



## President's Report to the Academic Senate

February 13, 2018

### STUDENT AFFAIRS

#### **Enrollment Management Update:**

The College has concluded a busy spring enrollment cycle. As of February 2, we have enrolled 13,100\* students including 990 freshmen, 815 transfers and 945 readmits. Included in the freshmen cohort are 217 students who successfully completed the CUNY Start or CLIP programs.

New this cycle, advisement and workshop interventions were made available to first-time probation students ***before the end of registration*** in order to provide personal support and immediate course load adjustment prior to the start of the Spring cycle. The Office of Admissions is fully engaged on recruiting for Fall 2018, having already received our first group of freshmen applications for the Fall semester.

The Office of New Student Engagement hosted a successful *New Student Orientation* on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> for incoming students and their families. Over 300 new students and their family members were introduced to the College, their respective Academy, faculty coordinators, and advisers. The Orientation Program featured small group sessions to encourage discussions between Advisers and students, and facilitate social interaction and connectedness among students. Orientation to the College concluded "Welcome Week" - - an exciting line-up of events and activities during the first week of classes designed to assist new students with getting acclimated to the campus and college life, including Academies Kick-offs events intended to introduce students to the advisement, curricular and co-curricular benefits of the Academy model.

#### **Student Honors**

- We congratulate QCC students Mr. Voon Sheng Tsoi and Mr. Makheni Jean-Pierre, who have been named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Team in recognition of their scholarly achievements while enrolled in a New York community college. I extend my thanks to Drs. Emily Tai, Paris Svoronos, and Regina Sullivan for their tireless work as advisors and mentors to the students in our Lambda Sigma Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

**Student Resources:**

- Applications are now being accepted to run for positions in student government during the **2018 Student Government Elections**. To learn about all the benefits associated with Student Government, please e-mail Mr. Raymond Volel, Student Life Specialist, at [rvoel@qcc.cuny.edu](mailto:rvoel@qcc.cuny.edu), call the Office of Student Activities at (718) 631-6233, or visit their office in the Student Union – Lower Level. The deadline to pick up an application is Friday, March 9, 2018.
- 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](mailto:AGonesh@qcc.cuny.edu). For additional information, visit [www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/scholarships).
- Beginning Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 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 further information, please visit <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/singlestop/>.
- The **2018 Abbey Duncan Brownfield Scholarship Program** is now accepting applications. The program provides financial support to students pursuing careers in the brownfield industry in New York City. Please visit <https://nycbrownfieldpartnership.org/programs/abbey-duncan-brownfield-scholarship-program/> for full program details.
- 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 **2018 David A. Garfinkel Essay Contest** for CUNY Community College Students is now open and 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, including requirements and submission deadline, can be found online at [www.nycourts.gov/history/garfinkel-rules.html](http://www.nycourts.gov/history/garfinkel-rules.html).
- CUNY continues its partnership with **The Dream. US Scholarship Program** to offers 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. The

application period will close on March 1, 2018. Please refer students to apply online at <http://www.thedream.us>.

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

### **CUNY Summit:**

- On Thursday, January 18, and Friday, January 19, 2018, Academic and Student Affairs representatives attended CUNY Summit on Academic Momentum at Lehman College.

### **Middle States Self-Study:**

- 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 assigned with developing a chapter of the self-study report, each chapter devoted to one of the seven Middle States standards. Each working group has submitted a draft outline of its chapter and has received feedback from the executive co-chairs. Each working group is now proceeding with the development of the chapter itself. A draft will be due in March for review and feedback. All final drafts of the chapters will be completed and submitted by early June. This is a considerable institutional effort: over one hundred faculty and staff members are participating.

### **Faculty Honors:**

- This year’s QCC Faculty Excellence Award for Excellence goes to Dr. Sharon Lall-Ramnarine. Every two years, the QCC Faculty Excellence Award recognizes tenured faculty who have demonstrated a sustained and distinguished record of scholarship or creative performance, evidenced by publications, professional presentations, and/or creative works.

### **Academic Momentum Plan:**

In our efforts to fulfill Queensborough’s goal of supporting the Academic Momentum Plan, the following two initiatives were implemented during the 2018 Winter Session:

- **STEM Waiver**  
For the 2018 Winter Session, we approved 313 courses for the STEM Waiver, which represents approximately \$167,000 in tuition fees. The balance of the funds will be spent during the Summer 2018 Session.
- **Milestone Scholarship**  
Queensborough continued to help students reach their “thirty-credit milestone” by granting Winter Session 2018 scholarships. 30 scholarships were awarded, representing roughly \$15,000 in Milestone Scholarship funds.

### **Open Educational Resources (OER) Initiatives -- Mid-Year Report:**

The campus can report significant progress on its recently awarded Open educational Resources (OER) grant. The Department of Mathematics and Computer Sciences was able to offer 60 sections of five courses, serving nearly 1700 students in the process. Similar efforts by the department over Winter and Spring sessions are anticipated to result in another 57

sections. All told, we believe this will result in a total estimated savings in textbook replacement costs of roughly a **quarter million dollars** for our students, while also providing professional development opportunities for faculty and staff.”

