



Report of the President
to the
Academic Senate

March 8, 2016

Enrollment Management Update

The first two phases of freshmen and the first phase of transfers have been received by the Admissions Office. Acceptance notifications have been sent to approximately 5,000 students.

Academic Advisement & Registration

Academic Advisement for continuing students will begin Mid-March. Advisement and Registration for new students will begin April 9th. 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 FY 17

QCC's annual Resource Planning & Allocation Process for FY 17 will be underway shortly. In March, divisions and departments will be provided with historical 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 Academic Senate Budget Advisory Committee will be consulted for their funding recommendations prior to our final expenditure plan for FY 17.

BTECH Update

The 74 BTECH students attending their first college class, SP211, are progressing through the semester. Both their college advisor, Ashley Legitime, and Principal Hoa Tu, are monitoring their progress. With permission and consultation from Professors Thompson and Van der Horn-Gibson, Principal Hoa sat in on a portion of one class each to observe student behavior. Action will be taken early in the term to address any issues. A mentoring event for BTECH students is being organized by the ASUG (Americas' SAP User Group) New York City Chapter. Several NYC area companies which are SAP users will send

representatives to meet the students, to share advice and insights with them as professionals in the industry, and to help open their eyes to the types of jobs that exist in the world of technology. The event is planned for the end of March.

Mission Review Task Force

The Mission Review Task Force has conducted several focus group discussions and held an open forum on Wednesday, February 24, led by Task Force members Dr. Jeff Jankowski and Dr. John Talbird. They will also be sending out an electronic survey for further input on the mission statement. Everyone is encouraged to participate. The Campus Conversation on March 24th will also focus on the Mission Review.

General Education Task Force

The General Education Task Force has distributed a report on the results of its survey of faculty regarding the General Education Outcomes and the college process for assessing how well students meet the outcomes. The Task Force is holding a forum for all faculty, offering two opportunities to attend, on March 21 and March 22, to discuss survey results, possible changes in the General Education Outcomes and assessment process.

For the Spring 2016 general education assessment of student artifacts, using the faculty-designed rubrics for the first four existing outcomes, the Task Force is encouraging faculty across all departments to participate by designating assignments for which students will submit their work via the new ePortfolio system, Digication. Extensive support for faculty and students will be provided by the ACC.

Assessment Update

The Spring 2016 Assessment Institute is underway as planned. Fourteen faculty members from 10 academic departments are meeting over four successive Fridays, beginning in late February and ending on March 11, to discuss the different kinds of assessment that occur at the college and to plan and carry out a course assessment of their own. Over one hundred faculty members have already participated in the institute and completed course assessment reports, which may be viewed on the website at: <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/assessment/ai.html>.

Opportunities/Resources for Students

- QCC will be granting STEM tuition waivers for the 2016 summer sessions. Students will be granted a waiver for any STEM course that is required in their program of study, and up to two additional STEM or non-STEM courses taken in the summer sessions. Students must be in “good academic standing” and NYC residents. A student does not need to be a STEM major. Incoming, transfer, first year students as well as continuing students will be encouraged to apply. Fees are not covered by the waivers.
- All students wishing to receive financial aid for the Fall 2016 and/or Spring 2017 semesters need to complete the **2016-17 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. The following types of financial aid require the FAFSA to be completed every year: Pell, TAP SEOG, Work Study, and Student Loans. All currently enrolled

returning QCC students must complete the 2015-16 FAFSA by **April 19, 2016** to guarantee that financial aid awards will be processed in time to pay their tuition and books.

- Please encourage our students to avail themselves of the valuable and free resources through the **QCC Single Stop Program**. A list of the services provided includes financial benefits screening, financial counseling, legal assistance, and tax preparation. Additional information can be found at www.qcc.cuny.edu/singlestop.

Now through April 15, 2016, **Single Stop will offer Free Tax Preparation for QCC students** in the Student Union, Upper Level. Please encourage students to take advantage of this free service. For further information about this program and hours of operation, they are available from the Single Stop Office, located in the Library Building - Room 432A, or at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/singlestop/TaxPreparation.html>.

- **Elections for the 2016-2017 QCC Student Government** will be held **Wednesday, April 13th through Wednesday, April 20th**. Please encourage students to consider standing for election, and of course to cast their ballots. The last day for students to pick up election packets (to run for office) is Thursday, March 17, 2016. Completed election packets are due back to the Office of Student Activities by Tuesday, March 29, 2016. 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 application period for the **2016 University Student Senate (USS) Scholarship** 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 Monday, April 4, 2016.
- Consolidated Edison Company of New York has gifted \$110,000 to Queensborough Community College to establish the **Con Edison Endowed Scholarship**. Such a gift will be used to provide scholarship support for under-represented undergraduate students who major in the STEM field. This year's scholarship will be awarded to one student in the amount of \$5,000.

