Strategic Plan Implementation Update

It was a busy academic year for the three Strategic Action Teams - Entry, Persistence, and Program. By the end of the 2010-2011 academic year, the teams had completed prioritizing the objectives and had begun to develop subcommittees. During the 2011-2012 academic year, the teams and subcommittees will develop action plans and begin to implement projects designed to help achieve the College’s goals. In addition, the Office of Institutional Research and Planning has created a Strategic Plan Accomplishment publication, set to be printed and shared with the QCC community in July. Although the Strategic Action Teams have only just begun their work, the programs and initiatives highlighted in the publication show how the work our QCC colleagues are currently doing relates to the 2010-2015 Strategic Plan.

In addition, the College’s Executive Team demonstrated its commitment to the plan and encouraged new initiatives through a Strategic Implementation Fund that was established to support projects related to key planning objectives. The initiatives that will be funded for the 2011-2012 academic year are developmental math and English boot camps, as well as a service learning initiative. For the 2010-2011 academic year, we will send two faculty members to the New England Educational Assessment Network (NEEAN) conference. We have also purchased software that will provide easier access to data, as well as software that will help us service students more effectively through our phone system. More information may be obtained regarding funding proposals and other items related to strategic planning at the IRaP SharePoint site: http://sharepoint.qcc.mass.edu/IR/default.aspx.

QCC at Assabet Announced at Marlborough Chamber Event

QCC’s newest partnership with Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School in Marlborough, MA, (QCC at Assabet) is getting some well-deserved publicity. Plans are well underway for a fall semester 2011 start, as President Gail Carberry announced at a recent Marlborough Chamber of Commerce luncheon on June 28. The new programs at QCC Assabet are meant to boost local job training offerings as well as “shorten the distance” for students who want to attend college but have difficulties with location, scheduling, and other daunting issues that prevent students from taking classes.

Governor Orders MA Flags at Half-Staff for Military Hero with QCC Family Ties

Nicholas Bernier, stepson of Jeffrey Clements, Assistant Professor of Human Services, died June 25 from injuries he suffered June 22 in the line of duty, while deployed in Afghanistan. Mr. Bernier joined the US Army in 2008 and served as a Medic.

Mr. Clements and his wife Tina (Mr. Bernier’s mother) are from Haverhill, NH where flags were lowered in honor on July 9; Governor Patrick has also ordered flags in MA at half-staff, a special exemption to the state’s usual rules, on August 20, which would have been Mr. Bernier’s 22nd birthday.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Achievement Medal, the Combat Medical medal, and others.

MQCC Family’s heartfelt condolences go out to Mr. Clements and his family.
Campus News

Send us your news! We want to hear what’s happening in your department and with your students or staff. Submit information at www.QCC.edu/newsletter.html. Events, awards, success stories... We want to share your news with the entire QCC community. **Deadline for the August e-newsletter is August 12, 2011.**

Office of Student Life Seeks Student Leaders for New Orientation program

The Office of Student Life and the newly formed Orientation Committee are currently working to redesign QCC’s Orientation Program. As part of this new, exciting program, the Committee has decided to include a group of selected students to serve as Orientation Leaders.

Orientation Leaders (OLs) are student role models who serve a vital role in the transition of new students into the QCC community. OLs are dedicated volunteers who possess strong communication skills, a desire to be part of team, and pride in Quinsigamond Community College. Orientation Leader duties may include assisting with and facilitating program check-in, informational meetings, panel discussions, walking tours, planned social activities, registration, etc. Leaders are expected to actively engage with students and provide overall support to make each program a success.

The Committee is currently seeking twelve students from across the College to fill this new role. If you would like to suggest an appropriate student for this role, please forward their name and contact information to **Jonathan Miller** at jmiller@qcc.mass.edu. The new Orientation Committee thanks you in advance for helping to make the program a success!

QCC Faculty Member Attends National Education Association Assembly; Wins Lunch with V.P.

