

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
The City University of New York

COLLEGE COUNCIL

Minutes

April 23, 2014

Everyone attended except:

Arthur Cain
Louis Chan
Sophia Clark
Corinne Crawford
Yakov Genis
Michael Gillespie
Sunil Gupta
Dominic Henry
Joel Hernandez
Cynthia Karasek
Joosik Kim
Geoffrey Kurtz
Andrew Levy
Mary March

Gloria McNamara
Robert Messina
Nancy Natelli
Obalaji Olabodi
Alessandra Peralta-Avila
Lucio Prado
Davendra Ranglall
Charles Ray
Lesley Rennis
Barry Rosen
Vernon Smith
June Soto
Linda Wadas
Zhana Yablokova

- I. President Pérez called the meeting to order at 2:12 pm.
- II. The minutes of the March 26, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.
- III. President's Report
 - A. President Pérez introduced Dr. Karrin E. Wilks, who will become Provost and Senior Vice President on June 3, 2014. Dr. Wilks will be working closely with Acting Provost and Senior Vice President Robert Messina until then to insure a smooth transition.
 - B. President Pérez recognized the search committee and commended them for their hard work
- IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. The Campus Facilities and Security Committee presented an update.
 1. Vice President Scott Anderson reported that all the trailers on West Street have been removed.
 2. Next spring, all windows at 199 Chambers Street will be changed out with windows that can be opened.
 - B. The Campus Life and Student Issues Committee presented a report and an item for action. (See Attachment # 1.)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS: The Student Government Association presented as an information item a resolution passed by the SGA (See Attachment # 2.)

VIII. President Pérez adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.

Committee on Campus Life and Student Issues

April 23, 2014

Committee on Campus Life and Student Issues

Proposal:

Students with fifty-six (56) or more earned credits may not serve in the Student Government Association (SGA).

Committee on Campus Life and Student Issues

Background

- Some students running for SGA had accumulated over eighty (80) credits.
- We reviewed the data for the student leaders for 6 consecutive years of SGA.
- Data does not include this year's SGA.

Committee on Campus Life and Student Issues

Background - SGA

- Student Government Association (SGA) is comprised of nineteen (19) members:
 - Four (4) Executives: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary
 - Fifteen (15) Senators.
- Students are elected to serve in SGA for a term of one year: July 1st-June 30th.

Committee on Campus Life and Student Issues

Background - Eligibility

Eligibility Requirements:

CUNY:

- Must be matriculated in a degree or credit-bearing certificate program.
- May serve no more than three years in SGA (for community colleges).
- Must pass 50% of the credits attempted the previous semester.
- Must be registered for at least six (6) actual credits.
- Minimum GPA: President-2.5, All others- 2.0.

BMCC:

- Must have already earned twelve (12) BMCC credits.

SGA Constitution:

- Raised Minimum GPA:
 - President-2.8
 - Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary-2.5
 - Senators-2.3

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Background – Eligibility precedence

Other CUNY Schools with upper limitations:

Bronx Community College

- Students with 56 credits or more may not serve in student government.

LaGuardia Community College

- Students who have filed “Intent to Graduate” may not serve in student government.

Hunter College

- Students with 120 credits or more may not serve in student government.

Brooklyn College

- No student graduating may serve in student government.

Committee on Campus Life and Student Issues

Background – Credit Accumulation

BMCC SGA Student Credit Accumulation Timeline:

- February - Students apply to run in the student election
 - eligibility is based on academic progress through winter session.
- April - Elections take place.
- May – **Students earn credits from spring semester.**
- July – Students begin SGA term.
- August – Fall semester begins.
- December – **Students earn credits from fall semester.**
- February – Next spring semester begins.
- May – **Students earn credits from spring.**
- June – Students complete their SGA service.

