

President's Report for the Academic Senate

October 10, 2017

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Enrollment Update:

- The Office of Admissions has begun recruitment for the spring and fall cycles by visiting local high schools and attending college fairs, including focused outreach to Nassau County. The Office of Admissions is preparing for the first phases of spring 2018 new freshmen and transfer students which are scheduled for the beginning of October. Our annual **Fall Open House** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 28th**. Prospective students and their families will be able to hear from faculty, staff and QCC students about the many benefits and opportunities that are available at QCC.
- In early October, outreach to students who did not attend last semester began offering students an option to reactivate for spring 2018. Admissions, in conjunction with New Student Engagement, will communicate with these students to provide a smooth onboarding process.
- **Academy advisement** for continuing students begins **Monday, October 2nd**. Registration for new and continuing students is set for the first week in November 2017.

Student Honors:

- Class of 2017 Queensborough graduate Ms. Huibin Liu has been selected as one (1) of two (2) recipients for the **2017 Phi Beta Kappa Association of New York (PBKNY) Scholarship**. The scholarship, worth \$1,000, will assist Ms. Liu with covering the cost of her educational expenses as she continues her studies at CUNY Baruch College during the fall 2017 semester. Ms. Liu was one of three (3) finalists nominated and considered for the scholarship and now joins the ranks of QCC alumni who have been awarded this distinction. Previous winners include 2011 graduate Ms. Mariyam Jalees. In 2013, QCC graduate Ms. Paula Villacres was announced as the sole recipient of this distinction beating out applicants from other New York City-area community colleges. A similar feat was accomplished in 2016 when QCC graduates Ms. Vicky Chan and Ms. Yi Jiang were also awarded the scholarship.
- Three (3) QCC students have been selected to receive the **University Student Senate Scholarships** for the fall 2017 semester. Mr. Voon Sheng Tsoi, Mr. Mohammad Tamzeed Moazzem, and Ms. Jiayi Xue were named recipients of the Donald and Mary Ellen Passantino Scholarship for International Students. Each student will receive a scholarship of \$1,000 to be applied towards their tuition costs.

Student Resources:

- 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 432A. Services provided include (but are not limited to) financial benefits screening, financial counseling, legal assistance, tax preparation services, food bank, housing assistance and more. Additional information can be found on their website at www.qcc.cuny.edu/singlestop.
- Emergency funding is available to students who face a financial crisis that puts at risk their continued enrollment toward their QCC degree. Supported through a grant from **The Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation**, the funds 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. 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. Please refer students with short-term financial emergencies to the Office of Financial Aid Services at your earliest convenience. Additional information can be found at www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships.
- ***The Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship*** is still available for eligible students to apply. This scholarship awards up to \$40,000 per year to community college students and recent alumni to assist them with completing a bachelor's degree. Each award is intended to cover a significant share of the student's educational expenses, including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees for the final two (2) to three (3) years necessary to complete their baccalaureate program. The deadline to apply is **Tuesday, October 24, 2017**. For additional information, including eligibility requirements, please visit: <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/undergraduate-transfer/>.
- The ***New York City Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Award (NYCHCC)*** is available for eligible students to apply. The NYCHCC is committed to helping Hispanic students succeed academically and to effectively achieve their professional goal. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen of Hispanic descent, be matriculated in the City University of New York, maintain a 3.0 grade point average and be in good academic standing. The award amount is \$2,000 and the deadline to apply is **November 1, 2017**. Additional information can be found at www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships.
- The ***CUNY Ethics and Morality Essay Contest*** is once again available. This year, the theme of the contest is ***Virtue***. The goal of the essay contest is to stimulate college students to ponder the topic of morality, and to broadcast the best essays, in an attempt to promote the teaching of morality in American education. For full contest details, including prizes and submission deadline, please visit <http://www.aaari.info/ethics.htm>.

- The **2018 David A. Garfinkel Essay Contest** for CUNY Community College Students is now open and accepting submissions. This year's theme is "**Stolen Art: From The Holocaust To The Present - Role of The Courts in Restoring Cultural Objects to their Rightful Owners**"! Students are asked to choose from a list of three (3) topics and answer a set of questions in essay format based on the selected topic. For full contest details, including grand prizes and submission deadline, please visit <http://www.nycourts.gov/history/garfinkel-rules.html>. The College has been fortunate to produce several winners of this contest in the past so, please encourage interested students to submit their essays in a timely fashion.
- The Lambda Sigma Chapter of the **Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society** is currently accepting application from eligible students. The honor society encourages students to celebrate their academic success. PTK operates on four (4) hallmarks: scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship. As a member of this organization, students will have an opportunity to apply for prestigious transfer scholarships and participate in important college-sponsored activities, as well as regional events that can bring them together with other PTK students, graduates, and faculty. The deadline to join is **Wednesday, December 20th**. For more information, including eligibility requirements, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/ptk/>.
- Thus far, 108 students have been awarded the **New York State Excelsior Scholarship** at QCC for the fall 2017 semester. The scholarship program began in the fall 2017 semester and will be phased in over three (3) years, starting with New Yorkers making up to \$100,000 annually in the fall of 2017, increasing to \$110,000 in 2018, and reaching \$125,000 in 2019. Additional information about the program can be found at www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships.

