



President's Report to the Academic Senate November 8, 2016

Enrollment Activities

- Direct Admission for Spring 2017 is open, and we continue to receive phases of admitted students from the University. Our new enrollment targets for the spring are 1000 freshmen and 845 transfer students. The Office of Admissions will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, November 12th. Prospective students, their families and guests will be on campus to meet with faculty, tour the facilities, attend presentations on the Academies and workshops on How to Pay for College, and more.
- The Office of New Student Engagement offered a Strategy and Resource Session this past Saturday, November 5th to help orient students to the CUNY Placement tests. The next Welcome Session will take place on Wednesday, November 16th for newly admitted students to assist them and their families with navigating the post-admission enrollment steps.
- Continuing Student Academic Advisement and Registration for Winter/Spring 2017 is already underway. Continuing students who are required to see an adviser before registration have been contacted to schedule an appointment with their Academy Adviser, with a particular emphasis on outreaching to probationary students and students in the Fall 16 Freshmen cohort. Advisement & registration communications include phone calls, Tiger mail Blasts, Digital Signage, and Postcards. Advisement & registration appointments for new students will begin on November 15th.

Faculty Honors/Awards

The KHC continues the 2016-17 Colloquia awarded to QCC Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Aliza Atik and Dr. Kathleen Alves, Assistant Professors in English and Dr. Mirna Lekic, Assistant Professor in Music. This year's theme is *Fleeing Genocide: Displacement, Exile and the Refugee*.

Student Honors/Accomplishments

Celebrating the sixth annual *Degree Completion* project in mid-October, over 1000 students signed a "completion pledge" during a week of activities aimed at motivating students to finish their QCC degree. This program is state wide and sponsored by the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. The success of this year's program owes much to the leadership of PTK faculty advisors Dr. Paris Svoronos, Dr. Emily Tai, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, and student officers of the campus PTK chapter.

Program Review

According to schedule, two program reviews will be completed this semester. Culminating a three-semester process, the program reviews for Childhood Education and Massage Therapy will be completed this semester with a site visit in the coming weeks and the development of an action plan based on the recommendations of the program review reports and the input of the site visitors, colleagues in the field from the metropolitan area. This semester, new program review processes will begin for the following programs: Engineering Science, Health Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences (Math and Science), and Medical Office Assistant. The Assessment Office is now working with the sponsoring departments to convene the faculty teams that will complete these program reviews.

Middle States/Assessment

- Preparations for the next self-study have already begun. On September 21, a campus conversation, held in Oakland, discussed working on the self-study as significant service to the college, among others kinds of opportunities for service. In spring 2017, a call for volunteers will be sent out to the campus community to serve on one of seven working groups, each group assigned to one of the seven Middle States standards of excellence. Each working group will produce a chapter of the self-study report by the end of the 2017-18 academic year. The complete report will be vetted by the campus community during fall 2018, the report will be submitted to Middle States in early spring 2019, and the site visit, which is a campus-wide event, will take place later in the spring 2019 semester. During the academic year, you will hear more about Middle States and the self-study process.
- Participants in the eighth cohort of the Assessment Institute have developed course assessment plans for an assessment of student learning this semester. This latest cohort consists of nine faculty from the departments of Art and Design, Biological Sciences and Geology, Chemistry, Engineering Technology, Mathematics and Computer Science, Library, and Nursing. Each faculty participant will complete an assessment report by the end of the semester. Reports of previous faculty cohorts may be accessed at: <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/assessment/ai.html>. Since its inception in spring 2013, 144 faculty have participated. An invitation to the spring institute will be sent out late in the fall semester. Institutes meet on four successive Friday afternoons early in the semester.

BTECH

BTECH students participated in a four-hour “**Innovators’ Con**” at the high school on Wednesday, October 26th sponsored by BTECH, SAP and QCC. The event celebrated the opening of three new laboratories: a Science/Technology Lab; a Fab Lab; and a new Teacher Professional Development Lab. In addition, SAP announced an Innovators’ Award Competition in which students and teachers are competing for three financial prizes for their innovative solutions to solving a problem at BTECH. Solutions can be technical or procedural. Awards will be announced in June. Lastly, students attended a series of workshops (17 to choose from) which were presented by SAP, QCC and BTECH staff, students, faculty, and teachers – all with a theme of innovation in the workplace or on campus. QCC Lecturer Michael Lawrence led a

session on the **Introduction to Digital Manufacturing: From Design to Fabrication**. Vice President Michel Hodge moderated a panel of three QCC students on **College Life @ QCC**. Some of the SAP workshops offered were “*All About IoT (Internet of Things)*”, “*All about Mobility and User Experience*”, “*Interacting with Customers in Today’s Digital Economy*”, and “*Design Thinking POW WOW*”.

