



## **President's Report to the Academic Senate**

**March 14, 2017**

### **ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

- The first two phases of freshmen have been received by the Admissions Office. Acceptance notifications have been sent to approximately 5,500 students. The first New Student and Family Welcome Session is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>. Newly admitted students and their families will have an opportunity to learn more about the College, including the Academies and special programs like ASAP, CUNYStart, and College Discovery. Financial Aid staff will be on hand to help students apply for aid. Admissions and New Student Engagement staff will assist students with testing appointments and other enrollment steps.
- Academic Advisement for continuing students will begin Mid-March. Advisement and Registration for new students will begin April 10th. Advisers will outreach to their caseloads through Starfish and phone calls. New students will be invited to meet with an adviser through Hobsons emails.

### **RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLANNING FOR FISCAL YEAR 18**

- QCC's annual Resource Planning & Allocation Process for Fiscal Year (FY) 18 has begun. By early March, all divisions and departments will have been provided with historic information and templates to assist in preparing budget requests for the coming academic year. In keeping with our practices, this process is designed to ensure our resources support our highest priorities, as reflected in the Strategic Plan developed by the College Advisory Planning Committee. Through the respective Vice President, each Division will submit budget request proposals for new funding related to strategic priorities and operational needs. These proposals will be reviewed and prioritized by the Cabinet. The Budget Subcommittee of the Faculty P&B Committee and the QCC Academic Senate Committee on Budget Advisement will be consulted prior to our final expenditure plan for FY 18.

## **ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION**

### **Middle States**

The Middle States self-study working group co-chairs are confirmed, and the call for volunteers to the entire campus went out back in February. The results of the survey are being tabulated. An email will soon be sent out to each working group with the names of the members of that group. Work will begin in fall 2017. The self-study steering committee, consisting of the three executive co-chairs, the working group co-chairs, the vice president for academic affairs, the vice president for marketing and communication, and the director of institutional research, will begin meeting this semester to help the executive co-chairs to develop a self-study design, which is required by Middle States. A draft design is due in middle April. The self-study design guides the work of the entire project. Our Middle States liaison, Dr. Heather Perfetti, will come to campus May 4 on a preparation visit whose primary goal is to provide feedback to the steering committee on the draft of the self-study design submitted.

### **Academic Program Review**

Four academic programs are currently under review: Engineering Science, Health Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences (Math and Science), and Medical Office Assistant. Colleagues from six different academic departments are collaborating on these efforts, including Changiz Alizadeh, Mathematics and Computer Science; Michael Altimari, Biological Sciences and Geology; Raul Armendariz, Physics; Urszula Golebiewska, Biological Sciences and Geology; Dominic Hull, Chemistry; Dave Klarberg, Biological Sciences and Geology; Christina Manzo, Business; Kim Riegel, Physics; Jeff Schwartz, Engineering Technology; Paul Sideris, Chemistry; and Kostas Stroumbakis, Mathematics and Computer Science. The program review reports will be completed by the end of the academic year; site visits by external reviewers will take place in fall 2017, and action plans for each program will be developed at that time.

### **Assessment Institute**

Once again, the Assessment Institute took place this semester, the last of four sessions on March 3. Faculty participants are now implementing the assessment plans that they have developed. Assessment reports are due at the end of the semester. This semester's institute included 18 faculty participants spanning 11 departments.

### **General Education Task Force**

Task Force members have reviewed results of the Fall 2016 General Education assessment (566 artifacts were each scored twice) and trends over the past three assessment periods. Participating faculty are being sent individual reports on their students' aggregate scores. Faculty participating in the Spring 2017 assessment will be submitting student work (artifacts) through Blackboard and Aqua. The Task Force is

revising the Information Management rubric to include “digital technology,” and is organizing support for developing rubrics for the revised disciplinary outcomes in the sciences, social sciences and history, and the humanities and the arts.

