

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
The City University of New York

**COLLEGE COUNCIL**

**Minutes**

**November 27, 2019**

Everyone attended except:

Domenick Acocella	Jun Liang Rice
Jean Amaral	Yolanda Medina
James Berg	Kaddy Monoh
James Blake	John Montanez
Sharon Brickman	Abel Navarro
Horace Brockington	Serine Ndiaye
Henry Bulley	Melanie Oram
Arthur Cain	Atef Osamah
Louis Chan	Manita Pavel
Gina Cherry	Alicia Perdomo
Gerald Clock	Fred Peskoff
Anthony Creaco	Manny Romero
Abraham Dasney	Elena Samuels
Yvonne Devers	Rebecca Smart
Noor Earpy	Liany Stronconi
Judy Eng	Ali Syed
Monica Foust	Kiberwossen Tesfagiorgis
Abdoul-Hanane Gbadamassi	Janice Walters
Maxine Hunter	Cynthia Wiseman
Michael Hutmaker	Abubakar Yussif
Talibah Khwaja	Emily Zheng
Deborah Lane	Janice Zummo

- I. Interim President Karrin Wilks called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
  - A. The October 23, 2019 College Council Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
- III. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. The Campus Technology Committee presented a report. The report will be available on the website.
    1. Data storage use varies by department, some exceeding their quota while other staying well below. People significantly over quota are being contacted and alternative options are being offered, as this has costs.
    2. New policies and procedures from CUNY taskforce determined that the Technology Fee Committee should have significant student representation. BMCC already does well, but will increase student

representation. Three students will be elected by the Student Government. Student survey is required on student satisfaction with Technology, this will be added to existing survey. Plans and reports are available on the website.

Questions/Comments:

- a. Deadline December 21<sup>st</sup> for data storage issues is flexible.
- b. Dropbox is now available, can it be used for departments? No, they are tied to individuals. More department space can be provided.

B. Facilities and Security Committee presented a report.

1. Update on request to expand the Reflection room. Still looking for possible options.

Questions/Comments:

- a. Are rooms at other buildings being considered? Not this point.
- b. Timeline for renovation? About a month to plan and then construction. Not before 4 months.
- c. Is there a schedule for the use of the Reflection room? No, it is always open to everybody when classes are in session.

#### IV. INTERIM PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Strategic planning update. (See website)

1. On Strategic planning last week there were three student forums to get in as much student input as possible. About 100 students participated; feedback will be analyzed and posted on the website Strategic planning update.
2. The six working groups continued their work.
3. Mapping on recommendation is available, Phase II is using recommendations from Phase I. In regard to questions from AS Committees, look at the focus areas, if they overlap please communicate.
4. What works for student success, on the evidence predicting on-time graduation the three main factors are: full-time status, being in a cohort program and being matriculated in programs with defined pathways. The top three degree programs that did better on timely success were Accounting, Teacher Education and Criminal Justice. Immersion and CUNYStart have been very effective. Co-requisite courses, tutoring and mentoring programs also had an impact on retention, as well as First year Success Program. Data is available on the website.
5. Faculty/staff credit bearing first year success courses will not be ready for Spring but for next Fall.

B. BMCC was deemed eligible for the Aspen Prize for the first time, as one of 150 Community Colleges. This is based on five years of continued improvement, and relatively high graduation rates. The next phase is a complex application that is ongoing.

Questions/Comments:

- a. What is the prize? One million dollars for the College. It is also an opportunity to publicize best practices.
- b. Outreach to at risk students? Pizza with the president is an attempt to reach students at probation. New student survey also attempts to collect information. Students with lower CAAs were more likely to go on probation, they are being approached and data is being collected.
- c. It was suggested dropping in on classes. Interim President Wilks welcomes the idea.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. There are many technology issues with teaching computers mostly at Murray and Fitterman that remain unresolved after calls for assistance.

VII. Interim President Wilks adjourned the meeting at 2:35 pm.