



President's Report to the Academic Senate

April 10, 2018

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

- The Office of Admissions is focused on reaching enrollment targets for Fall 2018. Recruitment activity has begun which includes attending college fairs and private visits in Queens and Nassau County. The College has admitted 10,000 new students for Fall 2018 thus far and phase application deliveries are scheduled through June 2018. The office is open for Direct Admissions and has already received close to 160 direct admission students. We continue to work in collaboration with key offices on campus to support students with the enrollment process which includes inviting them to register nearly a month earlier than Fall 2017.
- Summer/Fall 2018 advisement and registration for incoming and continuing students is currently underway in the Academies and special program offices, a month earlier than last spring. Advisers have completed their initial outreach to all probation students. Currently, advisers are concentrating outreach efforts to non-probation students, while conducting follow-up with probation students.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Middle States

- The self-study process continues. Led by the three executive co-chairs—Dr. Antonella Ansani, Dean Arthur Corradetti, and Prof. Kelly Ford—the seven working groups have each developed a draft of their chapter for the self-study report, each chapter devoted to one of the seven Middle States standards. Final versions of the chapters from the working groups will be completed by June. A draft of the full self-study report will be developed during the summer and distributed to the campus for comment and suggestions in Fall 2018; the full self-study report is due to Middle States in February 2019. An evaluation team chair, Dr. Joann La Perla-Morales, president at Middlesex Community College, has been selected for the college's site visit. Dr. La Perla-Morales will make a preliminary site visit in the Fall, will provide comment and suggestions for the draft self-study report, and will then return with the full evaluation team in March 2019. At that time, the evaluation team will be on campus for two and a half days, providing a preliminary site visit report before they leave campus. The Middle States Commission will make a final decision on the college's reaccreditation in June 2019.

Academic Momentum Plan

- **STEM Waiver** - For the 2018 Summer Session 1, over 1,800 requests were made through the online application system in just 5 days. Those requests are being processed, and STEM Waivers are being awarded in the order that they were received until the funding is exhausted. The goal of these STEM Waivers is to promote credit

accumulation in STEM courses while not jeopardizing TAP eligibility. Student fees are not covered by the waiver. Upon completion of the course with a letter grade of A through F, the tuition waiver will be applied.

- **Milestone Scholarship** - Queensborough is continuing to help students reach their “thirty-credit milestone” by granting Summer Session 2018 scholarships. Over 350 eligible students have been invited to apply for a scholarship this summer. The scholarship will be applied to a course in which a student is enrolled during Summer Session 2018. Upon completion of that course the student will have met or exceeded the “thirty- credit milestone” of their education here at Queensborough.

STUDENT RESOURCES

- The Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation renewed QCC’s 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. 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 at your earliest convenience. Additional information can be found at www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships.
- Faculty and staff are asked to encourage our students to avail themselves of the valuable and free resources through the **QCC Single Stop Program**, located in the Library Building - Room 432-A. Services provided include (but are not limited to) financial benefits screening, financial counseling, legal assistance, tax preparation services, and more. Also, now through Tuesday, April 17, 2018, the Office of Single Stop will provide **Free Tax Preparation** for QCC students and their families in the Student Union Building, Upper Level. For more information, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/singlestop>.
- All currently enrolled students wishing to receive financial aid for the Fall 2018 and/or Spring 2019 semesters are advised to complete the **2018-19 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** by the Priority Filing Deadline Date of April 18, 2018. Students who miss this date are encourage to complete the FAFSA immediately. Additional information can be found at www.qcc.cuny.edu/financialaid.
- We are now accepting applications for the **Fall 2018 QCC Continuing Student Academic Merit Scholarship**. Awards of up to \$1,000 per semester for the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 semesters will be given to select students. Full details, including eligibility requirements, can be found online at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships/>.
- The **Phi Beta Kappa Association of New York Scholarship** is now available for interested students. Two (2) scholarships worth \$2000 each will be awarded to two (2) community college graduates who successfully transfer to a four-year institution for Fall 2018. Additional information, including eligibility requirements, can be found online at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships/external.html>.

