



College Council

2013-2014 Committee on Campus Life and Student Issues

Final Report

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Committee Accomplishments:

The committee met six times this past year. Items discussed pertaining to the concerns of students included: CUNYfirst, technology, books, campus atmosphere, and SGA eligibility. These concerns were shared with the appropriate areas on campus including Academic Affairs, Instructional Technology, Library, Academic Advising, Student Activities, and Facilities. Many items were addressed or will be followed up next academic year.

The discussion on services included:

- The committee discussed CUNYfirst and trying to enhance the features. Some items that were discussed and shared with the appropriate office included: building Panther-like features into CUNYfirst such as adding a message for items in cart not selected and navigation features, single sign on. It was suggested that the school email be activated at the point of acceptance.
- Technology was discussed including Faculty concerns about the readiness of the classrooms at the start of the semester and suggested that all rooms with AV equipment

be checked before classes begin. The suggestion to have a joint meeting with the Committee on Technology of the College Council was recommended and agreed upon for the November meeting. This resulted in a “print only” pilot to alleviate backlog of students waiting in line at a lab to use a printer.

- Services for students were discussed including tutoring, food services, and book availability in the library. This led to the discussion of the cost of books for future consideration, including the increase use of on-line texts, and limiting the use of the newest edition where possible. Some departments are exploring these options.
- Another item raised was creating a welcome and inviting atmosphere on campus specifically for the cafeteria area. Using the current design of the Fiterman café is very pleasing. This led to further discussion about the overall atmosphere on campus, both physical plant and civility. This dovetailed into discussing communication and using the BMCC email to share of information with the community.
- The committee proposed an upper credit limit of 56 earned credits for students to serve on the Student Government Association (SGA). Data was presented that showed many students were serving on SGA that have graduated prior to or during their 1-year term. Also of those students running for SGA with more than 56 credits, they averaged almost 67 credits earned (this is compared to the average number of earned credits for graduates during this time was between 66-67 credits over the same time period.) The College Council did not approve this proposal.

Goals for Next Year’s Committee:

The committee will continued to address the concerns raised at the meetings as well as following up on some of the concerns raised this year to ensure that they have been addressed. Specific items to be follow up on are text options, printing issues, creating a welcoming environment.

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