

York College Foundation Board
Academic Affairs Report
Academic Year 16-17

The division of Academic Affairs would like to welcome the Board and provide a status update as we begin the new academic year 2018-2019.

The first day of classes for the Fall 2018 term was August 27, 2018. York college students and full time and adjunct faculty returned from their summer activities. The usual preparatory training and orientation workshops took place for faculty (adjunct, chairs) with approximately one hundred adjunct faculty attending and all the department chairs. New students received an orientation workshop on August 15, 2018. Approximately 800 new and transfer students, their families and friends visited the campus and participated in the workshops. The division of student development planned, organized and hosted the orientation with great success.

The Summer Research Programs for undergraduate and high school students were completed with poster presentations on August 9, 2018. More than 75 high school and undergraduate students participated. In addition, more than 100 high school students participated in robotics academy organized by Dr. J. T. Amenyó. The summer research program and robotics academy are externally funded by the US DOE. Students researchers were mentored by York College faculty members and presented their work on August 9 at the conclusion of the program. Other students participated in summer internship programs at the NYC DEP, or in other countries (Greece, Moldova, Brazil, France) through the study abroad program and college support.

While the college has accomplished this successful outcome, activities and operations put in motion continued to sustain and support process and procedural successes.

- a) In addition to the two MS programs launched in Fall 2016 (MS in Physician Assistant Studies and MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences) York College initiated the MS in Social Work. The inaugural class was recruited during the spring 2018 term and began classes on August 27, 2018.
- b) The MS in Nursing Education program is pending NYSED approval. York will be recruiting students to launch the MS in Nursing Education (after state registration) and the MS in Clinical Trials Management program (approved by NYSED).
- c) Professors K. Lynch and T. Paglione (Earth and Physical Sciences) received external grants from the Simons Foundation and the DOE while many other faculty received internal CUNY grants.

- d) Academic departments completed faculty searches to appoint 13 new faculty in the academic ranks in the departments of Behavioral sciences, Biology, Chemistry, Health Professions, Mathematics and Computer Science, Occupational Therapy, Social Work, Teacher Education and Nursing.
- e) Dean Charles Gengler of the School of Business and Information Systems resigned as of June 30 20, 2018.
- f) After a national search Dr. Maureen Becker was nominated and appointed Dean for the School of Health Sciences and Professional Programs.
- g) In collaboration with student development and spearheaded by the advisement center York college with external funding initiated an enrichment orientation workshop for all new first year first time students. The program will be assessed and expand to all students in the following years.
- h) York College was placed on a warning list by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education at its June 2018 meeting. The commission followed the recommendations of the site visit team that found that York did not meet standard V and requirements of affiliation 8 and 10 (pertaining to assessment). Since June 2018 York College has implemented an aggressive plan to demonstrate its compliance with standard V and requirements 8 and 10. The plan will support the monitoring report that York will submit by March 1, 2019.
- i) The College calendar of activities has been growing and major events are planned during the academic year. During the fall term faculty seminars are scheduled as well as the Arts and Science exhibition day in December and lectures and scholarly activities by individual departments and programs.
- j) The official start of the academic year will be on Thursday September 13, 12pm with the College Convocation taking place in the Milton Basin Performing Arts Center.