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SUBJ: ePortfolio June Institute, Making Connections Seminar  
LaGuardia Community College, June 19, 2008, 10:00 a.m. to noon

Cc: President James Muyskens  
Dr. Elizabeth Hendrey, Dean of Social Sciences  
Dr. Eva Fernandez, Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning  
Dr. Virgil Blake, Chair, GSLIS

Our Queens College team participating in LaGuardia Community College's ePortfolio Seminar (see more details below) has been tasked to invite key campus stakeholders to a group meeting on June 19 from 10:00 a.m. to noon, followed by lunch. As important campus leaders representing key constituencies at Queens, we thought it would be extremely valuable for you to learn more about what other area campuses are doing in using electronic portfolios for integrative learning and assessment. This is particularly important for programs such as education, where portfolios are already a required component for student certification. With assessment a growing emphasis of accrediting agencies, ePortfolios also offer a potentially valuable tool for program evaluation.

Dean Hendrey of Social Sciences has already agreed to come, and we would be so pleased if you would consider attending as well. Unfortunately, Dr. Eva Fernandez, Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning will be away at another conference at this time. The session will be held on LaGuardia's campus in Long Island City.

There will be an overview of ePortfolios with examples from LaGuardia's nationally recognized program, as well a briefing on the "Making Connectons" project (see <http://www.eportfolio.lagcc.cuny.edu/>) Each campus group will then break out to discuss possible options for ePortfolios at their respective institutions. We will report on our pilot study of program assessment in the GSLIS, and Dr. Jackie Davis will outline goals for possible initiatives in the Department of Education. Then each campus group will report out to the larger cohort so that stakeholders get a sense of what is being planned by various campuses. Among the issues which arose at our last session was whether there might be enough buy-in by CUNY campuses that we could work towards a common ePortfolio platform within CUNY (as is the case with Blackboard). This would have obvious economic benefits but also would be valuable for community college students transferring to senior colleges

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, or to let me know if you can attend. We hope to see you on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Background

As some of you may be aware, a team from Queens College was awarded a competitive FIPSE funded mini-grant to participate in a year-long LaGuardia Community College-sponsored Seminar on electronic portfolios this past January. My colleagues Dr. Linda Cooper, Dr. Tom Surprenant (GSLIS), Dr. Jackie Davis (SEYS) and I have been attending monthly meetings on the uses of ePortfolios in support of teaching, learning and assessment throughout the Spring semester. Teams from numerous other schools include representatives from Bronx Community College, City College, CUNY School of Professional Studies, Norwalk Community College, Queensborough Community, St. John's University, and the College of St. Rose. A related element of our participation is a pilot project in the GSLIS to test the use of ePortfolios in program assessment, in anticipation of our scheduled reaccreditation visit in 2011. In addition, we plan to integrate ePortfolios into a required core course, Technology of Information, in the fall of 2008. This will replace an existing paper portfolio requirement. We hope to share results of these pilots with other members of the QC community.