Upcoming Events:

- Beginning **Friday, October 13th through Sunday, October 15th**, thirty (30) Queensborough students will be participating in the annual 3-day **Student Leadership Weekend Conference**. Organized by the Student Government Association, the students will be participating in a series of workshops and exercises structured around the concept of team building, communication skills and leadership with the goal of creating a community of student leaders.
- The **Fall 2017 Enrollment Recap** will take place on **Friday, October 27th at 9:30 a.m.** in the Student Union Lounge. Hosted by Vice President Michel Hodge and Dean Laura Bruno, the recap will share highlights of the enrollment/registration cycle, as well as a forecast for the winter/spring 2018 enrollment cycle. A light breakfast will be served to all in attendance.

- The Office of Career Services will host the ***Internship & Cooperative Education Forum*** on ***Wednesday, November 1st at 12:00 p.m.*** in the Student Union Lounge. At the event, students have the opportunity to meet with 50+ employers and Cooperative Education Coordinators. Also, they can network with representatives from various companies recruiting interns to meet their needs in a broad range of functions and roles while learning how to earn credits at QCC by completing an internship and enrolling in Cooperative Education Courses.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

NYC Men Teach:

- **The NYC Men Teach Program** is in its second year at Queensborough. The program is the result of a bold pledge by Mayor Bill de Blasio to put an additional 1,000 men of color on course to become NYC public school teachers over the next three (3) years! Consequently, through a joint initiative between the Mayor's Office and the Young Men's Initiative, the **NYC Men Teach Program** was established. Benefits for students include academic and financial support, workshops, social events, certification preparation, career planning, advising, networking opportunities and transfer support. By the spring of 2017, all graduating **NYC Men Teach Fellows** at QCC went on to attend a senior college. The program has seen major gains and growth in just one (1) year, from a small cohort of 15 students to over 40 applications submitted for the fall 2017 semester. Any student with an interest in teaching and diversity in NYC public schools is encouraged to contact the program to learn more. **NYC Men Teach** is administered through the **QCC Office of Academic Affairs**, and housed in the Department of Social Sciences office in the Medical Arts building.

Queensborough Academies:

- The **Queensborough Academies** are in full swing this semester with over 50 sponsored and co-sponsored events and activities. On **Thursday, November 2nd at 1 p.m.**, **Dr. Lauren Sant'Angelo** will give a lecture on the history of women's suffrage in America. CUNY Graduate Center, Distinguished Professor, **Dr. Michelle Fine** returns to Queensborough to speak on her current research on Islamophobia in America on **November 16th at 12 p.m.** Both events will take place in **M-136**. The **Queensborough Academies** encourages students, faculty and staff to attend. Events can be viewed on the Campus Events Calendar and weekly emails.

STEM Waiver – Winter 2018:

- The Fiscal Year 2018 City Adopted Budget continued funding the **STEM Support Expansion Program**. Although this year's funding was down 27% city-wide, QCC's funding dropped by only 8% to \$800,198. A meeting to implement the winter 2018 session occurred on **October 2, 2017**.

A major component of this initiative provides tuition waivers to students taking STEM courses. The goal of these STEM Waivers is to promote credit accumulation in STEM courses while not jeopardizing TAP eligibility. QCC students in good academic standing, a legal resident of New York City and enrolled in a degree or certificate program will be offered a waiver when enrolled in one (1) STEM course (includes lab) during the winter 2018 intersession. Student fees are not covered by the waiver.

Students must apply on the QCC website. Upon completion of the course with a letter grade of A-F the tuition waiver will be applied. Students will not receive the waiver with a W, WU, INC. or any grade other than A-F.

Milestone Scholarship –Winter 2018:

- Queensborough would like to help students reach their “**thirty-credit milestone**” by granting a winter session 2018 scholarship. \$12,510 in **Milestone Scholarship** money was awarded during winter session 2017.

The scholarship applies to a course enrolled in by the student during the January intersession. Upon completion of that course, the student will have met or exceeded the “**thirty-credit milestone**” of their education here at Queensborough. All eligible candidates will be sent a letter to their residence and through TigerMail and must submit a completed application to the Office of Academic Affairs.

Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL):

- CETL and the Office of Educational Technology (OET) continue to offer a dynamic menu of faculty development opportunities. Highlights include ***Taking A Deeper Look at the Quality Matters Rubric*** on **October 13th** and ***Avoiding Predatory Publishers*** on **October 20th**. Please continue to view the CETL and OET pages of our College website for their full calendar of events.

Open Educational Resources:

- The Office of Academic Affairs hosted its first **Campus Conversation** on **Wednesday, September 27, 2017**. The topic was Open Educational Resources (OERs). QCC was awarded a large grant to develop OERs, an activity in which the college is actively engaged.

QCC’s leaders in OER development presented, together with Ann Fiddler, Open Education Librarian, CUNY, and Jean Amaral, Open Knowledge Librarian, of BMCC. Topics of discussion included: 1) What concerns do you have about OER and zero textbook cost courses? 2) What barriers are preventing you from redesigning your courses? 3) How can QCC engage with and support faculty in moving from commercial textbooks to OER and zero textbook cost options?

Middle States:

- The self-study process formally launched this semester. The three (3) executive co-chairs—Dr. Antonella Ansani, Dean Arthur Corradetti, and Prof. Kelly Ford—have conducted an orientation for each working group to provide context and guidance for the project ahead. The self-study design, which is the blueprint that will guide the self-study process, was distributed to the working group participants. There are seven (7) working groups, each assigned one (1) of the seven (7) Middle States standards and charged with developing a chapter of the self-study report. Over one hundred faculty and staff members are participating in this effort. Chapters of the self-study report will be completed by June. The completed self-study report will be distributed to the campus for comment and suggestions in fall 2018; the full self-study report is due to Middle States in February 2019; the evaluation team site visit takes place in March/early April; finally, the Middle States Commission decides on our accreditation in June 2019.

Assessment Institute:

- The **Assessment Institute** for fall 2017 concludes this **Friday, October 13th**. The institute provides faculty participants with guidance, hands-on activities, resources, and support in the planning, development, and completion of a course assessment report. Since its inception, 160 faculty members have participated. Faculty participants this semester represent Biological Sciences and Geology, English, Health, Physical Education and Dance, Nursing, and Speech Communication and Theatre Arts. Faculty participants will complete a course assessment report by the end of the semester. An announcement about next semester's **Assessment Institute** will go out late in the fall semester.

PRE-COLLEGE, CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

BTECH Update:

- The legacy cohort of BTECH students just entered their 12th year. All students have taken the SATs and they will be making decisions this year as to whether they will stay at QCC to complete their degree or transfer to a four-year degree program. This semester, both high school and college advisors and faculty are scheduled to hold meetings with the students, and their parents when available, to demonstrate the benefits of completing their degrees before moving on and to better describe the career opportunities open to them after graduating with a CIS and/or IIT degree. CIS and IIT graduates will be invited to join in the sessions. In addition, the scope and sequence of the program has been condensed to accommodate students completing in five (5) years. While not all students will be prepared to complete in an abridged time period, there are many who will be able to take advantage of the schedule. For those who don't, they are free to complete in the six-year horizon.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Upcoming Events:

- The College will be honoring employees with continuous service who have worked twenty (20), thirty (30), forty (40) and fifty (50) years at the **Celebration of Service** to be held on **Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union**. This year we are inducting 25 faculty and staff members into the 20-year Association. Three (3) faculty and staff members will be recognized for their 30 years of service; four (4) will be recognized for their 40 years of service; and one (1) faculty member, Professor Richard Yuster, will be recognized for his 50 years of service to QCC.
- On **Sunday, October 29th**, Queensborough will partner with **Chipotle Restaurant** in Rego Park (61-35 Junction Blvd.) to host our inaugural **Young Alumni fundraising event**. If diners mention QCC to the cashier at checkout, between 10:45am and 10:00pm, 50% of their bill will be donated to support the QCC Fund, Inc. Young alumni ambassadors will be on site to greet and thank QCC faculty mentors and other members of our community for their support. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with former students and friends.
- The **2017-2018 Annual Fund Appeal** will be mailed out in the first week of October. **Oluwadamisi (Kay) Atanda, '12** has penned the 2017-2018 Annual Fund Appeal. After graduating from Queensborough with an associate degree in Liberal Arts, Kay continued his studies at City College where he graduated valedictorian and then earned a master's degree from Columbia University where he was a Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellow with the U.S. Department of State. Faculty and staff will be receiving the appeal letter in the first week of October. Please join Kay in making a gift to the Annual Fund Appeal.
- The **Donor Appreciation Reception**, hosted by Dr. Diane B. Call and the QCC Fund, Inc., will be held on **Wednesday, November 1st at 5:30 p.m. in the Oakland** to thank supporters of the College. A program following the cocktail reception will engage our guests in conversations with faculty and students. Faculty participating in the group conversations include Dr. Azi Aalai, Professor Christopher Jimenez and Professor Anne Marie Menendez.
- The **Fall Presidential Lecture Series** will take place on **Wednesday, November 8th at 4:30 p.m. in M-136**. The Presidential Lecturer will be **President Karol Mason** of John Jay College of Criminal Justice. President Mason served as Deputy Associate Attorney General from 2009 to 2012. She led the Office of Justice Programs from June 2013 to January 2017 after being nominated by President Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. President Mason spent almost three (3) decades at Alston & Bird, LLP, where she chaired the Public Finance Group. She was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina from 2001 to 2009 and Vice Chair of that Board from 2007 to 2009. President Mason received an A.B. in Mathematics from the University of North Carolina, and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.

