

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
of The City University of New York

*Report of the President*  
to the Academic Senate

November 14, 2006

**Academic Vice President Search:** The ads are out, the search committee (Vice President Hartigan, Chair) was constituted, and the resumes are coming in. Our expectation is to begin reviewing resumes shortly and invite the semifinalists for in-person or teleconference interviews by the end of November. We have tentatively reserved several dates for interviewing finalists. I am hopeful that we will be able to attract a good candidate to this important position.

Our thanks go to Dean Karen Steele who has, once again, assumed most of the responsibilities of the position.

**Chief Librarian Search:** An ad for this position is set to run in the New York Times on November 5<sup>th</sup> and it has already been posted within CUNY. The search committee is being formed; Devin Feldman has agreed to chair the team. We hope to have the position filled early in the spring semester.

**Middle States Steering Committee:** The committee, under the leadership of Dr. Arthur Corradetti, is in place. The first meeting will be called very soon. We are hopeful of finding a co-chair, but if not, I believe that the present composition of the committee is acceptable to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

**Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA):** There has been much discussion about the administration of this test, especially at Queensborough Community College, because of my position as a member of the CAE Board of Trustees. To avoid any possibility of a conflict of interest, I instructed Victor Fichera not to administer the test this year. I hope that the Committee on External Evaluations reviews the pros and cons of this test and of the CCSSE and recommends to me any benefit to the College of administering the tests in future years.

**Poetry Slam:** As I indicated in my memorandum to the College Community, I am proud of the way in which this community conducted itself in discussing a very sensitive issue. I understand that the Senate is proposing a resolution today calling for mutual respect and understanding by any sponsoring group. I am glad that the Senate is taking a position that will help us guide our actions in the future.

**Compact:** I presented plans for the funding of new initiatives to the College Advisory Planning Committee, at a recent meeting called expressly for this purpose. Members of every college constituency were present at the meeting. This plan, if fully funded, will help us with the implementation of the Plan for Integrated Education. It is important to note that the figures

presented are a proposal and that much has to occur before these figures become final. The final budget allocation comes to us in July or August.

**Scheduling Task Force:** This task force is nearing the completion of its task and will be submitting a report to the Vice President of Student Affairs in due course. The report is expected to address recruitment, registration and scheduling processes.

**Construction of the HRC:** Final stages of design are being discussed with the Central Office. The plans, as they are developing, are in the Office of the Vice President for Finance and Administration. Anyone who cares to see them is welcome to contact Dr. Call.

**Homecoming:** This administration, along with the Queensborough Community College Fund, Inc, is very interested in providing sufficient funding for the Aspire to Success Program so that every first time, full-time student who registers for 15 credits and has no remedial obligations is able to attend our college for free. The alumni are key to this campaign. The Homecoming event that took place on Sunday, October 22, was attended by 176 alumni, family and friends. This was a good start. But, clearly, we have a long way to go. We need to connect with the alumni, especially those who attended when there was no tuition in CUNY, and encourage them to support a fund that will assist current students in attending our College as they did.

**Student Successes:** We are proud to have had five Queensborough students named as University Student Senate scholarship winners. We also commend our Biology students for taking 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their division at the recent Metropolitan Association of College and University Biologists.