

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

Report of the President
to the Academic Senate

November 11, 2008

Middle States Evaluation Team Visit:

As I have indicated in other communications, Dr. Edna Baehre, President of the Harrisburg Area Community College, will be visiting our College on November 24th. The Middle States Self-Study has been sent to all of you via email. This document is the result of the work of many people and our thanks go to Dr. Corradetti, the Steering Committee, and the many members of our community who participated in the discussions. It is a good and forthright document that depicts the College as it is currently operating, the aspirations for the future as well as the areas that need attention. Dr. Baerhe's schedule will be posted to the entire College community by Dr. Corradetti.

Learning Academies:

The Office of Academic Affairs is currently leading a group to discuss the evaluation methodology for the Learning Academies. We are placing a large amount of our very scarce resources into this effort; we need to understand what criteria we are going to use to evaluate the success of the Academies. I expect to have campus-wide discussion about these methodologies and come to a decision by May, 2009. In this manner, we can establish a baseline starting with the students who enroll as first-time, full-time students starting in the Fall, 2008.

Strategic Planning:

We are making good progress toward the first draft of the Strategic Plan for 2009-10. The Mission Statement informs the Four Long Term Goals of the College and these, in turn, inform the Strategic Objectives that we are currently crafting for campus-wide consideration. The College Advisory Planning Committee composed of the Academic Senate Steering Committee, the Faculty Executive Committee, the Cabinet, and the Student Government Executive Board, is helping me craft the first draft of the document. We hope to have this draft completed by the end of December and hold focus groups with the HEOs, the Students and the Academic Department Chairs in February. After further review of the comments by the CPAC, open hearings will take place in the spring.

Conference of the College:

The sixth Conference of the College hosted by the Faculty Executive Committee was a great success. It took place on October 17th. Over 140 members of our College community attended. By all accounts, it was a resounding success.

HEO Conference:

The first HEO conference took place November 7th. Vice Chancellor Waters was the keynote speaker.

These Faculty and HEO activities, in addition to the CETL and Academic Computing Center workshops are examples of the many opportunities for faculty and staff development available at the College.

Queensborough Community College hosted Association of Community College Trustees:

On October 29th, a group of presidents and trustees in town to attend the ACCT Congress, visited our campus through a tour arranged by ACCT.

Queensborough Community College Fund Retreat:

The Queensborough Community College Fund will meet in a retreat setting for the entire day on November 14th. Many items were discussed, among them: *Fundraising in Difficult Times, Why do we Fundraise?, How Do We Invest our Monies?; and How Does the Fund Help the College?*

Walk to Aspire:

Many thanks to the numerous teams that participated in the Walk to Aspire fundraiser on November 12th. This is a good example of how the College community comes together to help needy students through scholarships.

Service Recognition Awards:

A Ceremony took place on November 6th honoring people who have given 20 or more years of service to our College. This celebration is always a festive and meaningful event.

CUNY Month Open House:

On November 9th the CUNY Open House took place. It is always gratifying to see the great interest in CUNY and in Queensborough Community College.