Financial Aid/Scholarships/Grants

- The Belle Zeller Scholarship Trust Fund is now available for eligible students to apply. The award shall consist of the yearly undergraduate tuition for in-state students as set by the university. For additional information on this scholarship, including eligibility requirements and application deadline, please visit <http://www.citytech.cuny.edu/bzmaterials/>.
- QCC students in good academic standing, a legal resident of New York City, and enrolled in a degree or certificate program will be offered a waiver when enrolled in one STEM course (includes lab) during the winter 2017 intersession. Fees are not covered by the waiver. Students interested in applying for the STEM Waiver must apply on the QCC website at <https://www8.qcc.cuny.edu/STEMWaiverApplication/>. Upon completion of the course with a letter grade of A-F, the tuition waiver will be applied. Students will not receive the waiver with a W, WU, INC. or any grade other than A-F.
- Queensborough would like to help students reach their “thirty-credit milestone” by granting a Winter 2017 scholarship to be used during the January intersession. The scholarship applies to a course enrolled in by the student during the January intersession. Upon completion of that course the student will have met or exceeded the “thirty- credit milestone” of their education here at Queensborough. Eligible students were sent a letter to their residence and via Tigermail informing them of their eligibility and must submit a completed application to the Office of Academic Affairs. For more information, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships/>.
- Students are invited to submit their applications for the Global Citizenship Alliance Study Abroad (GCA) Program. The program is free of charge with a goal of providing students with an intensive 7-day international experience that explores issues of global concern and a view of these issues from a different perspective. The deadline for application submission is Monday, November 7th. For more information, including eligibility criteria, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/isa/Salzburg-elig.html>.
- 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. Additional information can be found on their website at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/singlestop>.
- 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. 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 at your earliest convenience. Additional information can be found at www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships.

- CUNY continues its partnership with The Dream. US Scholarship Program to assist undocumented students in obtaining scholarships. The Dream.US Scholarship Program provides college scholarships to highly motivated undocumented students who entered the United States as minors under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) or Temporary Protect Status (TPS), and who, without financial assistance, cannot afford a college education. All funding is provided by private donations to The Dream.US organization. Scholarships are available to currently enrolled high school students and community college students who will be completing their degrees by the end of the 2016-17 academic year. The annual application period to award scholarships for the Fall 17 cohort will open on November 15, 2016. Please refer students to apply at <http://www.thedream.us>.

Upcoming Events

- ***The Jacket from Dachau: One Survivor’s Search for Justice, Identity, and Home***, is now on display at the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives through Spring 2017. This exhibition tells the story of Holocaust survival, chance encounters, and how a single artifact can weave a narrative of justice, identity, and a search for home. This exhibit is co-curated by Cary Lane, Ph.D., the KHC 2016-2017 Curator-in-Residence and assistant professor of English at Queensborough Community College.
- On ***Wednesday, November 9th*** at 9:30 am, the Office of Military & Veterans’ Services will hold the annual Veterans Remembrance Ceremony at the Charles F. Bova Veterans Memorial Grove. The ceremony is meant to pay respect to the members of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty. For more information on this event, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/calendar/events/Veterans-Remembrance-Cermony-11-09-2016.html>.
- The Office of Single Stop will be hosting an Information Session on ***Wednesday, November 9th*** from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm in the Lobby of the Medical Arts Building. Students can stop by for a quick screening and discuss benefits they may qualify for. For more information, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/calendar/events/Single-Stop-Information-Session.html>.
- The KHC Cinema Series will include a screening of the film “*The Pawnbroker*” on ***Wednesday, November 9th*** at 12:10 pm in the KHRCA – Room A-202. The Pawnbroker is about the struggle to return to everyday life after surviving the Holocaust. For more information, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/calendar/events/KHRCA-Film-The-Pawnbroker-11-9-2016.html>.
- The CUNY Assistive Technology Services (CATS), in conjunction with QCC’s Office of Services for Students with Disabilities, will be hosting a workshop on “Best Practices on

Course Accessibility” on **Wednesday, November 9th** at 12:00 pm in the Oakland Dining Room. Join CUNY Assistive Technology Services (CATS) and the Media Accessibility Project to learn how to create accessible course content using Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, PDFs, and audio/video content. There will also be an overview of the different types of Assistive Technology student’s use, such as Kurzweil 3000, Dragon Naturally Speaking, JAWS, and ZoomText. For register for this workshop, please visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeL1tV8tuaDbBfRaFXUaLWioyJ6BkFQ3M6wnbivvFH68syAA/viewform>.