## STUDENT RESOURCES

- **STEM Waiver-Winter Session 2017**

A total of 894 applications were received for the STEM waiver program for the Winter 2017 session. Applications approved totaled 435, with 407 applications denied due to the fact that the course selected was not part of the students’ program of study. Also, 52 students withdrew their applications prior to the course starting. Students earned 1168 STEM credits with a total cost of \$246,225. A total of 97.50% of the students completed the course with 2.5% of the students withdrawing.

Funding will be available for Summer Session 1; however we are waiting for a decision from the Mayor’s office as to additional funding for Summer Session 2 and the academic year 2018.

- **Milestone Scholarship-Winter Session 2017**

A total of 187 students were identified as candidates qualifying for the Milestone Scholarship. Students were contacted by letters sent to their home as well as by Tigermail. We received 23 applications, however 18 students completed the session, 4 students never registered for the course and 1 student received a WU. Students earned 61 credits.

- All currently enrolled students wishing to receive financial aid for the Fall 2017 and/or Spring 2018 semesters were advised to **complete the 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** by the Priority Filing Deadline Date of March 15, 2017. Students who miss this date are encourage to complete the FAFSA immediately. Workshops hosted by the Office of Financial Services are available for those students in need of assistance. Additional information can be found at [www.qcc.cuny.edu/financialaid](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/financialaid).
- The **QCC Counseling Center now provides 24/7 emergency services through our after-hours service provider, ProtoCall**. If you have an emergency outside of the Counseling Center hours, please call ProtoCall at 855-582-6069 to speak with a licensed mental health professional.

- QCC's Lambda Sigma Chapter of the **Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society** is accepting new membership for the Spring 2017 semester. Membership in the honor society provides opportunities for students to grow as scholars and leaders by way of networking, scholarships, job skills, leadership, community-building, and mentorship. Additional information, including eligibility requirements and application deadline date, can be found at [www.qcc.cuny.edu/ptk](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/ptk).
- Faculty and staff are asked to encourage our students to avail themselves of the valuable and free resources through the **QCC Single Stop Program**, located in the Library Building, Room 432-A. Services provided include (but are not limited to) financial benefits screening, financial counseling, legal assistance, tax preparation services, and more. **Now through April 18, 2017, Single Stop will make Free Tax Preparation available for QCC students in the Student Union, Upper Level. In addition, we will have one Saturday session on March 11, 2017.** Please encourage students to take advantage of this free service. Additional information about this program and hours of operation can be found on their website at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/singlestop>.
- **The Freya Moskowitz Stern Scholarship and The Finch College Alumni Scholarship** are now available for interested students. Both scholarships, worth \$5000, are awarded to second-year female community college students who will graduate from QCC at the conclusion of Spring 2017 and transfer to a four-year university for the fall 2017 semester. For additional information, including eligibility requirements and application deadline dates, please click on the following link:  
[http://www.finchcollege.org/html/PDFs/Scholarship\\_Criteria.pdf](http://www.finchcollege.org/html/PDFs/Scholarship_Criteria.pdf).
- The application period for the **2017 University Student Senate (USS) Scholarships** is now open! Students can either apply for the Ernesto Malave Merit Scholarship or the Donald and Mary Ellen Passantino Scholarships (available to international students and students with disabilities only). Completed application packets must be submitted to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs by Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. For additional information, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships/index.html>.
- The **Guttman Transfer Scholarship** offer benefits for outstanding CUNY community college students who transfer to an eligible CUNY senior college. Guttman Scholars receive up to \$4,000 paid over two years. CUNY is able to offer these scholarships through an endowment provided by the Stella and Charles Guttman Foundation. The application deadline date is Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. For additional information, please visit <http://www2.cuny.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/guttman-transfer-scholarship/eligibility/>.

