

**President's Report
Academic Senate Meeting
October 9, 2007**

I am delighted to report that Chancellor Goldstein will meet with interested faculty members at the conclusion of the Conference of the College scheduled for October 19th.

The basic budget allocation for Queensborough Community College was received and the Compact request was funded at 100%. As you know, the University adjusts our allocation during the year. We are hopeful that additional funds will be forthcoming, as our enrollment was strong this fall.

The progressive dinner for new HEOs and faculty members with their significant others took place on September 17th. There was good fellowship and the “Class of 2007” bonded beautifully.

All reports on the ASAP program are positive. The proof will be in the retention rate but it seems to me that, once again, this shows that cohort education is the way to go for community college students.

On September 17th, Constitution Day, a Citizen Swearing-In Ceremony was held in our Theatre. Over 300 New Americans were sworn in. This tradition, now imitated throughout CUNY, started at Queensborough Community College. It is very appropriate that new Americans are welcomed at our College, a portal of entry to this very complex society. I am proud of the event; I am thankful to Mrs. Kashimawo for her continuous effort in this area.

The planning for the 21st Partners for Progress to be held on April 26, 2008 has begun. We continue to look for potential honorees, especially from the faculty ranks. Any nominations should be sent to Vice President Zins.

On November 28th we will host the fall Presidential Lecture. The speaker is Dr. Selma Botman, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, CUNY.

The Faculty Excellence Awards have been selected for this year. The honorees will be feted on December 11th.