

**QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
of The City University of New York

***Report of the President***  
**to the Academic Senate**  
**October 12, 2010**

Events:

- On Sunday, September 26, Vice President Hartigan hosted a Welcome for the Families of new Students. The event format encouraged questions from the audience and a two hour dialogue with college staff about campus life and academics, followed by campus tours. Thanks to all the faculty and staff who participated in this ‘family orientation.’
- On Tuesday night, September 28, a Ceremony was held in the Humanities Theatre to celebrate Spring 2010 Dean’s List Students. Over five hundred students, family and friends participated in this special event, at which every Dean’s List student came up on stage to be recognized and receive an honor pin. Drawing the evening’s greatest applause was an 84 year old student who inspired all with her achievement.

Enrollment Update:

- With the September 15 deadline for Sp 2011, the Enrollment Management team has begun work with new students. Many are applicants who could not be enrolled this semester. New applicants will begin taking the placement tests in mid November.
- Advisement of currently enrolled students for the spring 2011 semester has begun. Queensborough’s role as a vanguard college for CUNY First and the implementation schedule will delay formal registration into courses until after the new system is activated. The Enrollment Management team is coordinating efforts of all student service offices and faculty advisors to facilitate students’ enrollment in the courses selected in the advisement process.
- Winter session classes offer an opportunity for students to stay on schedule for graduation. If CUNY First Campus Solutions is implemented this October/November, as a Vanguard college, QCC’s winter session will be counted for student registration as part of the spring term in the new CS system.
- Our QCC Foundation, alumni, friends of the college, and current students (through the Walk to Aspire) raise money to create student scholarships. Fifty merit scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded for the Spring 2011 semester to full time continuing degree students who by the end of this term have completed 24 credits, (plus any remediation required) with a 3.25 minimum GPA. An essay on educational/career goals is also required with the application. Vice President Ellen Hartigan will send an announcement to students via Tiger Mail in mid October. Students should also visit the Awards and Scholarships pages on the QCC website for additional scholarship postings.
- A reminder, the Walk to Aspire to raise funds for student scholarships is Wednesday, November 17.

Personnel:

- An agreement in principle has been reached by CUNY and the PSC to permit adjuncts to teach winter session classes at no consequence to their fall or spring workload assignments.
- Information sessions on the ERI will be held throughout the city this month. Ysabel Macea of our Personnel Office has sent the schedule which includes a session at Queens College on October 18. Faculty and staff are invited to meet with Ysabel to discuss individual situation. The deadline for faculty and HEO staff to file papers for the ERI is January 6, 2011.

Budget:

- FY 11 Financial Plan: Annually, we are requested to file a Financial Plan with the University which must reflect a balanced budget. Our FY 11 Financial Plan reflects the priorities for expenditures in support of the FY 11 Strategic Plan. The Financial Plan was reviewed with the Cabinet, the Budget Committee of the College Personnel and Budget Committee, the College P and B as a group, and the College Advisory Planning Committee which includes elected representatives from the faculty and the students as well as senior administrators. The Financial Plan is derived from our Strategic Plan which is developed through consultation by the College Advisory Planning Committee over the preceding academic year, and adopted after focus groups including the Executive Team, Department Chairpersons, HEOs, students and open hearings with faculty and staff.
- Over the last two weeks, the state of our budget and expenditure plan to ensure a balanced budget has become more challenging. As outlined in the CUNY Budget Update from the Chancellor which I emailed to the campus community last week, state and city legislative actions have had a significant impact on this year's budget allocation which was at 90% of the funding model versus the 99% level for last year. The failure to implement the tuition increase approved by the Board of Trustees translates to a loss of one million dollars to QCC this year (although a mid-year tuition increase remains a possibility). Last week, we have received notice of a PEG (Program to Eliminate the [budget] Gap) which, if enacted at the proposed level, would further reduce our available budget by \$2.2 million this year. Our impact statement to the University will reflect the dire consequences to our students and educational environment if this level of cut is implemented. Additionally, we have been notified CUNY community colleges are under a hiring freeze on full time positions. It is uncertain if vacancies in faculty positions created through the ERI or for other reasons can be filled, and what level of replacement given the budget constraints. As additional information from the University becomes available, consultation with various governance groups on the budget impact and actions to respond will continue, and the campus community will be advised of significant changes as our budget status changes.