

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
of The City University of New York

*Report of the President*  
to the Academic Senate

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**Budget Request:** The University's 2007-08 Budget Request was approved by the Board of Trustees at the November 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. It calls for an increase of \$141 million, for a total budget request of \$2.149 billion. For community colleges, the overall request is \$561.3 million, a \$31.5million increase over the 2006-07 adopted budget. Of this amount, \$20.9 million is for baseline needs and \$10.7 million is for programmatic increases. Included in the community college request is a request for a \$125 per FTE increase in State Aid.

As you know, the Governor will review this request and make his recommendation to the legislature in January. During the early spring, the legislature will consider the Governor's recommendation and will vote on a budget, hopefully by April 1. If the Governor signs the budget bill, we have a budget; if the Governor vetoes some of the items in the budget, then further negotiations take place.

The City Council follows the same pattern (considers the Mayor's recommended budget and votes) and the Mayor signs off on the budget bill. This takes place in June.

As our budget allocation has State and City components, we do not get an allocation until mid July or early August.

So, we have work to do in educating our representatives on the needs of the colleges. I know that I can count on your support in this effort.

**Capital Budget Request:** A request to approve a rolling five year Capital Budget Plan for fiscal years 2007-08 through 2011-12 was approved at the November 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Trustees. This request calls for approximately \$6.4 billion and a Capital Budget for fiscal year 2007-08 of approximately \$817.8 million. For Queensborough Community College the request is \$22,948,000 for Design and Construction of Phase I of the Instructional Building and \$2,000,000 for Phase I of Design and Construction of a Central Kitchen and Dining Hall. The total estimated cost of the Instructional building, scheduled for completion in 2012, is a little over \$96 million. The total estimated cost of the Kitchen and Dining Hall, scheduled for completion in 2010, is approximately \$11million.

**Adjunct Conversion Lines:** Queensborough Community College received three Lecturer lines, and they are in the process of being filled.

**Search for the Vice President for Academic Affairs:** As of this writing, we have narrowed the search to four candidates who are slated to participate in all day interviews during the first week of December.