

Budget Committee Report to the College Council
9/28/2016

1. The Budget Committee met on 9/26/16 and reviewed FY16-17 operating budget allocation memo from Matthew Sapienza, CUNY Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance. The highlights of FY 16-17 budget allocation are the following:
 - The State base aid per student FTE increased by \$100.
 - The City support has increased, largely to support the expansion of ASAP and STEM programs.
 - Current fall 2016 enrollment numbers show a decrease from last fall's level, which may have significant tuition revenue implications. While there are demographic and economic trends that are contributing to this decline, it should not be viewed as a short-term problem. University is not imposing a mandatory revenue reserve at this point, but cautions the colleges to accumulate their contingency funds and consider reductions of expenditures in their financial plans, which should allow to manage future enrollment levels. It was approved to increase the contingency reserves from 3% to 4% by the end of FY16-17 and BMCC is planning to meet this recommendation.
 - Beginning from FY16-17 state funding for community colleges will be used to cover a portion of University-wide shared services, and hosting services of CUNY's IT system.
 - FY16-17 base budget includes items funded outside of the model, similar to the prior year, including the revenue from tuition increases, efficiency and philanthropy targets. This addition makes a big difference and will allow BMCC and other community colleges to provide financial support to the initiative and programs, which were funded thru the Compact budget in the past.

In addition, the college will receive traditional Lump Sum allocations including recurring allocations for College Now, CUE, College Discovery, CUNY Start, and some other new programs.

College will continue using the Technology fee to support the improvements in IT infrastructure and equipment upgrades that directly benefit the instructions and students services.

The Revenue budget was discussed. FY 16-17 revenue targets for community colleges are aligned with revenue collected the previous year and adjusted to ensure that funds are distributed equitably across the colleges. The FY16-17 tuition revenue target for BMCC is \$111,660.

The College submitted the draft of its balanced financial plan, which outlines in the aggregated form its financial resources and their allocation to personnel services and OTPS expenses. This draft was presented to the Budget Committee for review. The recommendations of budget

committee members to increase spending for faculty development (including travel) and upgrading the software packages used by the academic departments was communicated to the Office of Academic Affairs.

The University Budget Office is working with College budget personnel on closing the FY15-16 and once the year-end report will be issued it will be presented to the committee and College Council.