- The **Phi Beta Kappa Association of New York Scholarship** is now available for interested students. This scholarship, worth \$1,000, will be awarded to two (2) community college graduates who successfully transfer to a four-year institution for Fall 2017. The deadline for students to submit their application is Monday, April 3, 2017. Additional information, including eligibility requirements, can be found at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships/>.
- The University is continuing the initiative in which CUNY has partnered with **The Dream.US Scholarship Program** to assist undocumented students in obtaining scholarships. The Dream.US Scholarship Program provides college scholarships to highly motivated undocumented students who entered the United States as minors and who, without financial assistance, cannot afford a college education. The next application cycle is currently open, with a deadline of March 8, 2017 for the Fall 2017 semester. Please refer students to apply at [www.thedream.us](http://www.thedream.us).
- **The National Puerto Rican Day Parade 2017 Scholarship Program** is now accepting applications from prospective applicants. The scholarship is open to currently matriculated full-time students who possess a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher who are of Puerto Rican descent and are giving back to their respective communities through volunteer/community service. Completed application packets should be submitted electronically to NPRDP.Scholars@gmail by the deadline date of **Friday, March 31st**. For more information, including eligibility criteria and required documents, please visit <http://www.nprdpinc.org/sponsorship/scholarship/>.
- The **Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation renewed QCC's three-year grant**, of up to \$100,000 per year, for three years, to provide **one-time, emergency grants** to students in good standing with **short-term financial emergencies** to enable them to remain in school, rather than being forced to leave or drop out. The college successfully awarded \$300,000 to Queensborough students in need through December 31, 2016. Ms. Veronica Lukas, Executive Director of Student Financial Services, will be sending periodic e-mail reminders to the college community outlining the grant eligibility and encouraging faculty and staff to refer students to apply. Ms. Karen O'Sullivan, Associate Director of Student Financial Services, will serve as the Grants Manager for this campus initiative. Please refer students with short-term financial emergencies to Ms. O'Sullivan at your earliest convenience. Additional information can be found at [www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships).

## BTECH UPDATE

- BTECH's Interim Acting Principal, Patrice Henry, was introduced to the NYC DOE, CUNY Early College Initiative and QCC campus leads' staff in February. She will visit the campus and meet with Professors Birchfield and Ford in early March to learn about our programming and curriculum, the scope and sequence, the Indicators of Student Readiness model and the administrative processes – i.e. scheduling/enrollment/withdrawals/grading, etc. that support the academic program here at QCC. On March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1 pm in M-136 there will be a presentation by SAP and other technology executives on a study called, **Digital Leaders 2020**. All students and faculty in Business, Engineering Technology and Computer Science are invited to attend to learn about the use of digital technology and data analytics in decision making for leaders of the future.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Office of Academic Affairs

- The Office of Academic Affairs will host a series of workshops this semester to support faculty in the efforts for reappointment, tenure and promotion. The workshops are:

**Practice Sessions on Presenting Before Faculty Personnel and Budget Committee for Full Professor** - Facilitated by Dr. Julia Carroll, Dr. Jilani Warsi, Ashlie Klepper and Franca Ferrari-Bridgers – Thursday, March 2, 2017 and Thursday, March 16, 2017, 1:00-4:00 p.m., President's Conference Room, A-502D.

- **Newly Tenured Faculty** will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 14, at a reception sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs, at 4:30pm in the Oakland Dining Room and Loggia. Twenty-three colleagues from 9 academic departments will be honored as awardees of tenure and certificate of continuous employment (CCE). They are Dr. Rose-Marie Aikas (Social Sciences), Dr. Bjorn Berkhout (Music), Dr. Naydu Carmona (Biological Sciences and Geology), Mr. Steven Cheng (Mathematics and Computer Science), Ms. Danielle Cifone (Mathematics and Computer Science), Dr. Steven Dahlke (Music), Dr. Sunil Dehipawala (Physics), Professor Leslie Francis (Business), Dr. Eva Goldhammer (Social Sciences), Professor Stephen Hammel (Business), Ms. Ruchel Hammer (Biological Sciences and Geology), Ms. Li Xu Li (Mathematics and Computer Science), Dr. Anissa Moody (Social Sciences), Mr. Marlon Moreno (Chemistry), Dr. Gheorghe Proteasa (Biological Sciences and Geology), Mr. Terence Rohan (Biological Sciences and Geology), Dr. Julia Rothenberg (Social Sciences), Dr. Andrea Salis (Health, Physical Education and Dance), Mr. Kenneth Schmidt (Mathematics and Computer Science), Dr. Jed Shahr (English), Dr. Howard Sporn (Mathematics and

