



President's Report to the Academic Senate

March 13, 2018

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

- The first two phases of freshmen students have been received by the Office of Admissions. With these two phases, nearly 7500 freshmen will receive notification of acceptance, which is an increase of 1600 students from Fall 2017. The College also received the transfer phase file, which included 100 admitted transfers. The Office of New Student Engagement hosted the first New Student and Family Welcome Session for the Fall 2018 enrollment cycle on Tuesday, February 27th. During the session, newly admitted students and their families learned more about the College, including the Academies and special programs such as ASAP, College Discovery, and CUNYStart. They also met with staff from Admissions, Financial Aid, and Testing to assist them with steps in the enrollment process.
- Academic advisement within the Queensborough Academies began on Monday, February 26th. Hobson Retain communications have been begun and is ongoing to all Academy students.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLANNING FOR FISCAL YEAR 19

- The University cut the QCC's Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 funding by \$1.15 million this January, citing reduced State base aid associated with community college enrollment declines. This cut has been baselined in the College's FY 2019 budget, forcing the College to work with less resources going forward. As a result, the College will be asking departments to reexamine their regular recurring budgets, consistent with the reduced enrollment, as part of QCC's annual Resource Planning & Allocation Process for FY 2019. By early March, all divisions and departments will have been provided with historic 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 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 QCC Academic Senate Committee on Budget Advisement will be consulted prior to our final expenditure plan for FY 19.

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—seven working groups are each developing a chapter of the self-study report, each chapter devoted to one of the seven Middle States standards. Chapters of the self-study report will be completed by June. A draft of the full self-study report will be 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, on a date yet to be determined, 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** - As previously reported, \$167,000 of the STEM Tuition Waiver Program funds were used during the winter 2018 session. 98% of the students completed their courses: 48.5% received a grade of A, and 88.6% achieved a grade of C or better. The balance of the funding will be available for Summer Session 1. We are still waiting for a decision from the Mayor's office as to additional funding for the academic year 2019, which includes Summer Session 2.
- **Milestone Scholarship** - Of the 30 Milestone scholarships awarded in the winter 2018 session more than 50% of the students received an A or A- and 90% received a grade of B- or better, with no student getting an F. We will continue the Milestone Scholarship for the summer 2018 sessions to help students reach their "30-credit milestone."

STUDENT RESOURCES

- Emergency funding is available to students who face a financial crisis that puts at risk their continued enrollment toward a degree. The Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation funds provide one-time, emergency grants to students in good academic standing with short-term financial emergencies to enable them to remain in school. Please refer students to Ms. Amawati Gonesh, Single Stop Administrator, via e-mail at AGonesh@qcc.cuny.edu. For additional information, visit 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

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more. Beginning Wednesday, February 7th 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 2017-18 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.
- The New York State Transfer and Articulation Association (NYSTAA) Scholarship is available for students who anticipate they will complete their degree by August 2018 and enroll in a select four-year university for Fall 2018. For full details, visit <http://www.nystaa.org/transfer-scholarship/>.
- 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 2018 David A. Garfinkel Essay Contest for CUNY Community College Students is still accepting submissions. This year's theme is "*Stolen Art: From The Holocaust To The Present - Role of The Courts in Restoring Cultural Objects to their Rightful Owners*"! Full contest details, can be found online at www.nycourts.gov/history/garfinkel-rules.html.

PRE-COLLEGE, CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

BTech Update

- 65 BTECH sophomores and their families attended BTECH new-student orientation at QCC on January 24th. The event was well attended. Vice President Ward, Associate Dean Laura Bruno, Dr. Linde Reesman, Dr. Jannette Urciuoli, Dr. Brian Kerr, John Triolo, Dr. Carol Alleyne (along with her entire team and student ambassadors) presented. Additionally students met three of five instructors teaching their first course: Elaine Thompson, Jodi VanDerHorn-Gibson, and Ashlie Klepper.
- 70 BTECH sophomores enrolled and started their first QCC course; SP211.

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- For the first time, we have BTECH students enrolled full time. We have 39 seniors enrolled in 5 courses each. Students attended either as a cohort or commingled with QCC students in the following courses: ENGL206 or ENGL102, BU201 and CIS102 OR ET712 and ET718, MA114 or MA321, and GE101 (Geology), PH111 (Astronomy) or CH116 (Nanoscience).
- BTECH held its first Honors' Dinner on February 8th

Grants Update

Grants Awarded 1/15/18 – 2/20/18

- CUNY Community College Research Grant: \$9,800, Azita Mayeli, *Classification of Gabor Orthogonal Bases*
- CUNY Research in the Classroom Grant : \$7,500, Anuradha Srivastava, *A Comparative Study of Prevalence and Exposure to Genetically Modified Organic and Non-Organic Corn and Soybean in New York State*
- CUNY Community College Research Grant: \$9,800, , Andrew Nguyen and Amos Orlofsky, *Examining developmental and functional differences between male and female osteoclasts and their association with STAT3 signaling*
- CUNY Community College Research Grant: \$10,000, Wenjian Liu, *Large Degree Asymptotics and Reconstruction Thresholds of Asymmetric Ising Channels*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Academic Affairs

