

**York College Foundation Board**  
**Academic Affairs Report**  
Academic Year 2019-2020

The division of Academic Affairs would like to wish a happy holiday season and to provide a fall 2019 status report as we complete the term.

On November 10, 2019 York College hosted the annual fall open house for new students and their families. The division of academic affairs participated with faculty and department chairs, unit directors and staff sharing information on courses, programs and services available to York College students. More than 800 new students and their families attended. Guests had the opportunity to attend presentations by academic departments and programs and several offices (Fin. Aid, Registrar, Advisement, veterans, etc.). Faculty and staff distributed information at each department table while other guests participated on ongoing campus tours.

The School of Health Sciences and Professional Programs and its departments (Physician Assistant, Occupational Therapy) will be hosting the annual pinning ceremonies (graduation) for their students completing the degree requirements with research presentations and seminars. Academic departments (accounting, Business, biology, chemistry) continue their weekly seminars with guest speakers from within and beyond CUNY and open houses and career fairs for students.

The school of Arts and Sciences will hold its annual Fall exposition with seminars and student presentations on December 5, 9am-2pm.

- a) Fourteen faculty began their service in the departments of Accounting and Finance, Business and Economics, Biology, Chemistry, Health and Human Performance, Health Professions, Nursing, Teacher Education, Social Work. Six of these faculty are on substitute positions. Eight of the positions are appointed in professionally accredited programs in meeting their faculty to student ration requirement. The substitute positions are replacements of sudden faculty resignations. Seven substitute positions are approved for the spring 2020 term. Ten tenure track positions have been authorized for the fall 2020 term. Faculty searches are in process to be initiated.
- b) The MS in Clinical Trials Management program admitted its first class in the Fall 2019 term.
- c) The MS in SCWK graduated its Fall 2018 cohort in the spring 2019 and admitted its second cohort in the Fall 2019 term. The program completed its second benchmark of its accreditation process. The site visit was completed on November 13, 2019. A report is expected with recommendations for the benchmark III of the process.
- d) The CLS program completed its self study and its accreditation visit.

- e) The teacher education department has also been accredited by CAEP and has been designated in the 50 excellent programs in the country.
- f) The MS in Nursing Education Program is pending NYSED approval.
- g) The Departments of Behavioral Sciences and Biology completed their academic program reviews including the campus visits.

MSCHE has reaffirmed York College's accreditation. However a 2<sup>nd</sup> monitoring report must be submitted by March 1, 2020 demonstrating the establishment of a culture of assessment. The York College community continues the last year's work that instituted the four assessment committees (IEC, AAC, AESSAC and GEAC). The results of the programmatic assessment are submitted to the strategic planning committee to be incorporated in to the annual action plans. The monitoring report is headed by AVP L. Hoeffner. In addition the college community has amended its original intent to develop a five year strategic plan. Through the strategic planning exercise a three year strategic plan will be developed and launched by the end of the academic year consistent with the MSCHE accreditation cycles.

A York delegation will be attending the annual MSCHE conference (December 9-11).