

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
The City University of New York

COLLEGE COUNCIL

Minutes
September 30, 2015

Everyone attended except:

John Aderounmu
Hadar Baranes
Eugenio Barrios
Juan Batista
Raymond Blake
James Blake
Louis Chan
Marva Craig
Francesco Crocco
Jeffrey Ekwealor
Jose Fernandez
Erik Freas
Nickla Galloway-Brown
Leidy Guerrero
Sunil Gupta

Joel Hernandez
Michael Hutmaker
Katherine Jaramillo
ShuHuey Jenner
Brianna Johannes
Amparo Lopez-Moreno
Liany Marcial
John Montanez
Nuhall Nuare
Mahatapa Palit
Davendra Ranglall
Giselle Toby
Bryant Viloría
Joanne Zak
Naida Zukic

- I. President Pérez called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.
- II. President Pérez reported on developments over the summer.
 - A. Mecca High School
 1. 200 students
 2. Competitive admissions – 7 applicants for every space.
 - B. New art show at Fiterman Gallery
 - C. Summer Tuition program was a great success. We hope to duplicate the program for the Winter Semester.
 - D. The Gear Up program will start in the Spring Semester. We will partner with the business community to provide paid internships and other opportunities for our students.
 - E. One-Stop site will be opening soon in the Murray Street building.
 - F. The bookstore has moved into what was once the space for Reprographics in 199 Chambers Street.
 - G. Admissions will move into the former bookstore space.

- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - A. The minutes of the May 27, 2015 College Council Organizational Meeting were unanimously approved.
- IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. The Technology Committee presented a report. (See Appendix A)
 - B. Vice President Joseph Spadaro previewed the new BMCC app for smart phones and tablets. (See Appendix B)
- VI. OLD BUSINESS – There was no Old Business.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS: - There was no New Business
- VIII. President Pérez adjourned the meeting at 2:50 pm.

Technology Committee

Minutes from the Sept 2, 2015 meeting

Present: Mr. Louis Chan, Prof Adolfina Koroch, Mr. Thomas Lew, MS Liany Marcial,

Absent: VP Joseph Spadaro

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm in S710

1. Student members to the committee will be designated by Student Life.
2. Technology updates:
 - a. Media Center studio being updated to support 4K with control room.
 - b. Replace Avid editing stations with Mac computers.
 - c. PC lab replacements.
 - d. College network upgrade.
 - e. Wireless upgrade to support 802.11ac standard.
 - f. IT division – new center to house the division in one physical space.
 - g. Mobile App v1.0 demonstration.
 - h. Mobile upgrades may include: student evaluations, bookstore inventory, Library material availability.
3. Technology fee updates:
 - a. Equipment plans
 - b. Digital wayfinding
 - c. Studio lighting and control room.
 - d. Event management System
4. Recommendations:
 - a. Faculty notifications prior to upgrades to labs.
 - b. IMacs – Blu-ray players on teacher stations in labs to be replaced with super drives or equivalent.
5. Q&A Email attachment size = 35 MB.
Instructions for accessing “G” drive on iMacs.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for 10/7/15.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Lew

Appendix B

Demonstration of the BMCC mobile app by VP Joe Spadaro College Council Meeting 9-30-15

Background

- The app was developed in-house by 4 BMCC staff, led by Peter Dinh
- Development started in early summer
- Based on the latest technology, also used by Walmart and Amazon

There was a demonstration of each functionality (**bold**) based in student or faculty login

My BMCC

- For faculty, displays courses taught, time, location and roster. Faculty can email single student or entire class
- For students, displays courses enrolled, time, location, textbook info

Classmates

- A BMCC original, real time chat for each class/section
- Automatically put into chat room once enrolled in a section
- Faculty put into chat rooms of sections they are teaching

Courses

- The BMCC course catalog, searchable by subject and key word
- Shows availability of courses for registration purposes

Directory

- Online directory of faculty and staff
- Will automatically set up phone call or email using device's native application

The four features listed above are "near real-time" since CUNY does not allow access to the "live" data from CUNYfirst. Information on the BMCC app is current as of midnight the previous evening.

Events

- Real-time calendar and event information from the BMCC website

News

- Real-time news from the BMCC website

Videos

- In-app viewer of videos from BMCC YouTube channel

Photos

- Photo stream from BMCC Public Affairs office

Email

- Web browser interface to student or faculty email accounts

PC labs

- Shows real-time availability of public access lab computers in Chambers, Murray and Fiterman labs

Emergency

- x8080 and 911 access, "locate me" feature to be integrated with interactive way finding feature in future versions of the app

BMCC map

- Shows College building locations on a map of lower Manhattan. To be integrated with way finding feature in future versions of the app

There are in-app links to the "Hub" information website and the library website. The app uses information from existing sources rather than creating new content. It is not a replacement for the College website but rather a tool to enhance and enable the student and faculty experience.

The app is being tested by outside firms for security and load capacity. Once the security and load tests are complete, the app will be submitted to the Apple App Store and the Google Play store. The app will be available for both Android and Apple devices at no cost. Availability on Google play will be immediate while Apple can take up to 14 business days to approve the mobile app.

Future enhancements will include: access to the daily cafeteria specials; interactive way finding using beacon technology; availability of textbooks at the bookstore and in the library; functionality for Adult and Continuing Education students; and other features as suggested if feasible.