Computer Science), Dr. Kostas Stroumbakis (Mathematics and Computer Science, Dr. James Timbilla (Biological Sciences and Geology).

### **Institutional Advancement**

- The **Spring Presidential Lecture Series** will be held on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. in room M-136 of the Medical Arts building. C. Julian Jiménez, Assistant Professor, Speech Communication and Theatre Arts, will be discussing **“Playwriting as Activism: Advocacy Through Authenticity”**. He will illustrate how theatrical voices can ignite a social revolution within audiences by presenting truthful depictions of often stereotyped, frequently ostracized and historically disenfranchised communities.

### **Art Gallery**

- The **QCC Art Gallery** will be opening an exhibition entitled, **Rewoven: Innovative Fiber Art**, on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. This exhibit is an international collaboration between the QCC Art Gallery, the Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts in Taiwan, and the Godwin Ternbach Museum at Queens College. Twenty-four artists, whose commitment is to environmental conservation, will be presented in a convergence of painting, assemblage, and installation works. This exhibit will run through June 17, 2017.

### **KHC**

- At the **Kupferberg Holocaust Center**, **The Jacket from Dachau: One Survivor’s Search for Justice, Identity, and Home** will continue to be on view **through June, 2017**. This original exhibition tells the story of Holocaust survival, chance encounters, and how a single artifact can weave a narrative of justice, identity, and a search for home. The exhibit is co-curated by Cary Lane, Ph.D., the KHC 2016-2017 Curator-in-Residence and assistant professor of English at Queensborough Community College. Please contact the Center to arrange a tour of the exhibit for your classes.
- **KHC Cinema Series this spring** includes screenings of various films pertaining to the Holocaust, Genocide, and human rights. You are invited to attend the screening of **Sometimes in April (2005)** on **Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 12:10 p.m.** which follows the journey of two brothers before, during, and after the Rwandan Genocide.
- **On Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 p.m.**, the KHC presents the **Annual Holocaust Freedom Seder in the Student Union**. Local Holocaust survivors are honored at this special commemorative event where the Passover Seder held in the Munich DP Camp in 1946 after World War II is recreated. Tickets and more information available at the KHC website.
- The **KHC** continues the 2016-17 Colloquia awarded to QCC Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Aliza Atik (English), Dr. Kathleen Alves (English), and Dr. Mirna Lekic (Music). This

year's theme is **Fleeing Genocide: Displacement, Exile and the Refugee**. The fifth event, **The LGBT Refugee Crisis** will take place on Wednesday, March 24, 2017 at 12:20 p.m. There will be a panel discussion led by the Honorable Daniel Dromm, New York City Council Member, with an introduction by Dr. Amy Traver, Associate Professor of Sociology, Queensborough Community College.

## **2017 Partners for Progress Gala**

Please join us on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for the **2017 Partners for Progress Gala** at Terrace on the Park. An "Early Bird" rate of \$125 per ticket is available to faculty and staff until Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>; after that date, tickets for faculty and staff will be \$150 (external supporters pay \$300 per ticket). Tickets may be purchased online at <https://www2.qcc.cuny.edu/advancement/galaTix.html> or checks may be made payable to the **QCC Fund, Inc.** and dropped off at the Advancement Office, Room A508.