- The *Freya Moskowitz Stern Scholarship and The Finch College Alumni Scholarship* are now available for interested students. Both scholarships, worth \$5000, are awarded to second-year female community college students who will graduate from QCC at the conclusion of spring 2018 and transfer to a four-year university for Fall 2018. For additional information, visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships/external.html>.
- The *Thomas Tam Scholarship* is accepting applications from qualified undergraduate students currently enrolled in a CUNY college who have demonstrated creativity in the communication of the concerns of the Asian American community in areas such as Health, Education, and Culture, media and advocacy. Full details can be found online at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships/at-cuny.html>.
- The *Queens College Transfer Honors Program* is accepting applications from eligible students. Students admitted to the program are eligible to apply for a minimum scholarship of \$1000 a semester for four to six semesters (to complete the bachelor's degree program). Additional information can be found online at <http://transfer.qc.cuny.edu/explore-queens/honors/>.
- The application period for the *2018 University Student Senate (USS) Scholarships* 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). Full details, including eligibility requirements and application deadline date, can be found online at www.usscuny.org

PRE-COLLEGE, CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

BTech Update

- On Wednesday, March 14th, both freshman and seniors visited the QCC campus. For the first time twelve freshman took a campus tour and also attended the “Anna in the Tropics” play. Eighty-three seniors took their group pictures for BTECH’s first yearbook. Two seniors began a spring internship at Imagine Inc. Ten additional internships are being designed and will be offered this summer by SAP at their Hudson Yards’ office. Site visits to Hudson Yards are planned for late April.

Grants Update

Grants Awarded 2/21/18 – 3/23/18

- CUNY Collaborative Open Education Resources in STEM (COERS): \$10,000, Huixin Wu and Ohbong Kwon, Circuit Analysis Lab Manual
- CUNY Collaborative Open Education Resources in STEM (COERS): \$10,000, Virginia Thompson (York College) and Patrick Wallach, Increasing the OER Capacity of Precalculus Courses at Queensborough Community College & York College
- CUNY Collaborative Open Education Resources in STEM (COERS): \$10,000, Kwang Kim and Daniel Garbin, Project-based pedagogical approach in introductory C++ courses.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND LABOR RELATIONS

The following faculty have recently retired:

Professor Elyn Feldman, Health, Physical Education & Dance, Dr. Hugh Rance, Biological Sciences & Geology, Mr. George Muchita, Transfer Resource Office

It is with sadness that we report the passing of our colleague and faculty member on March 15, 2018: Professor Arlene Podos, Business Department

UPCOMING EVENTS

Academic Affairs

- CETL is delighted to welcome Jillian Kinzie to campus this month. Kinzie, who serves as the Director of the Indiana University Center for Post-Secondary Research and the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) Institute, will be sharing her perspectives on best assessment practices in the Oakland Dining Room Thursday, 4/12, from 10 - 11:30pm. Please view this event on the Campus Calendar or visit the CETL homepage to learn more and RSVP.

Institutional Advancement

2018 Spring Presidential Lecture Series

- **The 2018 Spring Presidential Lecture Series** will be held on **Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in M-136**. Dr. Jillian Bellovary, Assistant Professor of Physics, will discuss **“Gravitational Waves: What In The Universe Are They? Why Should We Care?”** One hundred years after Einstein predicted their existence, we have detected the amazing phenomenon of gravitational waves! Dr. Bellovary will discuss what they are, how we observe them and where they come from. Dr. Jillian Bellovary joined the faculty of Queensborough Community College in 2016. She received her Ph.D. in Astronomy from the University of Washington in 2010 and had postdoctoral positions at the University of Michigan, Vanderbilt University and the American Museum of Natural History.

2018 Partners for Progress Gala

Thursday, April 26th - 6:00 p.m. at Terrace on the Park

- **The Gala ticket price for Queensborough faculty and staff is \$150, a discount of fifty percent! Tickets for external guests are \$300.** Gala tickets can be purchased online at <https://www2.qcc.cuny.edu/advancement/galaTix.html> or by check, payable to the **QCC Fund, Inc.** and dropped off in the **Advancement Office, Room A-508.**

The 2018 Partners of the Year

- Ron Appel, '81 is our *Alumni Partner of the Year*. He is Vice President and General Manager of Henry Schein, Inc. Ron is very grateful to Queensborough and the impact that the College made on his life. He has agreed to champion our efforts to reconnect with past alums of the College. He is a great role model for our current students, a strong advocate, and a committed leader on the Board of Directors of the College's foundation, the QCC Fund, Inc.

- Dennis Chuang, Senior Vice President and Director of Consumer & Business Banking at East West Bank is our *Art Gallery Partner of the Year* in celebration of the Art Gallery's 50th anniversary. East West Bank is committed to forging new connections through arts and culture in celebration of diversity and is committed to the preservation of the QCC Art Gallery's permanent collection.
- The presence of QCC faculty and staff at our annual Gala makes our event extra special! Our donors, alumni and friends routinely comment on the remarkable talent of the College's faculty and staff as well as their unwavering commitment to their students. Thank you for providing such a solid foundation for our fundraising efforts!

