



Borough of Manhattan Community College  
The City University of New York  
Academic Senate

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Agenda  
February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Via Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

III. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

III.A. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE:

III.A.1. **New Course:** MES 160 World History of Animation

**Description:** This course introduces students to seminal works of animation across time and cultures and through the lens of technical innovations, socio-political contexts and aesthetic movements.

**Vote:** The motion to approve the proposal passed: 12-0-0.

III.A.2. **New Pathways Course:** MES 160 World History of Animation

**Description:** This course is being proposed in the World Cultures and Global issues Pathways Flexible Core bucket.

**Vote:** The motion to approve the proposal passed: 12-0-0.

III.A.3. **Curriculum Revision:** Community Health Education

**Description:** This revision updates the major to include Health Communication as one of the Areas of Study. This will better align the major with health communications B.S. programs, and broaden students' ability to focus in an area of interest to them. With the addition there will be five possible areas of study.

**Vote:** The motion to approve the proposal passed: 12-0-0.

III.B. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

III.C. INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE – resolution (below)

III.D. ACADEMIC STANDING COMMITTEE

III.E. COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS – resolution (below)

III.F. ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

III.G. ACADEMIC FREEDOM COMMITTEE

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. OLD BUSINESS – grading policy

VII. ADJOURNMENT

**BMCC: Academic Senate Instruction Committee**

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE N/C GRADE

WHEREAS BMCC's current NC policy converts earned letter grades of C- or below to an NC for students who have opted in, and

WHEREAS CUNY policy requires that only earned F grades can be converted to NC,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that BMCC's NC policy should read as follows. (The relevant change is to item #5 only).

- 1) All degree programs may opt-in, opt-out, or adapt the NC grade option for individual classes within their department, subject to the approval of the BMCC Academic Senate.
- 2) The option to take a course as NC will only be offered to freshmen.
- 3) A freshman is defined as a student who has earned 30 credits or less, including transfer credits. Non-credit bearing remedial classes will not be included in these 30 credits.
- 4) A freshman may apply to take a maximum of 8 credits, or 2 classes, as NC.
- 5) A student who requests and is granted the NC option, and earns an F grade, will receive an NC grade instead. A student who requests and is granted the NC option, and earns a grade of D- or above will receive their earned grade.
- 6) Students should be encouraged to consult with their instructor when requesting the option of an NC grade, ideally via a pop-up or certification on the NC application form.
- 7) Students who opt for an NC grade can participate in the student evaluation process.

**BMCC: Academic Senate Student Affairs Committee**

Whereas all CUNY students have the right to be referred to according to their designated name and/or personal pronouns according to New York City law as well as CUNY policy,

Be it resolved that a landing page explaining how to change gender and preferred name at BMCC be created by Public Affairs,

and be it also resolved that we add the following language to college syllabus templates:

BMCC students have the right to be referred to according to their designated name and/or personal pronouns and have the right to use the restroom of their choice according to their identification. For

information on how to change your gender and preferred name at CUNY, go here:  
<https://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/student-affairs/lgbtq/>