Institutional Characteristics Form: History Section

Record briefly the central elements in the history of the institution:

- 1971 College authorized and funded (January); Dr. Robert E. Miller selected as president (July) The College opened in classrooms leased from secondary schools and with some offices housed in trailers. About 200 students enrolled (September).
- 1973 First commencement held. Nineteen graduates received degrees.
- 1976 The associate degree program in Aviation Maintenance was approved. QVCC became the first community college in Connecticut authorized to confer the Associate in Applied Science degree.
- 1979 Initial accreditation received from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.
- 1980 QVCC began offering English as a Second Language classes in Willimantic in a classroom rented from the YMCA.
- 1982 Reaccredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Fall semester enrollment exceeded 1,000 for the first time.
- 1983 The college moved to newly constructed building at current Danielson location.
- 1986 The Willimantic Center moved into a leased facility on Valley Street.
- 1992 Reaccreditation by NEASC for ten years.
- 1992 Retirement of Dr. Robert E. Miller as president and appointment of Dianne E. Williams as the College’s second president.
- 1993 Willimantic Center moved to a larger leased facility.
- 1994 The philosophy of Total Quality was adopted, and the total Quality Council formed.
- 1994 Plastics laboratory secured and set up on the campus.
- 1997 The College changed its organizational structure, including combining two divisions into the Learning and Student Development Division with one dean.
- 1999 Willimantic Center moved to a newly leased facility on Main Street with double the space of previous facility.
- 1999 Willimantic Center was approved by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges to be included in the College’s accreditation.
- 2000 The Board of Governors for Higher Education approved the offering of more than 50% of four degrees at the Willimantic Center.
- 2001 The College was reaccredited for 10 years.
- 2006 The College opened its new wing, providing expanded classroom and office space for a growing student population.
- 2008 After several years of planning, a middle college high school was opened at Quinebaug, and plans begun for a new building expansion to accommodate the new student population.
• 2010 President Dianne Williams retired after 18 years of leadership at the College. Dr. Ross Tomlin was appointed the third President of QVCC in January 2010.
• 2010-2011 The College organization was restructured, splitting the position of Dean of Learning and Student Development into two new positions: Dean of Academic Affairs and Dean of Student Services. New organizational divisions under these Deans were developed out of existing institutional functions and newly understood needs. This reorganization proceeded along with a newly defined governance system under a new College Charter.
• 2010 Dr. Susan Huard retired as Dean of Learning and Student Development after more than 10 years of service at the College.
• 2010 Acting Dean of Academic Affairs appointed (7/10-10/10): John Lewis.
• 2010-2011 Interim Dean of Academic Affairs appointed (10/10-7/11): Patty Owen.
• 2010-2011 Total Quality Management model practiced at the College for approximately sixteen years, replaced under new president by a strategic planning process, led by external consultant (Lifeskills Associates).
• 2011 Dean of Academic Affairs appointed, July 2011: Dr. Amy DeSonia.
• 2011 Connecticut Board of Regents formed to consolidate and reorganize governance of the 12 Community College System
• 2012 50,000 sq ft construction begun on the new east wing of the College, to house the Quinebaug Middle College High School (QMC); completed by 2013.
• 2012-2013 Founding President, Dr. Bob Miller returned to serve as interim President
• 2013-2015 Acting Dean of Academic Affairs appointed: Jayne Battye
• 2013-2015 Dean of Student Services appointed: Alfred Williams
• 2013-14 Academic Division organized under Department structure; Department Chairs appointed.
• 2013-14 Interim President appointed: Dr. Carmen Cid.
• 2014 President appointed: Dr. Carlee Drummer.
• 2016-2018 Dean of Academic Affairs appointed to newly merged dual position. (Academic and Student Affairs): Alfred Williams
• 2016 New building and new program in Advanced Manufacturing opened on Danielson Campus.
• 2017 QVCC begins participation in CSCU Guided Pathways program to begin shaping College toward one-college System.
• 2017 NEASC approval to move Willimantic site to Windham Technical High School.
• 2018-2020 Interim Dean of Academic Affairs and Student Services appointed: John Lewis.
• 2018 QVCC begins participation in Guided Pathways Taskforce (CSCU) as step toward integration of Guided Pathways, Achieving Dream, and one-college consolidation.
• 2018 NECHE Approval of proposal to establish Second Chance Pell program at the Brooklyn Correctional Institution (BCI).
• 2019 QVCC begins full participation in Achieving The Dream, in conjunction with Guided Pathways work and one-college consolidation processes.
• 2019 Regions of CSCU System placed under regional presidents; QVCC is joined under new Capital-East regional president, with Capital, Manchester, Middlesex, and Three Rivers Community College, moving these toward eventual one-college consolidation
• 2019-21 Dr. Rose Ellis appointed interim CEO, replacing position of President in the changing structure of the CSCU System.
• 2019 Process begun to move Willimantic site back to previous location.
• 2020 Dean of Academic Affairs appointed: Joe Cullen.
• 2020 Interim reorganization of College divisions and offices (Feb. 2, 2020 email from Dr. Ellis)
• 2020 Position of Chief Regional Fiscal Officer created in CSCU System. This changes planning, reporting, and authority structure at College.
• 2020 CSCU Adopts Holistic Case Management Advising Model (HCMA) under Guided Pathways process and structure. Local authority, planning, and assessment put under regional management.
• 2021 QVCC brought under newly appointed Regional Advising Director (RAD) who now oversees the local and regional implementation of the Guided Pathways Advising program (GPA). This changes authority, reporting, and planning roles at the local campus.
• 2021 (February) QVCC brought under a regional organization of enrollment management and student affairs (EMSA), as part of transition to the one-college consolidated system. This changes local authority, reporting, and planning roles at the local campus.
• July 2021 CSCU appoints new CEO for QVCC: Dr. Karen Hynick