**Randi Zanca**, M.Ed., QCC Adjunct English Professor, recently attended the Massachusetts caucus of the National Education Association - Representative Assembly (NEA- RA) in Chicago where she bid on and won “Lunch with Lily,” (Lily Eskelsen, V.P. of the NEA). The winning lunch, part of an NEA fundraising event, was an enlightening and fulfilling experience for Ms. Zanca. Inspired by lunch-time discussion with Ms. Eskelsen, Ms. Zanca has decided to run for school committee in her hometown of Northbridge.

The QCC Family wishes Ms. Zanca the Best of Luck in her new endeavor!
PTK News

PTK fundraising activities are ongoing, even during the summer months!

A Pancake Breakfast to benefit Southbridge-Charlton Tornado Victims will be held on Sunday, August 7, 2011, at Halligan's Sports Bar and More (across from Ernie's on Route 20) 889 Southbridge Street in Auburn, MA 01501. The Breakfast will run from 7:00 a.m. until noon and is $8 per person.

Please support PTK in their fundraising efforts! For more information, contact Bonnie Coleman, PTK Advisor, at 508.854.7412 or bonniec@qcc.mass.edu.

The Wyvern Works Out - Do You?

Regular exercise promotes good health by reducing stress, preventing heart attacks and risk factors for many types of cancers, promotes weight loss, improves mood and much more! What are you waiting for? Get thee to the A.C!

Athletic Center Summer Hours:
- Monday - Thursday: 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Friday: 6 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Saturday: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Name that Staffer!

Do you know who this happy, little girl is, pictured at right with her twin brother, circa 1968? (Dig those crazy uniforms! The dynamic duo were dressed and ready to participate in a kindergarden band concert.)

Hint: This staffer also has a Big 50 coming up and is an amazing baker...

(Answer on page four.)
New Faculty and Staff

On May 31, Academic Affairs welcomed Deborah Francis into her new role as Library Assistant I. Deborah worked as a Library Assistant at the QCC Circulation Desk for 16 months, and brings an additional 14 years of administrative experience from the private sector. Deborah earned an Associate's Degree from Quinsigamond Community College. Her office is located in room 235 HLC.

On June 6, Jim Racki assumed a new role in Administrative Services as Facilities Manager. Jim has been an Electrician for the College for the past 6 and ½ years, and brings over 20 years of additional experience from the private sector.

On June 21, Enrollment Services welcomed Stephen Agard into his new role as Enrollment Counselor. Stephen brings four years of higher education enrollment experience from Northeastern University and Bridgewater State College, as well as five years experience as a teacher in the Boston and Cambridge Public Schools. Stephen earned a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Psychology from Bridgewater State College, and a Master's Degree in Higher Education Administration from Northeastern University. His office is located in room 201 HLC.

On June 27, Administrative Services welcomed Kelly LaVergne into her new role as Accountant I. Kelly earned an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Quinsigamond Community College, and brings 7 years of accounting and bookkeeping experience from the private sector. Her office is located in room B07A.

On July 1, Academic Affairs welcomed Kirsten Patey-Hurd into her new role as Learning Manager, Communication Skills Center. Kirsten served as the Interim Learning Manager of the Communication Skills Center for the past year, and brings over 20 years of teaching and tutoring higher education experience from Quinsigamond Community College, Washington State University and the University of Massachusetts, as well as 19 years of editorial experience within higher education and the private sector. Kirsten earned both a Bachelor's Degree in English and Women's Studies, and a Master's Degree in English from the University of Massachusetts. Her office is located in room 208 HLC.

On July 1, 2011, Liz Borg assumed a new position as Assistant Vice President of Community Engagement. Liz, who has spent the last five years as Director of Grant Projects, also has over 10 years experience in non-profit administration, programming and fundraising.

On July 11, Academic Affairs welcomed Eric Champigny into his new role as Library Assistant I. Eric earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History at Western New England College, and brings 7 years of experience working in academic libraries as a library assistant, library circulation assistant and archivist assistant at Western New England College, Springfield College, and Holyoke Community College. His office is located in room 234 HLC.

Please welcome Deborah, Jim, Stephen, Kelly, Kirsten, Liz, and Eric into their new roles at QCC!

Where in the World is the Wyvern?

Iceland!

Holland!

Australia!

Name that Staffer Answer: Liz Woods