

President's Report to the Academic Senate

May 8, 2012

Enrollment

- The University's enrollment plan has set defined limits on each campus's enrollment for the Fall 2012 semester. With targets now established for our new and continuing student registration, the enrollment management team projects completion of student advisement/registration by July 31st. Activities for Summer and Fall 2012 enrollment are well underway. As of the end of April, over 2900 students registered for our Summer Session classes and, as of last week, 3500 currently enrolled students registered for the Fall 2012 semester.
- On the new student front, to date approximately 12,000 new freshmen and transfers have been accepted for Fall 2012. This year the ASAP program will increase its new freshmen enrollment from 200 to 300 bringing their total enrollment to over 400 students. New freshmen registration began on May 2, and will be followed by a series of COLLEGE 101 programs (the first of two events of new student orientation) held from June through August. Transfer student advisement will be launched in early June.

Student Awards and Achievements:

- Our thanks to QCC students who testified at the CUNY Board of Trustees' Public Hearing at Queens Borough Hall on Monday, April 23. Mr. Preston Baker spoke about the benefits of the ASAP program, and Ms. Coryse Phillip, a QCC merit scholarship winner, advocated for assistive technology to support students with disabilities.
- Oluwadamisi "Kay" Atanda was named to the first team of the 2012 Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team, as well as receiving the Coca-Cola Community College Silver Scholar Scholarship.
- Leekon Chen, a graduate of our Nursing Program in January, was named to the third team of the 2012 Phi Theta All USA Academic Team.
- Mingyu (Rik) Loh, mentored by Dr. Andrew Nguyen of the Department of Biological Sciences and Geology, was awarded the 2012 BC/ MACUB (Metropolitan Association of College and University Biologists) research grant award.
- Tracy Artis, mentored by Dr. Lorena Ellis, Professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures, was chosen to participate in the Work Study Immersion Program in Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany this summer.

Congratulations to our newly elected student government leaders for the 2012/2013 academic year:

- Mr. Preston Baker, President of SGA
- Mr. Jace Dunn, Vice President
- Ms. Mariama Coulibaly, Administrative Vice President
- Ms. Ashley Persaud, Programming Vice President
- Mr. Camilo Torres, Treasurer
- Mr. Girrell Banks, Vice President for Evening Students
- Mr. Joel Singleton, Vice President for Part-time students

We look forward to their participation in our governance process as representatives of our student body in the coming year. And we offer a special “thank you” to our outgoing student leaders for a “job well done” this academic year!

Scholarships and Financial Aid Updates:

- The Fall 2012 *QCC Merit Scholarship* application deadline for continuing students is Tuesday, May 15th. Further information and eligibility criteria can be found on the QCC website.
- The Fall 2012 Financial Aid deadline for federal and state aid was April 23rd for timely awards, however, our Financial Aid Office is still accepting applications for the coming academic year. *Please encourage students to file as soon as possible.*
- Our *Single Stop* program continues to provide legal and financial services for our students. The office is located in the Library Building, room 420. The office will be open throughout the summer months.

Faculty/Staff Activities

- Dr. Sarah K. Danielsson is the first KHRCA/NEH Scholar selected to develop our NEH symposia for Academic year 2012-13— her topic will be “Human Rights, Justice and Genocide.” Her project will be comprised of a Seminar Series for scholars; two(2) day long workshops for educators; and two (2) lectures with featured speakers, open to students and the general public.
- Several QCC staff served as volunteers for the annual ***CUNY Citizenship Now*** “Call In.” Following an all-day training session, Juan Carlos Fajardo, Roddy Bolanos and Lampeto (Bette) Efthymiou, all from our Student Affairs division, participated in this week long program to provide callers with accurate and up-to-date information about immigration law. This is the tenth year CUNY and the New York Daily News have co-sponsored this successful program for immigrant families in pursuit of U.S. citizenship and immigration assistance.
- Faculty who joined the College in Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 will be invited to a “New Faculty Reunion” on May 23 with the President and members of the Cabinet. This annual event offers our newest colleagues an opportunity to share their first year

experiences and impressions, and to provide their ideas and suggestions for our next faculty orientation program.

The Budget and Campus Projects:

- **The budget outlook for next year is much improved over** the past two years. QCC's annual Resource Planning & Allocation Process (Process) is underway. Divisions and departments have submitted their budget requests and consultation meetings with the Budget Advisory Subcommittee of the P&B Committee and the Academic Senate Budget Advisory Committee have been scheduled. I will announce budget decisions, contingent upon funding, at the conclusion of this process. We expect the University to provide us with our final budget in late July, and I will announce my final budget decisions shortly thereafter.
- A number of capital projects are planned, including the long-awaited electrical upgrade project, which is being designed now. The exterior door security project is also in the design phase now, and once completed will include a new door access system, complete with security cameras at each entrance to each building. We have also been advised that a budget for new emergency phones for various locations on campus is included in this budget.
- We fared quite well in the city capital budget this year, and these funds are matched with state funds, resulting in a total of \$6.1 million for roof repairs, and \$1.5 million toward refurbishment of the QPAC theater. The theater project is focused on ADA compliance, and will enter the design phase soon. We also have secured funding to replace both elevators in the Administration building. While the time to replace the elevators is taking much longer than we would like, both elevators will be replaced sometime in the next year. We also have secured funding to replace both elevators in the Medical Arts building. In addition, we are undertaking major repairs to all elevators on campus, where needed.
- The CUNYfirst implementation of our student information system has been an ongoing process involving all on campus over the past 18 months. There are other modules of CUNYfirst now scheduled to go live in the near future. These include Planning and Budgeting, Financial Aid, Procurement and Accounts Payable. The new procurement system will require all campus departments to use a new system for entering requisitions. Training in the new system will begin this summer. The system is scheduled to go live effective with the new fiscal year July 1.
- In late April, we also kicked off the implementation of a new campus ID card for students, faculty and staff. This new ID card will include stored value functionality, so that the card can be used for purchases in the various food and beverage venues on campus. Parking will also be paid via the card, thus eliminating the token system now in use. The new ID system has been an initiative of student government for some time and we are pleased to see this project, which is supported by Tech Fee funding, moving forward. One important benefit to our students of the card is that when students use

the ID card to pay for food on campus, they will not be charged sales tax--a savings of nearly 9%.

Upcoming Events, Ceremonies and Celebrations

- The Student Juried Art Exhibit opened on May 3, and will be on exhibit in the QCC Art Gallery until July 6.
- Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for community colleges will hold their induction ceremony tomorrow (Wed., May 9) at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Union.
- The Honors Convocation is scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, at 6 p.m. in the Humanities Theatre
- Candle Lighting, the traditional 'pinning' ceremony for graduates of our Nursing Program, will be held on Wednesday, May 30 at 1:00 PM in the QCC Theatre.
- Our 51st Commencement Exercises will be held on Friday, June 1, in the morning. All faculty and staff are invited to participate in the academic procession and to share this important day with our graduates, their families and friends.