QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
of The City University of New York

Report of the President
to the
Academic Senate
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CUNYfirst

Queensborough, as a vanguard college, will move to the CUNYfirst environment of Campus Solutions (the new student information system) to register students for Winter and Spring registration. The blackout period to move from SIMS (our current student information management system) to Campus Solutions, in advance of 'go live,' will begin Monday evening, November 1. From that point until Campus Solutions goes live for transactions, SIMS will be available for "read only." Registrar, Bursar, and Financial Aid staff, along with support from the our business services offices and those of the University will be working to accomplish the hundreds of "cut-over" tasks, during the week of November 10-17.

Training on Campus Solutions, (the new student information management system) has begun for support staff and will be provided for department chairpersons, academic department secretaries in the next several weeks, followed by training for all staff and faculty involved with student advisement or registration.

Advisement of current students for the spring 2011 semester was begun by Student Affairs staff several weeks ago. ***Registration in the CUNYfirst system will begin November 17.*** Our Enrollment Management Team has developed a plan for registering students by categories from November 17 through January.

The **College Proficiency Examination (CPE)**
At the November meeting of the CUNY Board of Trustees, a proposal will be considered from its Committee on Academic Policy, Program and Research to eliminate the CPE as a requirement for community college graduation and advancement to the junior year at senior colleges, effective immediately. This action is a result of a study of the CPE by a CUNY Task Force over the last 18 months.

CUNY IT Security Policy
All faculty and staff are urged to review CUNY's IT Security Policy, recently emailed to the College community from Quincin Gonjon. The major cause of New York State reportable security breaches at CUNY continues to be caused by non-compliance with CUNY IT Security policies and procedures. All faculty and staff are urged to review the attachments sent with Mr. Gonjon's email. The **Private Information Advisory** attachment underscores the importance of protecting the personal private information of our students, faculty and staff and outlines security practices that should be followed when handling this type of information. The **Breach**

Reporting Procedure is a guideline to the steps required when personal private information is inappropriately disclosed. CUNY is also providing a 30 minute Online Security Awareness Course that teaches you how to stay **secure at work and at home**. It is strongly recommended that all Faculty and Staff complete this course. The link to the CUNY Online Security Awareness Course is http://www.enterprisetraining.com/cunycourse.htm

QCC Five Year Technology Plan

A task force appointed by then President Marti is at work on a new five year Technology Plan for Queensborough. Chaired by George Sherman, our CIO, the group includes representatives of the Faculty Executive Committee, the Academic Senate and administrators. To develop the major issues which will frame our Plan, Chairpersons and senior administrators will be interviewed, in addition to last Spring's survey of faculty, staff and students.

Community College IRB

A pilot to create a CUNY Community College IRB will begin during the spring 2011. Each campus will nominate a member of the CUNY Community College IRB and an alternate. The Vice Chancellor for Research will review the nominations and appoint the members and the Chair of the CUNY Community College IRB. At least one unaffiliated member will be named. Each college will have a vote on the CUNY-wide IRB. The college representative to the CUNY Community College IRB will automatically be a member of the CUNY-wide IRB. Assessment of the effectiveness of this new arrangement will be done by end of Fall 2011, after which a decision will be made by the Vice Chancellor for Research as to whether this arrangement for a CUNY Community College IRB will be made permanent. Dr. Regina Sullivan has agreed to serve as QCC's representative on the CUNY Community College IRB and Dr. Paul Marchese will serve as alternate. With our emphasis on pedagogical research and the use of human subjects at the community colleges, this arrangement is considered an advantageous and effective way to review research protocols.

Queensborough Programs and Events

- Noted on CUNY's homepage is the exhibit currently on display through January 30th at the QCC Art Gallery, *Marching to the Freedom Dream*, a photographic chronicle of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s march from Selma to Montgomery by Dan Budnick, a Life magazine photojournalist.

- Queensborough's Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center is featured in an exhibit by The New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in the West 4th street station of the NYC subway. The photographs of our Center, designed by Charles Thanhauser of TEK, are prominently displayed.

- On Wednesday, November 10, the fall Presidential Lecture Series will present Mr. Hank Sheinkopf, political consultant and President of Sheinkopf Communications, speaking on "What is new in American Elections," offering an analysis of the mid-term election outcomes. The lecture, followed by audience Q and A, begins at 4:00 PM in M 136.

Budget

In light of additional budget reductions by New York State anticipated in January, 2011, the CUNY Board of Trustees Committee on Fiscal Affairs will recommend a 5% tuition increase for Spring 2011 at the November Board meeting. Forecasting a challenging budget environment for FY 11 and FY 12, CUNY has been developing strategies for revenue and spending reductions, in consultation with constituencies of the University. On our campus, we will continue to engage CAPC and other representative governance bodies in decisions to develop and/or adjust our resource allocation plan.