Students in the following programs of study may apply: Engineering Science, Electronic Engineering Technology, Computer Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Computerized Architecture and Industrial Design, Telecommunications Technology, and Internet and Information Technology. Students majoring in these programs with 15-30 completed credits and a G.P.A of 3.0 will be sent an application through Tigermail. Students will need to submit to the Office of Academic Affairs an essay on the topic of their future career plans along with a letter of recommendation from a faculty member. The student will be recognized on April 11, 2016 at an event hosted by Con Edison.

- The **Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation** awarded QCC a 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. QCC has successfully awarded \$200,000 in emergency grants to students in need. 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, kosullivan@qcc.cuny.edu, located in the Office of Financial Services in the Library Building, room 409, at your earliest convenience. Additional information can be found at www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships.

Opportunities for Faculty

- Through the **Chancellor’s Research Fellowship**, The Chancellor awards up to 20 research fellowships per year of two courses of released-time each to tenured full-time community college faculty member who has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to research and publication. The deadline for application is **April 1st**. Please contact the Office of Academic Affairs if you would like to apply.
- The **Felix Gross Endowment Award** is presented each year to assistant professors in recognition of outstanding research, or potential for such, in the humanities or sciences, including social and life sciences. Any faculty member who is an assistant professor at any unit of CUNY and whose field of expertise covers an area of the humanities or sciences is eligible to be considered for one of these awards. Applications are due **March 6th**.
- The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) is delighted to invite full- and part-time QCC faculty to apply for funding to support a **Faculty Inquiry Group (FIG)** for the coming academic year. Faculty inquiry is a form of professional development by which faculty identify and investigate questions about their students’ learning and/or about their own professional practices. There is a financial award associated with FIG participation, which is capped at \$500 depending on the number of applications. Groups of 4 – 10 faculty are welcome to submit a proposal for the 2016-2017 academic year. Applications are due **May 27th**.
- The **Pedagogical Research Challenge Awards** is a CETL program intended to support research projects on community college pedagogy. Successful proposals will describe studies of various interventions that can impact student learning outcomes. It is expected that the awards will stimulate future research projects and grant proposals that will enhance QCC’s capacity to study this important aspect of higher education. All QCC faculty (full-time and adjuncts) and administration are eligible to submit a proposal either individually or as a collaborative effort. Note that funding at or near the

maximum level (of \$15,000) presupposes a collaborative effort, and that the funding period will be from July 2016 to June 2017. Following a CETL session on the Pedagogical Research Challenge proposal guidelines on **April 16th**, applications are due **May 6th**.

Faculty/Staff Honors and Accomplishments

- **Newly Tenured Faculty** will be celebrated on *Tuesday, March 8*, at a reception sponsored by the office of Academic Affairs, at 4:30 in the Oakland Dining Room and Loggia. Seventeen colleagues from 10 academic departments will be honored as awardees of tenure/CCE. They are Mr. Klebert Andujar (Engineering Technology), Professor Lorraine Cupelli (Nursing), Professor Edward Davis (Engineering Technology), Dr. Wenli Guo (Physics), Dr. Yusuf Gurtas (Mathematics and Computer Science), Dr. Dimitrios Kokkinos (Physics), Mr. Danny Xiao-Rong Li (Library), Dr. Isabella Lizzul (Health, Physical Education and Dance), Dr. Helmut Loeffler (History), Ms. Debra Maslanko (Mathematics and Computer Science), Dr. Hayes P. Mauro (Art and Design), Professor Linda Meltzer (Business), Mr. Arkadiy Portnoy (Physics), Dr. Karan Puri (Mathematics and Computer Science), Dr. Eladia Raya (Foreign Languages and Literatures), Dr. Vazgen Shekoyan (Physics), and Mr. Darryl Williams (Foreign Languages and Literatures).
- The **QCC Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship** is awarded to tenured faculty every two years. It recognizes a sustained and distinguished record of scholarship or creative performance, evidenced by publications, professional presentations, and/or creative works. This year's recipients are: Dr. Nidhi Gadura and Dr. Moni Chauhan. The ceremony will be held on **Tuesday, April 5th** at 4:30 p.m. in the Oakland Dining Room.

Grants Office

- Con Edison has established an endowed scholarship fund at Queensborough to support under-represented students who major in **STEM** disciplines. Con Edison structured the gift of \$110K so that funds could be made available immediately as opposed to waiting a year for the funds to generate a return on their investment.
- The Office of Grants/Sponsored Programs is hosting the **10th Annual Grants Recognition Reception** on **Thursday evening, March 31st** in the Student Union from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to the Grants Office. Dr. Vita C. Rabinowitz, CUNY's Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost will be joining us and speaking at the event. The purpose of the Grants Reception is to acknowledge faculty and staff who received grants in 2015-2016 as well as those who have pursued grant funding.