Art Gallery

- The **QCC Art Gallery's** latest exhibit entitled **Juried Student Exhibition: Department of Art & Design** will be on display until **Thursday, April 19, 2018**. The Juried Student Exhibition displays a broad range of talent from the students currently pursuing their artistic aspirations here at Queensborough Community College. This is the 10th annual student exhibition held in the QCC Art Gallery.

Kupferberg Holocaust Center

- Currently on view at the KHC is **Conspiracy of Goodness: How French Protestants Rescued Thousands of Jews During WWII**. This display presents the story of how an isolated Huguenot community in the Haute-Loire region saved approximately 3,500 Jews from Nazi Germany and the soldiers of Vichy France. Villagers of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon and the surrounding villages joined together to conceal, rescue and provide false documentation for Jews and French Resistance fighters at great risk to their own lives.
- **The KHC/NEH 2017-2018 Colloquium Series, Complicity & Collaboration During the Holocaust**, is led by **KHC 2017-2018 Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Azadeh Aalai, Assistant Professor of Social Sciences**. This series is supported by funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant
- The seventh event in the series, **Wartime Defection: Resistance and Rescue During Genocide**, will be held on **Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.** The speaker will be Dr. Aliza Luft, Assistant Professor of Sociology at UCLA. Dr. Luft will discuss her research on rescue behavior during mass atrocities and genocide, focusing on decision making in violent contexts and how people shift stances from support for state violence to resistance over time. The event is made possible through the support of *Drs. Bebe and Owen Bernstein*.
- As part of the **KHC 2017-2018 Cinema Series**, the Center will be showing the film **Good Evening Mr. Wallenberg** on **Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 12:10 p.m.** With support from the Swedish Embassy, he helped Jews flee from Budapest or get placed in protective housing by issuing passports and intimidating German officials.

- The eighth event in the series, **Peace Education as Inoculation against Complicity & Injustice**, will be held on **Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** The speaker will be Colman McCarthy, a pioneer in peace education and the founder and president for the Center for Teaching Peace in Washington, DC. He will be lecturing on the significance of peace education, the history behind its marginalization, and how this deficiency has enhanced violence across the nation.

Queensborough Performing Arts Center (QPAC)

- **Brian Stokes Mitchell, Simply Broadway** will be featured on **Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.** Dubbed “the last leading man” by The New York Times, Tony Award-winner Brian Stokes Mitchell has enjoyed a career that spans Broadway, television, film and concert appearances with the country’s finest conductors and orchestras.
- **The Children’s Book Club and Performance Series** will present **Pinkalicious, The Musical**, on **Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.** This one-hour musical, based on the New York Times bestselling picture book, is the perfect way to open the hearts and minds of children by encouraging them to seek further, explore more, and engage themselves in the world of literature and live theatre.
- On **Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.**, **Tony Orlando, All The Hits**, will grace our stage. Tony brings his exhilarating energy, warmth and humor as he celebrates over five decades as a beloved entertainer. Included in this production are his hits of the seventies, classic Rock and Roll, fifties tunes, tributes to America, and even a couple of new songs.
- On **Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.**, **Dancin’ Broadway**, a multi-media spectacular celebrating Broadway’s biggest dance numbers, will be performed on our QCC stage. Come experience some of the most iconic dance numbers from The Great White Way. These iconic dance numbers will continue to be a hallmark of great musical theatre.
- **Clint Holmes** will be performing on **Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.** He is one of those rare performers who can legitimately be called one of the greatest contemporary entertainers of our time. Backed by **The Diva Jazz Orchestra**, Holmes dazzles audiences with his vast repertoire of all genres of music.

Student Affairs

- The Office of Career Services will host *Etiquette In Action* on **Thursday, April 12th** at 4:15 pm. During the event, 50+ students will participate along with faculty and staff learning about all aspects of etiquette in professional settings. This will be followed by a mix and mingling session with refreshments to enable students to practice the skills they have learned. For more information, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/careerServices/etiquette.html>.
- **Student Government Elections** will take place **Wednesday, April 18th – Wednesday, April 25th** in the lobby area of the Administration Building. Please encourage students to make their voices heard and cast their ballots for the 2018 SGA Executive Board. For more

Academic Senate Agenda—April 2018—Attachment B
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 *Asian Cultural Festival* will take place on *Wednesday, May 2nd* in the Student Union Lounge. At the event, attendees will be immersed into the art of Asian culture which will include performances featuring Asian Music and Folk Dances, Chinese and Indian cuisine for all at the event to experience.