

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

Report of the President
to the
Academic Senate
February 14, 2012

Enrollment:

- Almost 15,000 students registered for the Spring 2012 semester, on target with our enrollment management plan for the year. More than 972 freshmen and 452 transfer students are among the new students. *Note:* Applications for Fall 2012 are being accepted.

New Service Program:

- Please remind and encourage students (and their families) to take advantage of the free tax preparation program through the QCC Single Stop grant program. There are also food, health care, housing, public assistance, legal and child care benefits available to our students through this department located in the Library Building, Room 420.

Budget Update :

- Based on our FY 12 Mid-year Financial Report, there are no significant changes expected to the Financial Plan submitted to the University in September. The FY 13 Planning and Resource Allocation Process will kick-off next month when Vice President will call for budget proposals for the forthcoming year. Our Fall 12 enrollment plan has been submitted, which calls for a slight reduction in enrollment from Fall 11; however, a modest overall increase in enrollment in FY 13 over the current year is anticipated. Our Planning and Resource Allocation process will be linked to the Strategic Plan, and will reflect periodic consultation with the Campus Advisory Planning Committee, the Budget Subcommittee of the Personnel and Budget Committee and the Academic Senate Special Budget Advisory Committee.
- A note on the financial close out of this fiscal year: February 29th will be the last date to submit tax levy purchase requisitions for expenditure this fiscal year. This lead time is necessary in order to ensure that we timely receive all items and hence are able to expend all appropriated funds. In addition, implementation of the procurement module of CUNYfirst is underway and will go-live July 1, therefore additional processing time may be required.

Faculty Honors and Updates

- Dr. Ruth Elinor Botwinik, an Adjunct Professor in the Basic Skills Department at QCC since 1972, is a recipient of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship, her second. Professor Botwinik is travelling to Dushanbe, Tajikistan where she will be an instructor of English at the Tajikistan State Institution of Foreign Languages for the 2012 spring semester. Approximately 800 Fulbright Scholars from all academic disciplines are chosen each year from around the country. Twelve are selected nationally within the category of TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language).
- Professor John Buonocora, Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology, was awarded a grant from CUNY's Diversity Project Development Fund for a Spring 2012 project to engage students in both the technical and artistic aspects of engineering and robotics. His co-applicants

include Professor Stu Asser, Professor Hamid Namdar, Dr. Belle Birchfield, and Professor Marvin Gayle. Other Department collaborators include Professor Vincent Stigliano, Professor Danny Mangra, and Professor Steven Schwartz.

- Dr. Michael Guy, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, was invited by Teachers College's Community College Research Center to join other innovators in developmental education to collaboratively generate ideas and strategies, and build a community among practitioners, researchers, and funders to bring promising instructional reforms to scale. Over the last two years, Dr. Guy and his colleagues in our Mathematics Department have been engaged in significant curricular and pedagogical reforms to improve student learning outcomes in developmental mathematics.
- In preparation for our annual report to CUNY on scholarly and creative achievements of full-time faculty, Dean Paul Marchese has sent a request to all QCC faculty to submit their citations in one on-line report that will be used for two purposes: the CUNY report and the department's annual report. Faculty are asked to use the citations appropriate to your discipline. The works submitted should have taken place (published or performed) within the calendar year 2011 (i.e., 1/1/11 – 12/31/11). Our Office of Academic Affairs will review the submissions, extract those that fit the CUNY report criteria, and submit them to CUNY online. Please note that submissions from faculty members in the Library and Counseling Department will be included in the CUNY report.

QCC Campus Goes Tobacco Free August 27, 2012

- A CUNY wide policy prohibiting the use of tobacco products on all 24 CUNY campuses, including Queensborough Community College, will go into effect on August 27, 2012. The CUNY Policy prohibits smoking and the use of tobacco products anywhere on or within the grounds and facilities of a campus. Our awareness and education campaign, which began January 27, is designed to notify members of the College community about the policy which will apply to faculty, staff and students, as well as to prospective students, members of our external community, friends, and visitors who attend campus events. The awareness campaign will continue through August 27, 2012 when the Queensborough campus will go entirely tobacco-free. The awareness campaign will include tobacco-free messaging on our website www.qcc.cuny.edu, on digital signage, and on College materials, both paper and electronic. The tobacco-free messaging is also being added to all publications currently in production, such as the student and faculty handbooks, brochures for internal and external audiences (KHRCA, QCC Art Gallery, QPAC and Continuing Education), Open House materials, flyers, posters and banners. The messaging is on the CUNYfirst homepage, and it will be added to all routine student communications and billing. Taking advantage of existing communications will minimize additional expenses associated with printing and postage costs.

Upcoming Events

- Our Department of Nursing will host the National League of Nursing Accreditation Commission team February 14 through 16. The team will review the self-study prepared by the department over the last two years, and visit various campus support services as well as the resources/laboratory facilities of the Nursing program and student support centers.
- That same week, QCC will host the CUNY Community College Women and Men's Basketball Tournament. The finals will be held on Friday, February 17 at 5:30 and 7:30 in the RFK Gymnasium. Admission is free.