- The **2018 Common Read** is underway. This year's text is Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor's *My Beloved World*, which was selected in recognition of the centennial anniversary of women having the right to vote in New York State. Great thanks to Faculty Coordinator Robin Ford for her efforts in support of this high-impact practice.
- Applications are due at the end of March for both the **eLearning Institute** and the **CETL Pedagogical Research Challenge Award Program**. If you are developing a Pedagogical Research project proposal, please join us for a luncheon on March 14th to hear presentations by last year's recipients. More information on both the eLearning Institute and the CETL Pedagogical Research Challenge Award Program is available on the CETL website.
- **Campus Conversation:** Join us on Wednesday, March 28th at 4:00 pm in the Oakland Dining Room for a discussion related to "Impending Workload Adjustments: What it Means for You and QCC".

Institutional Advancement

2018 Partners for Progress Gala

- The 2018 Partners for Progress Gala is on **Thursday, April 26th at 6:00 pm at Terrace on the Park**. Faculty and staff of Queensborough are eligible for an “early bird” rate of \$125 if they purchase Gala tickets before Thursday, March 29, 2018. Tickets purchased after March 29th will be \$150, which is the half price ticket rate for faculty and staff.
- The deadline to submit journal ads is also Thursday, March 29, 2018.
- Tickets may be purchased online at <https://www2.qcc.cuny.edu/advancement/galaTix.html>. Checks must be made payable to the QCC Fund, Inc. and dropped off in the Advancement Office, Room A508.

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.
- As part of the **KHC 2017-2018 Cinema Series**, the Center will be showing the film **The Zoo Keeper's Wife** on **Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 12:10 p.m.** This film recounts the story of Jan and Antonina Zabinski and their formidable yet perilous plan to use the liquidated Warsaw Zoo as a sanctuary to hide over 300 persecuted Polish Jews under the Germans' noses.
- On **Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.**, the KHC will be hosting its **Annual Holocaust Freedom Seder**. This event honors the Holocaust survivors of the community by recreating the same Passover Seder held in 1946, the first to be held after World War II. Pre-registration is required for this event with a \$14.00 per person contribution to the QCC Fund, Inc./KHC Endowment. Students interested in attending should contact khc@qcc.cuny.edu for more information regarding complimentary

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admission.

- **The KHC Drs. Bebe and Owen Bernstein Lecture Series** will hold a **Yom HaShoah Commemoration** on **Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.** This year's event will include a candle lighting ceremony and special readings in honor of survivor remembrance.

Queensborough Performing Arts Center (QPAC)

- Back by popular demand, The **Queensborough Performing Arts Center** presents **In The Mood** on **Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.** Much more than a concert, **In The Mood** presents a retro 1940's musical featuring the **In The Mood** singers and dancers and the sensational **String of Pearls** big band orchestra.
- Following a six-week run on Broadway, the **New Shanghai Circus** will be back by popular demand on **Friday, March 23, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.** These fearless performers bring us a new spellbinding show with athletes that defy gravity and execute breathtaking feats. Performers with boundless energy bring you over 2,000 years of Chinese circus traditions.
- **Piano Men**, a Tribute to Elton John and Billy Joel will be featured on **Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.** Get swept away in this dynamic, interactive concert celebrating two giants of Pop music. **Piano Men** treats you to all of the excitement that only Billy Joel and Elton John together in concert can create.
- **Giselle** will be featured on **Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.** Love conquers death in the ultimate Romantic ballet. Since its premiere in 1841, **Giselle** has captured the imagination and torn at the heart. **Giselle** is the Romantic era crystallized in one perfect work of art.
- On **Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.**, **The Broadway Dolls** will be on the QPAC stage where you can experience a "Best of Manhattan" award-winning concert featuring a roster of the most dynamic women on Broadway. A celebration of Broadway music, rock n'roll and 60's girl groups, this all-singing, all dancing, super glamorous show is a truly unique live theatrical experience.

Student Affairs

- The Office of Career Services will host the **QCC Job Fair** on **Wednesday, March 28th** in the Student Union Lounge at 12:00 pm. The fair which will serve as a conduit for students to meet with potential employers from a wide variety of sectors including business, non-profits, healthcare, and government. For additional information, visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/careerservices/job-fair.html>.
- The Office of Career Services will host **Etiquette In Action** on **Thursday, April 12th** at 4:15 pm. This is a very popular event and as such, seating is limited to the first 50 registrants

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by the deadline date of March 26th. 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 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.