners of the Year will be Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. It is not too late to buy tickets for yourselves, underwrite a ticket for a student, or contribute. Funds raised at the Annual Gala are used to support student success.

#### **The Honorees are:**

- **Thomas Chen**, Founder, President, and CEO of Crystal Window & Door Systems, Ltd., is the *Art Gallery Partner of the Year*. Thomas is committed to establishing an endowment for the preservation of the QCC Art Gallery's permanent collection.
- **Professor Emeritus Jackson and Mrs. Muriel Lum**, our *Community Partners of the Year*, have made a major gift to the Port of Entry program in honor of Jackson's parents. They strongly believe in the power of education to advance in life and to be able to successfully compete in the workforce.
- **Benjamin L. Schwartz** is President and CEO of Metropolitan Property Services, Inc., a full-service, multi-family property management firm in Queens and the *Kupferberg Holocaust Center Partner of the Year*. Ben attended a continuing education course at Queensborough many years ago and is an advocate of higher education.

## QPAC

- **In the Mood** will be returning to QPAC on **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** Much more than a concert, **In the Mood** presents a retro 1940's musical featuring singers and dancers, and the sensational **String of Pearls Big Band Orchestra**.
- **On Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**, an “all-in” interactive art and music experience will be live on the QPAC stage. **ARTRAGEOUS** is a creative celebration of the arts. Singers and dancers perform the music of Ray Charles, John Lennon, Frank Sinatra and many others, while paint jumps to life unveiling larger than life art in just minutes! Following the show there will be an auction to purchase the original art created live on stage. 100% from the sale of the auctioned artwork will be donated to the QCC Fund, Inc. to benefit the programs and activities of QPAC.
- **On Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.**, the Children's Book Club and Performance Series will continue with **The Paper Bag Players** in their new show, **Trip to the Moon**, for children ages 3 to 8.
- **On Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**, Broadway legend, **Maurice Hines**, will tap us through his incredible career in show business in this song and dance celebration **Tappin' through Life**. Backed by **The Diva Jazz Orchestra**, an all-female band, and sharing the stage with his protégés, **The Manzari Brothers**, this infectious showman is pulling out all the stops to put a smile on your face and dance away with your heart.
- **On Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**, **Vanessa Williams** will be **Live in Concert**. She is one of the most respected and multi-faceted performers in the entertainment industry today.

## Student Affairs

- Student Government Elections will be taking place *Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>* – *Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>* in the lobby area of the Administration Building. Please encourage students to make their voices heard and cast their ballots for the 2017 SGA Executive Board. For more information, interested students can contact the Office of Student Activities at 718-631-6233 or visit their office located in the Student Union Building, Lower Level.
- On *Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>*, the Office of Career Services will be hosting its annual *Etiquette in Action: A Business Dining Experience*. Interested students must apply in person at the Office of Career Services, located in Library Building -Room 429 by

March 31<sup>st</sup>. For additional information, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/careerServices/etiquette.html>.

- Queensborough's 56th Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday morning, **June 2, 2017**. This year, our grand marshal is Professor Georgia McGill. The academic procession will be led by Dr. Regina Rochford (Faculty Marshal) and Mr. Joseph Labozzetta (HEO marshal). Professor James Nichols will lead the AA candidates, Dr. James Timbilla will lead the AS candidates, and Professor Carol Soto will lead the AAS candidates. Faculty members and HEOs are encouraged to participate in this event, which is so very meaningful to our graduates and their families. Those participating in the commencement ceremony may order their academic attire through the QCC Commencement Webpage at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/commencement/>. **The deadline for ordering academic attire is Monday, May 1st!**
- The *Asian Cultural Festival* will take place on *Wednesday, May 3rd in the Student Union Lounge*. At the event, attendees will be immersed into the art Asian culture which will include performances featuring Chinese Instrumental Music, Chinese Folk Dances, Indian Dances, Korean Folk Dance and a Martial Arts Demonstration. In addition, there will be Chinese and Korean cuisine for all at the event to experience.