

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

Report of the President
to the Academic Senate

April 17, 2007

I trust that everyone had a good respite during the spring break. Now, we are in the final throes of the semester. Soon we will celebrate the end of the academic year with commencement exercises scheduled for June 1.

Please make every effort to attend the Open Hearing scheduled for tomorrow, April 18th at 2:00 p.m. in room LB14. As you should know by now, this is the last look at the draft of the 2007-08 strategic plan that will be presented to the Chancellor this summer. Note that the plan should address how we are progressing toward the following goals:

1. Initiate a Community of Learners

- Create integrated teaching/learning experiences that equally challenge and support students, and that, acknowledging their preparation, invite them to be partners in intellectual inquiry.
- Adopt a holistic approach by providing a curriculum that incorporates general education, interconnected and multi-layered learning experiences.

2. Provide Students Coordinated Academic and Student Support Services

- Create an individualized plan that engages them upon entry and results in a supportive partnership for learning.
- Encourage students to take the role of active, responsible learners working collaboratively and cooperatively in the classroom and community.

3. Expand our Research Environment through the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL)

- Continue our tradition of discipline-based research and publications, and encourage the scholarship of teaching through pedagogical research and inquiry on the learning of our diverse students, resulting in pedagogical publications.
- Facilitate collaboration among our academic and instructional support staff promoting research, presentations, and publications.

4. Nurture the Development Program

- Upon the completion of the *catalyst campaigns* (Art Gallery, Holocaust Resource Center and Archives, Scholarships) that demonstrate our ability to engage in a major gift campaign, establish an ongoing program of giving that will enable us to continue to attract excellent faculty, provide scholarships for our students, and provide funding for special projects.

Student elections are upon us. Please urge all of your students to vote for their representatives. The elections will be held on April 25 and 26. This is the first time that they will be able to vote on line. It is very important that we have student representation

in our governance structure, and our student body should understand the importance of exercising their prerogative.

ASAP This program is of great importance to the College and the University. We hope to have recruited 200 or more students by June 1. The free tuition and books plus support are not enough to attract qualified students. Students with 12 or less credits who meet the qualifications may apply. Please announce in your classes. It is a great opportunity.

Partners for Progress Gala will take place in 13 days. This year we are honoring Steven Blank, Editor and Publisher, Times Ledger Newspapers, Marlene Tseng Yu, artist, and Charlene Prounis, Alumni Partner. If you are able, buy a raffle ticket and/or come to the event. We hope to have 400 guests at the best party in Queens!!!

The Walk to Aspire will take place on May 9th. Quite a few teams have been formed. Our students are enthusiastic about the idea of helping to raise money for scholarships. Let's support them.

Commencement will take place on June 1st. Charlene Prounis, '76 and Managing Partner and Co-Founder of Flashpoint Medica will be the speaker. Yes, she is also being honored at Partners. I hope to see you all there.

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