

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

Report of the President
to the Academic Senate

October 10, 2006

I trust that by now you are getting back to the rhythm of the semester. It is always amazing to me how the slow pace of the summer is so rapidly replaced by the frenzy of the fall. However, this quickened pace energizes our community of scholars, teachers and students who, in learning from one another, make Queensborough Community College the great institution that it is.

Office of Academic Affairs:

As you know, Mark McColloch has accepted another position at Baltimore County Community College. We are commencing a search for a new Vice President of Academic Affairs immediately. The first ad went in the *New York Times* last Sunday and more ads will be placed in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the *New York Times*- again, *Jobs in Higher Ed* and other publications. The search committee, chaired by Vice President Ellen Hartigan, will be named shortly. While we search for a new Vice President, Dean Karen Steele and I will be working together as a team, to maintain the momentum that exists in the office. We hope to have the assistance of a faculty member to help with projects that currently are within the purview of the Office of Academic Affairs.

I am happy to announce that Ms. Luz Martin del Campo has accepted the position of Acting Director of Coordinated Undergraduate Education. This position is crucial to the Program for Integrated Education that is so dependent on the learning communities, summer immersion program, freshman year program, honors scholars programs and writing initiatives.

Middle States Steering Committee:

As you know, the College must begin the preparation of a Self-Study report in anticipation of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education's evaluation team visit during the Spring 2009 semester. I am pleased to announce that the following individuals were recommended by a subcommittee of the College Advisory Planning Committee and have agreed to participate as members of the Steering Committee to prepare the Self-Study:

Dr. Stuart Asser
Dr. Paris Svoronos
Mr. Dion Pincus
Prof. Susan Sciammarella
Ms. Anna May Jagoda
Prof. Anne Marie Menendez
Dr. Lorena Ellis
Dr. Linda Reesman

All four Vice Presidents, or their designees, will serve as *ex officio* members of the committee.

The subcommittee will continue to recommend names of members of the faculty to serve as Chair of the Steering Committee. Work will begin in earnest during the spring 07 semester.

Strategic Plan:

Please note that the 2006-07 Strategic Plan is now posted on the College's website along with the 2005-06 Completion Report under *About Us, >Plans, Policies & Procedures*.

Holocaust Resource Center Naming Ceremony:

On September 18th, we hosted a very successful naming ceremony for the Harriet and Kenneth Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives. Mrs. Kupferberg, of course, was present, with more than 200 people in attendance. Borough President Helen Marshall, Senator Frank Padavan, Assemblymen Weprin and Scarborough, Councilman David Weprin, Trustee Jeffrey Wiesenfeld, Dr. Sandy Delson, the Chair of the HRCA Advisory Board, Dr. Arthur Flug, Director of the Center, and I addressed the assembly.