### **The 2017 Partners of the Year**

- **Thomas Chen**, Founder, President, and CEO of Crystal Window & Door Systems, Ltd., is a leading window manufacturer in North America and a long-time friend and supporter of Queensborough Community College. Thomas Chen founded his company in Queens and has established manufacturing operations in Chicago, St. Louis, and Riverside, CA. As our *Art Gallery Partner of the Year*, Thomas is committed to establishing an endowment for the preservation of the QCC Art Gallery's permanent collection.
- **Professor Emeritus Jackson and Mrs. Muriel Lum**, our *Community Partners of the Year*, have made a major gift to the Port of Entry program in honor of Jackson's parents. They identify with the struggles that immigrants face in terms of learning the language, the American culture, and obtaining skills to get gainful employment. They strongly believe in the power of education to advance in life and to be able to successfully compete in the workforce.
- **Benjamin L. Schwartz**, *Kupferberg Holocaust Partner of the Year*, is President and CEO of Metropolitan Property Services, Inc., a full-service, multi-family property management firm in Queens. Ben attended a continuing education course at Queensborough many years ago. He is an advocate of higher education and believes that the Kupferberg Holocaust Center helps open the minds of those who may never have experienced adversity, and hopes that the KHC programs will help to prevent future horrific events.



## QPAC

- **On Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**, Broadway powerhouse **Billy Porter** will be in concert making his QPAC debut. This Tony and Grammy Award-winning singer, composer, actor, playwright and director will encompass songs from his victorious roles on Broadway as well as a tribute to some of the artists and music that have inspired him along the way.
- **On Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.**, the **New Shanghai Circus** will be performing live on our stage. These fearless performers bring us a new spellbinding show with athletes that defy gravity and execute breathtaking feats. Performers with boundless energy will bring over 2,000 years of Chinese circus traditions.
- **On Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**, one of the greatest classical ballets of all time, **Swan Lake**, with magnificent music by Tchaikovsky, will grace our stage. The Russian National Ballet will present this full-length ballet in four acts.
- **The Company Men**, a four-man vocal group, will be performing on our stage on **Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** They will be performing classics from the last six decades featuring songs by The Four Tops, Michael Jackson, Michael Bublé, The Temptations and others.
- **In the Mood** will be returning to QPAC on **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** Much more than a concert, **In The Mood** presents a retro 1940's musical featuring singers and dancers, and the sensational String of Pearls big band orchestra.
- **On Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:30 a.m.**, the Children's Book Club and Performance Series will continue with **The Paper Bag Players** in their new show, **Trip to the Moon**, for children ages 3 to 8.

## Student Affairs

- The Office of Career Services will host the **QCC Job Fair** on **Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm** in the Student Union Lounge. The fair will serve as a conduit for students to meet with potential employers from a wide variety of sectors including business, non-profits, healthcare, and government. For additional information, please click on the following link: <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/careerServices/job-fair.html>.
- Student Government Elections will be taking place **Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** in the lobby area of the Administration Building. Please encourage students to make their voices heard and cast their ballots for the 2017 SGA Executive Board. For more information, interested students can contact the Office of Student Activities at 718-631-6233 or visit their office located in the Student Union Building, Lower Level.
- The Office of Health Services will host the **CUNY QCC Wellness Festival** on **Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am in the Student Union Lounge. At the festival, students, faculty, and

staff will be afforded free health screenings including (but not limited to): HIV/STI testing, Blood Pressure, Health Insurance Enrollment, Vision Testing, and much more. For additional information, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/Calendar/events/CUNY-QCC-Wellness-Festival-04-05-2017.html>.

- On *Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>*, the Office of Career Services will be hosting its annual ***Etiquette in Action: A Business Dining Experience***. Interested students must apply in person at the Office of Career Services, located in Library Building -Room 429 by March 21<sup>st</sup>. For additional information, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/careerServices/etiquette.html>.