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Background – Credit Accumulation

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


- EX. 24 cr ○ February - Students apply to run in the student election
 - eligibility is based on academic progress through winter session.
- April - Elections take place.
- + 12cr ○ May – **Students earn credits from spring semester.**
- 36cr** ○ July – Students begin SGA term.
- August – Fall semester begins.
- +12 cr ○ December – **Students earn credits from fall semester.**
- 48 cr ○ February – Next spring semester begins.
- +12 cr ○ May – **Students earn credits from spring.**
- 60 cr ○ June – Students complete their SGA service.

Data

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Year A




Position	CREDITS		GRAD
	Running	Leaving	
1 Member E	12	67	SP. GRAD
2 Member E	28	58	FA. GRAD
3 Member E	38	77	FA. GRAD
4 Member E	55	77	No
5 Member E	30	79	SP. GRAD
6 Member E 2	36	60	SP. GRAD
7 Member	34	57	SP. GRAD
8 Member E	26	47	SP. GRAD
9 Member	31	54	No
10 Member	21	45	FA GRAD
11 Member E N	24	24	No
12 Member E 2N	93	101	SU. GRAD
13 Member E N	35	35	No
14 Member E N	36	36	No
15 Member E F	54	66	FA. GRAD
16 Member E F	69	75	W. GRAD
17 Member E F	24	35	No
18 Member S	63	72	SU. GRAD
19 Member S	37	51	SP. GRAD
20 Member S	24	37	SP. GRAD
21 Member S	22	35	No
22 Member S	53	65	SU. GRAD
23 Member S	27	40	SP. GRAD

 Over 56 running and ending
 Earned degree during SGA term
 Earned degree prior to SGA term

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Year B




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	Running	Leaving	
1 Member E 1.5	23	62	No
2 Member E 3	84	103	FA. GRAD
3 Member E	17	51	No
4 Member E	52	75	SP. GRAD
5 Member E	52	78	SP. GRAD
6 Member E	40	76	FA. GRAD
7 Member E	59	86	SP. GRAD
8 Member E	36	67	SP. GRAD
9 Member E 2	56	92	SP. GRAD
10 Member E 3	81	102	SU. GRAD
11 Member E	31	71	SP. GRAD
12 Member E 1.5	15	67	SP. GRAD
13 Member E 2	60	84	FA. GRAD
14 Member E	15	52	FA. GRAD
15 Member E N	21	29	No
16 Member E N	33	46	SP. GRAD
17 Member E N	58	77	No
18 Member E F	52	76	FA. GRAD
19 Member E F	34	61	FA. GRAD
20 Member S	32	42	No
21 Member S	44	54	No
22 Member S	17	23	No
23 Member S	59	66	SP. GRAD
24 Member 1.5S	51	61	SP. GRAD

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Year C

Position	CREDITS		GRAD
	Running	Leaving	
1 Member E 2	51	83	FA. GRAD
2 Member E 3	45	75	W. GRAD
3 Member E 2	58	77	FA. GRAD
4 Member E	35	68	SP. GRAD
5 Member E	24	59	No
6 Member E	23	31	No
7 Member E	21	53	FA. GRAD
8 Member E 2	32	66	SU. GRAD
9 Member E	23	48	SP. GRAD
10 Member E	21	56	FA. GRAD
11 Member E	26	64	SU. GRAD
12 Member E	19	59	SP. GRAD
13 Member E	15	49	SP. GRAD
14 Member E N	26	35	No
15 Member E 2F	54	67	No
16 Member E F	21	52	SU. GRAD
17 Member E 2F	59	70	SU. GRAD
18 Member E F	37	57	No
19 Member S	42	59	SU. GRAD
20 Member S	49	63	FA. GRAD
21 Member S	51	61	SP. GRAD
22 Member S	35	53	FA. GRAD