Art Gallery:

- The QCC Art Gallery will be opening two (2) exhibits on **Wednesday, October 18th from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** The first exhibit, entitled **Traditional African Art: Selections from the Liren Wei Collection**, depicts a broad and exciting vision of traditional art in Africa. Presented in this exhibition are objects from areas as geographically diverse as the West African savanna and the forests of the Congo Basin. The second exhibit, **Carving Life: Walrus Ivory Carvings from the Bering Sea**, provides an intimate perspective of Alaskan sculpture in the context of both artist and audience. The sculpture selected focuses on the walrus ivory carvings and carvers of western Alaska from the coast and island of the Bering Sea.

Kupferberg Holocaust Center:

- The KHC unveils its newest original exhibition, **Conspiracy of Goodness: How French Protestants Rescued Thousands of Jews during WWII** with a special **Campus Preview and reception on Thursday, October 12, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**
- On **Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.**, the KHC will host the public opening for the exhibit where **Dr. Cary Lane, Assistant Professor of English who is also serving as** the KHC 2017-2018 Curator-In-Residence, discusses the process of research and discovery that led to the development of this exhibition. This display presents the story of how an isolated Huguenot community in the Haute-Loire region saved approximately 3,500 Jews from Nazi Germany and the soldiers of Vichy France. Villagers of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon and the surrounding villages joined together to conceal, rescue, and provide false documentation for Jews and French Resistance fighters at great risk to their own lives.
- Please also join us for the viewing of the documentary, **Weapons of the Spirit (1987) on October 18, 2017 at 12:10 p.m. which** , T chronicles Pierre Sauvage and the rescue of his Jewish family by French villagers during the Holocaust.
- **The KHC/NEH 2017-2018 Colloquium Series, Complicity & Collaboration during the Holocaust**, is led by KHC 2017-2018 Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Azadeh Aalai, Assistant Professor of Social Sciences. The third event in the series will be held on **Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 12:10 p.m.** The speaker will be **Dr. Maggie Paxson**, Research Fellow at Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs. Dr. Paxson will discuss her research on how villagers in France hid, protected, and ultimately rescued thousands of Jews from the Nazis at great peril to their own lives. This event is made possible through the support of *Drs. Bebe and Owen Bernstein*.

Queensborough Performing Arts Center (QPAC):

- The Queensborough Performing Arts Center presents **Taylor Dayne in Concert** with special guest **Maxine Nightingale** on **Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.** Taylor has sold more than 75 million albums and singles worldwide, garnered three (3) Grammy nominations, and has held significant roles in film and television. Disco diva, **Maxine Nightingale**, opens the show with her Billboard hits including *Right Back Where We Started From*.
- Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Star **Darlene Love with special guests, The Fabulous Coasters**, will be performing on **Sunday, October 15th at 3:00 p.m.** Rolling Stone magazine dubbed her “One of the greatest singers of all time!”
- **Kol Esperanza**, an Israeli based vocal group (whose name means “Voice of Hope”) will be making their New York debut on **Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.** following their successful tours in Israel, Germany and Central America. This group is a classically trained, operatic pop ensemble.
- **The Wonderful Wizard of Song** will grace the QCC stage on **Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.** This exceptional jukebox musical, featuring the classic songs by the iconic Oz composer Harold Arlen, is hosted by the composer’s son Sam Arlen. The show takes the audience on a journey tracing Harold Arlen’s career, seamlessly moving through the Cotton Club era to his Hollywood years, culminating with his time on the Great White Way.
- **Ball in the House** will be performing on **Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.** Following in the path of classic harmony groups like Boyz II Men and the Temptations, **Ball in the House** mixes the sounds of pop, R&B and even hip hop music, providing this five member veteran vocal band with an eclectic song set.
- The first **On the Move** luncheon will be held on **Friday, October 27, 2017 at 11:00 .m.** at **Bourbon Street Restaurant in Bayside**. This special concert features the music of The Beatles, Elton John, Petula Clark, Adele, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Sting, Rod Stewart, Julie Andrews, Tom Jones and Phil Collins.