

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
of The City University of New York

***Report of the President***  
to the Academic Senate  
**May 12, 2009**

**Tuition:** At the April 27 meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor announced that instead of increasing tuition for community colleges by the \$200 authorized by the Board of Trustees at the November, 2008 meeting, he will increase tuition for resident students by \$175 per semester. Non-resident student tuition will go up by 15%.

**CUNY Financial Aid Plan:** The Chancellor also announced a \$10 million initiative to assist students with Partial Tuition Waivers, a Tuition Payment Plan, Textbook Purchases, a CUNY Student Workers program and a program to assess the status of hunger, nutrition and homelessness of our students. More details regarding this assistance program is forthcoming.

The Board of Trustees authorized the expenditure of over \$700,000 for the fence upgrade to wrought-iron around the perimeter of the campus. The project is scheduled for completion by the beginning of fall classes.

**Assessment of Freshman Academies:** Dr. Derek Price continues to work toward creating an assessment plan for the Academies. This plan will be implemented starting with the first Freshman Academies this Fall. Dr. Corradetti will be the person in-charge of implementing the assessment protocol.

The Assessment Database Committee's work continues and will be incorporated in the College-wide assessment plan.

**Middle States Report:** The Team's report was sent to everyone, and it is posted on the website. Please read it carefully, as it will guide our future planning.

Dr. King's last day is May 15<sup>th</sup>. A celebration is planned for the afternoon of May 13<sup>th</sup> to thank him for his 2 1/2 years of service to the College.

Thank you for the input received on the draft of the Strategic Plan. The College Advisory Planning Committee will review the comments and begin to formulate the final report that goes to the Chancellery on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, we will now begin to focus on the Completion Report that is presented to the Central Office around the same time.

The Partners for Progress Gala was a smashing success. Over 400 people attended and we raised close to \$250,000. This money will be used to support the fundraising effort that, in turn, supports the scholarships and faculty development initiatives.

Thanks to all for your cooperation with the precautionary measures needed because of the Swine Flu outbreak. The campus community came together quickly and effectively. Special thanks to Isabel Hocevar, our Director of Health Services, for an effective approach to a very difficult problem.

Congratulations to the more than 250 students who participated in the Honors Conference, as well as the 50+ faculty mentors. This significant event is a great way for students to showcase their work and for all of us to appreciate the excellence of our students and faculty.

Commencement is scheduled for Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

The new Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center will open to the public on September 13<sup>th</sup>, with a celebration that promises to be a great event. Please mark your calendars. We expect to receive the Certificate of Occupancy shortly and once received, we will begin to move in.