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Year D




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	Running	Leaving	
1 Member E	29	47	FA. GRAD
2 Member E 2	27	67	SP. GRAD
3 Member E 2	63	90	FA. GRAD
4 Member E	22	56	SP. GRAD
5 Member E	32	64	SP. GRAD
6 Member E	25	75	SP. GRAD
7 Member E	31	69	SP. GRAD
8 Member E	17	63	SP. GRAD
9 Member 2	75	88	SU. GRAD
10 Member E	19	40	SP. GRAD
11 Member E 2	21	71	SP. GRAD
12 Member E	13	44	No
13 Member	34	67	No
14 Member 2	58	65	FA. GRAD
15 Member E	30	66	FA. GRAD
16 Member E	34	66	SP. GRAD
17 Member E N	42	50	FA. GRAD
18 Member E N	25	28	SP. GRAD
19 Member E 2F	25	52	No
20 Member E 2F	33	57	FA. GRAD
21 Member S	15	29	SP. GRAD
22 Member S	62	72	SP. GRAD
23 Member S	23	36	No

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Year E




Position	CREDITS		GRAD
	Running	Leaving	
1 Member E	35	59	SU. GRAD
2 Member E	34	63	SP. GRAD
3 Member E 2	47	80	SP. GRAD
4 Member E	44	80	SP. GRAD
5 Member E	54	74	SP. GRAD
6 Member E	12	37	No
7 Member E	14	45	No
8 Member E	22	65	SP. GRAD
9 Member E	12	42	No
10 Member E	19	42	SP. GRAD
11 Member E 2	43	67	FA. GRAD
12 Member E 2	40	71	SP. GRAD
13 Member E	35	67	SU. GRAD
14 Member E 2	36	74	SP. GRAD
15 Member E	73	101	SU. GRAD
16 Member E 1.5N	51	61	SP. GRAD
17 Member E 1.5N	42	59	SU. GRAD
18 Member E 3F	77	92	FA. GRAD
19 Member E 3F	71	83	FA. GRAD
20 Member S	77	86	SP. GRAD
21 Member S	26	32	No
22 Member S	52	73	SP. GRAD

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Year F

Position	CREDITS		GRAD
	Running	Leaving	
1 Member E 2	37	72	No
2 Member E 1.5	44	68	SP. GRAD
3 Member E	25	67	SP. GRAD
4 Member E 2	72	92	SP. GRAD
5 Member E	72	73	SP. GRAD
6 Member E 2	71	94	SP. GRAD
7 Member E	29	67	No
8 Member E	31	65	SP. GRAD
9 Member E	25	62	SP. GRAD
10 Member E	21	47	No
11 Member E	12	67	SP. GRAD
12 Member E	43	66	No
13 Member E	22	59	No
14 Member E 1.5N	17	23	No
15 Member E 2.5N	51	61	SP. GRAD
16 Member E 2F	68	94	FA. GRAD
17 Member E 1.5F	32	49	No
18 Member E F	37	58	No
19 Member F	59	65	FA. GRAD
20 Member E	41	41	No
21 Member S	30	57	SP. GRAD
22 Member S	24	46	No
23 Member S	12	26	No
24 Member S	19	32	No
25 Member S	41	50	No

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1	Member	E	1.5	23	62	No		
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7	Member	E		59	86	SP. GRAD		
8	Member	E		36	67	SP. GRAD		
9	Member	E	2	56	92	SP. GRAD		
10	Member	E	3	81	102	SU. GRAD		
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Data – Students who have Graduated serving on SGA

- 24 of 139 students graduated **before** or **during** their SGA service
 - 10 during their term
 - 14 prior to the start of their term
- 15 of these 24 students began their term with more than 56 credits.

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Data – 56 credit population

- According to BMCC IR, for the spring 2014 semester, there are **1,128 students** who have already earned 56+ credits (approx 4.8% of the student body).
- 17% of SGA members during the population reviewed, have earned 56 or more credits at the start of their SGA service.