- The Office of Military & Veterans’ Services will be accompanying our student veterans to the 2016 America’s Day Parade, which will take place on **Friday, November 11th** (Veterans Day). The parade, which is approaching its 100th anniversary, honors the U.S. servicemen and women that have served/are serving in the Armed Forces. Faculty and staff who are veterans’ and wish to march in the parade alongside our students are encouraged to contact Ms. Alexandra McDonald, Student Life Specialist in the Office of Military & Veterans’ Services via e-mail at AMcDonald@qcc.cuny.edu.
- The Office of Admissions will be hosting an Open House on **Saturday, November 12th**. Prospective students, their families and guests will be on campus to meet with faculty, tour the facilities, attend presentations on the Academies and workshops on How to Pay for College, and more. Please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/calendar/events/Open-House-11-12-2016.html> for more information.
- The fall Presidential Lecture Series will be held on **Tuesday, November 15th** at 4:30 pm in Medical Arts Building – Room 136. Dr. William Helmreich, Distinguished Professor of Sociology at City College will talk about his exploration of New York City which he undertook by walking 6,000 miles, traversing 121,000 City blocks. Dr. Helmreich has also written a book, *The New York Nobody Knows*, which recounts his experiences speaking with hundreds of people from different walks of life. His lecture at QCC will focus on the boroughs of Queens and Brooklyn, probing issues like immigration, community, ethnicity and gentrification.
- The Office of Career Services will be hosting its annual Internship & Cooperative Education on **Wednesday, November 16th** at 12:00 pm in the Student Union Lounge. The forum is a great opportunity for students to speak with both representatives from a broad range of businesses that will provide information about their organization and answer questions; as well as some of the QCC Faculty Cooperative Education Coordinators who will explain how students can obtain credit toward their degree for completing an internship. For more information, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/careerservices/Internship-coop-forum.html>.
- As part of the KHRCA 2016-17 Colloquia, **“Building a Better Future: Supporting Refugee Youth to Thrive”**, will be presented on **Wednesday, November 16th** at 12:20 pm in Science Building – Room 111. Speakers include: Ms. Sara Rowbottom, Education and Learning Manager at the International Rescue Committee and Dr. Kathleen Landy, Director of CETL, Queensborough Community College. For additional information, please visit

<http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/calendar/events/KHRCA-Colloquia-Event3-Building-Better-Future-11-16-2017.html>.

- On **Thursday, November 17th**, the Office of Health Services will host the "**Great American Smoke Out**" from 12:00 – 2:00 pm in the Lobby of the Medical Arts Building. This event aims to encourage Americans to stop tobacco smoking. For more information on the Great American Smoke Out, please visit <http://www.cancer.org/healthy/stayawayfromtobacco/greatamericansmokeout/history-of-the-great-american-smokeout>.
- KC and The Sunshine Band will be bringing their unique sound to the Queensborough Performing Arts Center on **Saturday, November 19th**. The band spreads happiness through their music as their infectious sound gets audiences dancing in the aisles. For more information, including ticket prices, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/calendar/events/QPAC-KC-and-Sunshine-Band-11-19-2016.html>.
- The Texas Tenors will be performing at the Queensborough Performing Arts Center on **Sunday, November 20th**. This group treats audiences to a unique blend of country, classical, Broadway and current pop music. They have performed more than 1000 concerts around the world and have won numerous awards, accolades and excited fans. Additional information on this event can be found at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/calendar/events/QPAC-The-Texas-Tenors-11-20-2016.html>.
- On **Wednesday, November 30th** at 12:10 pm, the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives will screen the film "**Son of Saul**", which follows a Hungarian prisoner in Auschwitz as he tries to give a boy a proper Jewish burial. For more information, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/calendar/events/KHRCA-Film-Son-of-Saul-11-30-2016.html>.
- The annual **World AIDS Day Health Fair** will take place on **Wednesday, November 30th** from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm in the Student Union Lounge. Hosted by the Office of Health Services, this event will provide free health screenings and health-related education tabling by professional providers. Students, faculty and staff are invited to this event. For more information, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/calendar/events/World-AIDS-Day-Health-Fair-11-30-2016.html>.
- The Student Government Association (SGA) will be holding its **End of Year Party** on **Thursday, December 1st** from 6:00 – 10:00 pm in the Student Union Lounge. A winter themed "silent" (all attendees will be given headphones) party featuring three DJs playing contemporary music on three different stations and free refreshments. QCC ID required.
- Fall Yearbook Portraits will be taken between **Monday, December 5th and Thursday, December 8th** from 10:00 am - 6:30 pm in the Student Union - Lower Level. All students graduating in January 2017 or June 2017 can schedule their yearbook portraits. Appointments can be made through the Office of Student Activities at 718-631-6233.

- On **Wednesday, December 7th**, the Colloquium lecture entitled “**Displacement, Refuge, Migration – The Context of United Nations Peace Operations**” will be presented in Science Building - Room 111 at 12:20 pm. The speakers are Lieutenant General Stefan Feller, Police Adviser, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations and Dr. Jean Murley, Associate Professor of English, Queensborough Community College. For more information, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/calendar/events/KHRCA-Colloquia-Event-4-Displacement-12-7-2016.html>.
- The KHRCA Fall 2016 Fellowship Showcase will take place on **Friday, December 9th** at 12:10 pm. Join us as we celebrate the work of students in KHC Fellowships. The Center offers three semester long programs: Exploring the Holocaust, Asian Social Justice - World War II in Asia, and Identifying Hate Crimes in our Community. Additional information on this event can be found at <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/calendar/events/KHRCA-Fellowship-Showcase-12-9-2016.html>.
- On **Friday, December 9th**, the Queensborough Performing Arts Center presents “**A Christmas Carol**”, by the North Country Center for the Arts’ National Touring Company. This fabulous Christmas gift of a show is overflowing with music, laughter, a couple of ghosts, and one extremely grumpy old man. Please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/calendar/events/QPAC-A-Christmas-Carol-12-9-2016.html> for more information on this event.