

**Borough of Manhattan Community College
Academic Senate: Student Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes: March 6, 2019 2-4pm in S738**

Members Present: Sharon Brickman, Margaret Carson, VP Marva Craig, Laurie Lomask, Maureen Matarese

Members Absent: None

At this meeting:

- Approved the minutes from the prior meeting
- Discussed the differences between the Academic Warning Form, the BART Form and Starfish. Discussed the proposed revisions to the BART Form to make it focus on behavior that might be problematic to the college, as opposed to it being from an academic perspective. All classroom/academic issues should be reported with either the Academic Warning Form or Starfish. Discussed the proposed revisions to the Academic Warning Form. Discussed that faculty should be educated to know the differences in each of these resources.
- Reviewed response from Interim President Wilks regarding ICE on campus
- Discussed that restroom stalls have gaps that are too wide and is making students uncomfortable. Discussed that equal access legal language should be reposted outside of all restrooms.
- Welcomed visitors from the Muslim Student Association- the president, treasurer, two other members, as well as Mohamed Sofaini, a Computer Lab Technician from the Modern Languages Department (who the students identified as an advisor in an unofficial capacity and a liaison to the MSA)- in order to include input from the association regarding the proposed event on Islamophobia. The president, Talibah Khwaja, suggested workshops to help educate and break misconceptions about Islam and Muslims. Discussed various ways to advertise for the event. Discussed organizing an event by the Student Affairs Subcommittee of the Academic Senate as well as supporting the MSA to put on other events. Discussed that funding for these events may come from the various heritage months that BMCC holds. It was also brought up that certain Arabic courses in the Modern Languages department were scheduled to meet on Fridays between 12-2pm, which is the time for prayer for Muslims, causing many students to miss out on the opportunity.

Submitted to: Sarah Salm by Sharon Brickman