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Data - Credits Earned

According to BMCC Office of Institutional Research
(BMCC IR):

- BMCC graduates (2007-2013)

Avg total credits earned = **66 - 67 credits.**

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Data – Credits Earned (SGA)

- 115 of 139 students began their SGA service with less than 56 earned credits
 - Avg # of earned credits at start of SGA service = 31.7
 - Avg # of earned credits at end of SGA service = 56.4

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Data – Credits Earned (SGA)

- 115 of 139 students began their SGA service with less than 56 earned credits
 - Avg # of earned credits at **start** of SGA service = 31.7
 - Avg # of earned credits at **end** of SGA service = 56.4
- 24 of 139 students began their SGA service with 56 or more earned credits
 - Avg # of earned credits at **start** of SGA service = 67.5
 - Avg # of earned credits at **end** of SGA service = 84.5

Committee on Campus Life and Student Issues

Proposal:

Students with fifty-six (56) or more earned credits may not serve in the Student Government Association (SGA).

Committee on Campus Life and Student Issues

Thank You.

College Administrations *Pathway* to Control Student Leaders

SGA Resolution to the Academic Senate, April 23, 2014

1. **Whereas:** The administration's proposal to place student leaders at a disadvantage by barring students with 40 or more credits from serving as student leaders.
2. **Whereas:** We view this policy as an effort to rob the students of the wealth of knowledge and guidance derived from student leaders with 40 or more credits.
Whereas: We deem it essential to have experience student leaders to effectively negotiate with the administration on such complex matters as budgeting, the working of the Board of Directors of the BMCC Association, and Auxiliary Enterprise Board.
3. **Whereas:** this proposal will give the College Administration a decisive advantage in dealing with newly elected students unfamiliar with the above named functioning of these boards that oversee the expenditures of their activity fee of close to 1 million dollars.
4. **Whereas:** The President already negates student leaders access to information, and expert advice, by barring student government faculty advisors from attending meeting of the student government and his office, knowing full well that without our advisors, we are robbed of benefit of institutional history, valuable guidance and information on critical issues that impact students. Yet the President always has his advisors present at these meetings to advise him on the issues we bring to the table.
5. **Whereas:** We strongly believe in the right of every student to fully participate in the life of the college, Students pay a student activity fee which gives them that right. The college administration proposal It reflective of the conservative and right wing Tea Party efforts to suppress the Black and Hispanic vote by placing restrictions on who can participate in this great democracy.
6. **Whereas:** The college administration since the tenure of VP Craig Vice President, has continuously failed in their attempts to prevent the election of a progressive student government that strongly advocates for students rights and stand up to the

administration when those rights are abridged.

7. **Whereas:** The proposal is nothing but an act of desperation, by the college administration to undermine the student government election process, control the student government and place newly elected inexperienced student leaders who without the benefit of the knowledge and experience more seasoned leaders can be easily manipulated by the college. Administration.
8. **Whereas:** The college administration disregards the reality that students are taxed a "Student Activity Fee, not the college administration or faculty, to impose a rule to limit students who pay student fees and meet the eligibility standards set forth in the SGA constitution amounts to **taxation without representation,**
9. **Whereas:** It is **impertinent** and an affront to our intelligence to think that we cannot see that this policy is nothing but a power grab by the Administration ***to control and manipulate newly elected*** student leaders who will enter government without the benefit of the knowledge and experience of their fellow students leaders.
10. **Whereas:** The college administration is fully aware that for more than three years the student leaders worked hard on revising their student government constitution, during that period we received much input from the office of student activities, and Vice President Craig, at **NO TIME**, did they bring up the issue of limiting the participation of students based on the 40 or more credits,
11. **Whereas:** It is disingenuous, that after getting the revised constitution on the ballot and approved by the student body, that the Vice President and her staff is now wants to undermine our constitution by raising this issue after the fact.

Finally we feel that the Campus Climate Committee should be focusing on developing student success strategies that address the depressing graduation and retention rates and the horrifically poor orientation programs that contribute to the college losing 40% of incoming freshmen after 3 years.