## **PRE-COLLEGE, CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

### **BTECH Update**

- BTECH students will attend career workshops on resume writing in February and 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will visit SAP’s Hudson Yard for a site visit. Spirit Week at the high school occurs next week and an Honors Student dinner on the 8th. The fourth 10<sup>th</sup> grade student cohort begins on campus this spring with students enrolled in Speech 211.

### **Grants Update:**

#### Grants Awarded 12/1/17 – 1/25/18

- CUNY Office of Academic Affairs: \$127,890.00, Timothy Lynch, Proposals to Improve Developmental Education in FY 2017-2018.
- CUNY Faculty Fellowship Publication Program (FFPP): \$3,654.00, Celia Sporer, Stress Coping and Burnout in Emergency Medical Service Providers.
- CUNY Faculty Fellowship Publication Program (FFPP): \$3,654.00, Tim Keogh, *Suburbs in Black and White: How Jobs Created Inequality in Affluent America*
- CUNY Faculty Fellowship Publication Program (FFPP): \$3,654.00, Robin Ford, Treacherous Spaces: Critical Pedagogies and College Composition – A Critical Autoethnography.
- CUNY Research in the Classroom Idea grant: \$7,500.00, Anuradha Srivastava, *A Comparative Study of Prevalence and Exposure to Genetically Modified Organic and Non-Organic Corn and Soybean in New York State.*
- CUNY Advanced Science Research Center: \$6,000.00, Tirandai Hemraj-Benny, *Ionic Liquid-Single-Walled Carbon Nanotube Based Electrolytes for Dye-Sensitized Solar Cell Applications.*
- Service Employees International Union (SEIU) District 1199: \$65,953.00, Jeffrey Chen, *MOA Training at St. John’s Episcopal Hospital.*

## **FACILITIES UPDATE**

During the Spring 2018 semester, there will be a number of facility upgrade projects underway, including the following capital and college projects:

- The Medical Arts and Science Building and Administration Building roofs have been replaced under the funding from New Year State and City Capital allocations. Our thanks go to all faculty, staff and students who patiently endured periods of noise and disruption while this critical project was completed.
- Parking Lot #2 on Cloverdale was fully restored for student use at the start of the Spring semester.

- The Campus Electrical upgrade continues on schedule with work continuing throughout 2018 as the contractors focus on completing the new electrical sub-station on 56th Avenue.
- The Grant Funded Administration Building lobby renovation is in its final stages as the Bursar's office is reconfigured to create a more productive environment and private spaces for financial consultation with students and family.
- Engineering Technology classroom T-24 was upgraded to meet Cyber Security course requirements.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES AND LABOR RELATIONS**

### **New Faculty:**

Please join me in welcoming our **newest faculty** members to the Queensborough Community College family:

Dr. Jaspal Lin, Dr. Sarbani Ghoshal, Dr. Sanjay Koul, Dr. Rochelle Nelson, Dr. Alfred McDonald, Dr. Melida Sanchez , Dr. Supriya Karudapuram, and Ms. Angelita Pierre-Noel.

### **Retirees:**

We would also like to acknowledge and thank retiring faculty members:

Dr. Shele Bannon, Dr. Sandy Peskin, Dr. Roza Rusinek, Dr. Richard Perrotto, for their excellent years of service.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **Faculty Workshops:**

- ❖ What you need to know when applying to the rank of full professor - **February 7, (2 -3:30 p.m. - Oakland Dining Room)**
- ❖ Promotion and Tenure for Mid-Career Faculty - **February 14, (2 - 3:30 p. m. - Oakland Dining Room).**
- ❖ Practice Sessions for Full Professor – **February 9, February 16, February 21 (2-4 p.m. - President's Conference Room, A-502D.**
- ❖ General Information on Reappointment and Tenure Processes for Assistant Professors - **February 28, (2 - 3:30 p.m. - KHRC Classroom, 2nd Floor).**
- ❖ Opportunities for Service to the College and Opportunities and Programs at QCC and CUNY - **March 7, (2 - 3:30 p.m. - Oakland Dining Room).**

### **Assessment Institute:**

- The Spring 2018 Assessment Institute, which takes place on **February 9, 16, and 23 and March 9 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.**, provides guidance, resources, and support for the development and implementation of an assessment report on student learning outcomes. Faculty participants develop an assessment plan, implement the assessment, and complete a report that includes findings and recommendations. So far, since its inception five years ago, 155 of your colleagues have participated in and completed the institute.