Announcements/ Upcoming Events

- The **Office of Academic Affairs** will be hosting a faculty workshop entitled "Opportunities for Service to the College and Opportunities and Programs at QCC and

CUNY for Professional Development”. The event will be on *Friday, March 4th*, 2-3:30PM in the Oakland Dining Room.

- Recipients of **CETL’s Pedagogical Research Challenge Awards** will be presenting their findings on *Wednesday, March 9th*, from 12:15 – 1:45pm.
- **The Dean’s List Ceremony and Celebration of Milestone students** (those completing 30 credits within their first year) will be held on ***Monday, March 14***, at 7:00 p.m. in the Humanities Theatre. More than 2,000 students will be honored this year.
- **Artist Lecture:** On ***Wednesday, March 16***, 2016 from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. in the Oakland Dining Room, artist Marc Asnin will discuss his methods, techniques and the award-winning photo-essay ***Uncle Charlie***, which documents his uncle's experience with mental illness, drug addiction, and isolation throughout the last 30 years. ***Uncle Charlie*** is currently on display in the **QCC Art Gallery**.
- The General Education Outcomes Assessment Task Force is sponsoring a **Forum on General Education Outcomes** to discuss possible revision of the College’s Educational Outcomes. Two opportunities to attend the forum are scheduled, and all are invited to attend on ***Monday, March 21 or Tuesday, March 22***, 3:00 – 4:30 in the Oakland Dining Room.
- The KHRCA will be continuing the series of discussions on the effects of the Holocaust, the Nazi party and antisemitism on the production and censorship in the American film industry.
 - Dr. Annette Insdorf, an internationally renowned educator and author will discuss ***Film and the Holocaust*** on ***Tuesday, March 22nd*** at 7:30 p.m. On ***Thursday, April 7th*** at 4 p.m., Jennifer Hickey, J.D., will present a lecture, ***Cinematic Responses to Genocide***, along with film clips that explore the way genocide is portrayed in films.
 - For the **KHRCA NEH/Colloquia**, there will be discussion on ***Spanish Women and Fascism under the Francoist Dictatorship*** on ***Wednesday, March 23rd*** at 12:10 p.m. Along with scholars from other universities, Dr. Aranzazu Borrachero from QCC will be joining in the discussion.
- The **Campus Conversation** sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs will be held ***Thursday, March 24***, at 4:30 p.m. in the Oakland Dining Room. The topic of the Campus Conversation will be focused on our Mission Statement.
- The **QCC Job Fair** will take place on ***Wednesday, March 30, 2016*** from 12:00 – 3:00 pm in the Student Union Lounge. Students in need of assistance with improving their resumes are encouraged to visit the Office of Career Services in the Library Building, Room 429 during walk-in hours on Mondays from 10:00 – 11:30 am and Tuesdays &

Thursdays from 2:00 – 3:30 pm. More information on the Job Fair can be found at www.qcc.cuny.edu/careerServices.

- Please join us on *Thursday, April 7th* for the **2016 Partners for Progress Gala** at Terrace on the Park. Cocktails are at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for faculty and staff are \$125 if purchased before March 4th and \$150 after March 4th (tickets are \$300 for those who are not faculty or staff). All funds are used to support student success at Queensborough Community College.

Anthony J. Simeone, Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer of Ridgewood Savings Bank, is our *Community Partner of the Year*. The bank has been deeply rooted in the Queens community for 95 years and Mr. Simeone is a strong advocate of civic responsibility and community service. He is looking forward to partnering with QCC to provide funding for High Impact Practices, specifically for those HIPs which engage community partnerships such as Academic Service Learning.

Professor Wenzhi Zhang, a critically-acclaimed contemporary artist and native of Guangzhou in southern China, is our *Art Gallery Partner of the Year*. Professor Zhang is a major contributor to and supporter of the QCC Art Gallery. The exhibit entitled, *The New Mankind Series*, is a gift from the artist and is on permanent display in the Wenzhi Zhang Sculptor Garden, located on the Great Lawn outside of the Art Gallery. Funds raised by Wenzhi Zhang will support the permanent collection of Asian Art at the QCC Art Gallery.

- On *Thursday, April 14, 2016*, the Office of Career Services will be hosting its annual *Etiquette in Action: A Business Dining Experience*. Interested students must apply by visiting the Office of Career Services in the Library Building, Room 429 to pick up an application. Completed applications are due back to Career Services by March 18, 2016 along with a copy of their Spring 2016 bursar receipt and a refundable deposit (cash or check) for \$20 made out to QCC. More information on this event can be found at www.qcc.cuny.edu/careerServices.