

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

Report of the President
to the **Academic Senate**
March 9, 2010

Freshman Academies

As we enter the second semester of the implementation of this important initiative, we must be ever vigilant to ensure that our students have all the assistance necessary for them to succeed. If we are to achieve our goal of doubling our three year graduation rate for first-time, full-time students from 11.8% to 23.6%, we must be able to analyze what we have done to date and to calibrate our initiative so as to impact the spring to fall retention rate. To this end, we:

- 1) Provided a roster for every faculty member indicating which students in their classes are also part of a Freshman Academy.
- 2) Contacted every student who did not register for the spring semester to encourage them to do so and/or determine their reasons for non-attendance.
- 3) Have planned an event on June 8th, for the 115 students who have completed 30 credits this year, to celebrate their accomplishment.
- 4) Will analyze the Praxis final report and share the action plan with the entire community.
- 5) Are reviewing the High Impact activities to see how we can improve upon them.
- 6) Will ask the faculty to help us recruit students who could benefit from summer courses. The greatest attrition rate takes place between the second and third semester.

Enrollment

CUNY continues to monitor QCC's enrollment growth and has requested that the college limit its FTE to 10,808 for the Fall 2010 semester.

Fundraising:

As of January 31, we have raised \$2,357,391 toward our annual fundraising goal of \$2,892,839, inclusive of cash, pledges and in-kind gifts. We need to raise \$535,435 by June 30 to meet our goal.

In terms of the Annual Fund Appeal (cash + pledges only), our goal is to raise \$1M by the Partners Gala on April 29th, and we are already nearly halfway there. We have formed a President's Circle of Partners, and many of these individuals are now leading fundraising teams for our Gala. This year, the Partners Gala will be the Queens

community celebration of our 50th Anniversary and Chancellor Matthew Goldstein has agreed to partner with Queensborough to make this a successful event. The Gala will be somewhat different this year as there will be no Honorees – instead, we will be honoring every attendee in the room – all our loyal supports of business and community leaders, legislative friends, faculty, staff and students. We have also “gone green” this year with an online journal and our new website allows individuals and organizations to purchase sponsorships, tickets, tables and ads online.

50th Anniversary:

Each of the six Freshman Academies have designed and scheduled events in celebration of the 50th. The Visual and Performing Arts Academy had their event last semester and the others are all scheduled for the spring. The next page lists the events with dates and details for each.

We have our 50th Anniversary faculty/staff BBQ scheduled for May 4th – rain or shine! And, our 50th Anniversary Partners Gala, which will be a celebration with the greater Queens community, is scheduled for April 29th at Terrace on the Park.

We are still scheduling “*Meet the Authors,*” book signing events with Dr. Peter Bales and Dr. Megan Elias, our authors of *Queensborough at 50: Celebrate the Memories!* Anyone who contributes a minimum of \$50 to our student scholarship will receive a complimentary copy.

Miscellaneous

The Spring Faculty meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, from 1:00 to 3:00.

I hope that you responded and will join us for the Tenured Faculty Reception today following this Senate meeting in the Oakland room.

50th Anniversary Academy Events

STEM – chair, Rihab Guneid

Fri. Mar. 12th

3-5 PM

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The Committee has planned several different activities for the event including: power point presentation of STEM Careers past and present, student poster presentations, tours of QCC labs with STEM Academy students to serve as tour guides and Keynote Speaker Dr. Jaime Lee Rizzo, 96'

Business – chair, Shele Bannon

Thurs. Mar. 18th

2-6 PM

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Keynote: State Comptroller, Thomas DiNapoli (not confirmed)

The Business Academy is holding an ethics essay contest for all Business Department Students. Participants will select from several ethical dilemmas facing businesses over the past fifty years. Prizes will be presented to winning students. The top three essay winners will present their topic at a ceremony on March 18, 2010.

Health Related Sciences – Chair, Sharon Ellerton

Fri. Apr. 16th

10 AM -3 PM

Student Union

A day celebrating health and wellness with free screenings and free chair massage. A wellness panel discussing Nutrition, Meditation, Yoga and Environmental Health. Tours of the Nursing facilities and laboratories will be available.

Education Academy – chair, Renee Rhodd

Tues. Apr. 20th

5:30-8:30 PM

Oakland Dining Rm.

Alumni dinner

Guest speaker: Ms. Debra Calvino, NYS Teacher of the Year

Liberal Arts academy – Zivah Perel

Wed. Apr. 7th

1-3 PM

Oakland Dining Room

An event with the Big Read, inviting veterans to speak about “The Things They Carried”

Sat. Apr. 10th

12 noon

Cardozo High School

Men’s Baseball and Women’s Softball “throwback” games with the players attired accordingly

Wed. Apr. 14th

1-3 PM

Student Union

Project with Service Learning Day

Service Learning event, getting students involved in a community based project including writing letters to soldiers overseas.

Weds. Apr. 21st

1-3 PM

Alumni panel

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Alumni Panel, bringing Alumni back to talk careers and life after QCC.

Faculty/Staff BBQ – chairs Kitty Bateman & Margot Edlin

Tues. May 4th

5 PM

Loggia, Oakland & the lawn outside

Gym in case of rain