### **Center for Teaching and Learning (CETL):**

- The complete **Spring 2018 calendar** of faculty development events from CETL and the Office of Educational Technology is available on the College website. Please note that **Academic Service-Learning Project Intent forms** are due on **February 16th, and that a workshop will be offered on Avoiding Predatory Publishers on February 23rd, from 10am - 12pm.**

#### **Faculty Honors/Awards:**

- The Newly Tenured Faculty Reception and the QCC Faculty Excellence Awards will take place on **Tuesday, March 13, at 4:30 p.m.** in the Oakland Dining Room. This year's reception will recognize 22 members of the faculty and staff who were recently awarded Tenure or a Certificate of Continuous Employment.

#### **Student Events:**

- On **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** in the **Student Union Lounge**, the QCC Student Government will be hosting the Black Inventions Exhibit (BIE). This is a multimedia presentation which pays tribute to Black inventors and innovators. The exhibit reveals many surprising facts, and highlights the accomplishments of Blacks in the fields of science, aerospace communication, health care, agriculture, transportation and engineering. The aim of BIE is not only to give credit to the inventors, but to inspire others to believe that anything is possible. Over 150 authentic artifacts are represented in the collection and include: Patent designs, personal letters, rare photographs, brief biographies of Black American inventors and video documentaries.
- The Office of Career Services will host the **QCC Job Fair** on **Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** 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.

#### **Art Gallery:**

- The **QCC Art Gallery's** latest exhibit entitled **Juried Student Exhibition: Department of Art & Design** will open on **Thursday, March 8, 2018 with a reception from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** This exhibit will run through **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 10<sup>th</sup> annual student exhibition held in the QCC Art Gallery.

#### **Kupferberg Holocaust Center:**

- **Conspiracy of Goodness: How French Protestants Rescued Thousands of Jews During WWII** is currently on view at the KHC. This exhibit presents the story of how an isolated Huguenot community in the Haute-Loire region of France saved approximately 3,500 Jews from Nazi Germany and the Vichy regime. Farmers 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 **Denial** on **Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 12:10 p.m.** This film is based on the acclaimed book *History on Trial: My Day in Court with a Holocaust Denier*, which recounts Deborah E. Lipstadt's legal battle for historical truth against David Irving who accused her of libel when she declared him a Holocaust denier. Deborah Lipstadt and her legal team work to prove the essential truth that the Holocaust occurred, despite David Irving's claims that the Holocaust did not happen.
- **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**. The fifth event in the series, **In the Shadows of Auschwitz: The Experience of Polish Jews under Nazi Occupation** will be held on **Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 12:10 p.m.** The speaker will be Dr. David Engel, Holocaust scholar and author. Dr. Engel's presentation will chronicle his research of the Holocaust in Poland, the Polish government in exile, and the role of complicity versus collaboration versus rescue that occurred in Nazi occupied territories in Eastern Europe. The event is made possible through the support of *Drs. Bebe and Owen Bernstein*.
- The sixth event in the series, **Becoming an Engaged and Active Bystander: How to Navigate a Complex & Diverse World**, will be held on **Friday, March 9, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** The facilitator is Dr. Azadeh Aalai in partnership with the Center for Ethnic, Racial, and Religious Understanding (CERRU). Dr. Aalai will help students and participants explore the theme of complicity and collaboration in a contemporary context by asking them questions such as: what does it take to become an engaged and civic-minded citizen, and how can we develop skills to be more likely to be active bystanders? This workshop will facilitate skill-building by having participants reflect on the modern pressures to remain passive in the face of injustice while finding ways to comfortably take action in certain situations.

#### **Queensborough Performing Arts Center (QPAC):**

- The **Queensborough Performing Arts Center** presents the New Shanghai Circus on **Friday, February 23, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.** Following a six-week run on Broadway, 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.
- Teatro Lirico D'Europa's **Madama Butterfly** will be performed on **Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.** **Madama Butterfly** has survived the test of time, through an entire century of being the most performed opera in the United States and one of the top five in the rest of the world.
- **Kim Russo, The Happy Medium** will be performing on our stage on **Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.** She has been able to see the world of spirit since the young age of nine.

Join us for a special evening with Kim as she shares with us special messages from family and friends in spirit.

- **A Twist of Lemmon** will be featured on **Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.** Jack Lemmon's son, Chris Lemmon, whose physical resemblance to his dad has often been remarked upon, does an enchanting job of channeling his dad in this show. He shares family tales, intimate father-son conversations, and anecdotes from and about his dad. Chris delves into Jack's early success in Hollywood, along with behind-the-scenes moments involving the likes of Marilyn Monroe, James Cagney, Gregory Peck and his best friend Walter Matthau.

### **2018 Partners for Progress Gala**

Please join us on **Thursday, April 26th at 6:00 p.m.** for the 2018 Partners for Progress Gala at Terrace on the Park. While the general ticket price to the public is \$300, the faculty and staff of Queensborough are eligible for a discounted rate of \$125 if they purchase tickets before Thursday, March 29, 2018. The ticket price for faculty and staff who purchase their ticket after Thursday, March 29, 2018, will be \$150. The deadline for 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 at the Advancement Office, Room A508.