

Borough of Manhattan Community College/CUNY

Student Affairs Committee

Annual Report 2015-2016

Committee Members: Joel Barker, Nickla Galloway- Brown, Gerard Clock, Marva Craig, , Lisa Grace, Jae Ki Lee ,Joseph Picetaggiz (Guest),

Officers: Chair, Lisa Grace, Secretary, Jae Ki Lee, Liaison to the Executive Committee, Joel Barker.

The Student Affairs Committee met this year on the eight Wednesdays designated for meetings of Standing Committees of the Academic Senate. There are no minutes for May 2016 because of a lack of a quorum, no minutes were recorded. Minutes for all the other meetings are available online on the Academic Senate website.

On the first meeting of the academic year, besides elections of officers the committee reviewed its purpose. The committee discussed retention, orientation, and service to the community and scholarship. Vice President Craig emphasized the importance of BMCC engaging in service to the community as well as service to the student. Service learning and service to the community were the major focus of the committee throughout this academic year.

The committee accomplished an activity that was service to the student. The Early Alert Response System (EARS) was piloted during the semester. The Office of Student affairs introduced the Stall Street Journal, which posted student related information in the bathrooms throughout the campus.

The committee also accomplished an activity that was service to the community. The committee focused on developing a community service project for the Fall 2015 Semester. The theme was Paying it Forward-A Thankful Experience which encouraged faculty, staff members and students clubs to engage in volunteering throughout the city.

The committee commenced other activities that were not completed during the current academic year and are being referred to the new committee for the next academic year for their consideration.

Recommendations

1. The committee should consider doing a large scale paying it forward- a thankful experience in collaboration with the volunteer fair.
2. Faculty should be encouraged to include service learning as a component of their course.
3. Club advisors should encourage students to do more service and service learning.

4. Faculty should be informed of volunteer opportunities available to students and how these could be documented on their co-curricular transcript.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Grace, Chair