

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
The City University of New York

COLLEGE COUNCIL

Minutes

April 22th, 2020

Everyone attended except:

Hussein Abdullal D
James Blake
Sharon Brickman
Irons Burgos
Melissa Butler
Arthur Cain
Anson Cheng
Marva Craig
Anthony Creaco
Yvonne Devers
Mariama Faye
Erik Freas
Deborah Gambs
Lane Glisson

Sunil Gupta
Benjamin Haas
Joel Hernandez
Maxine Hunter
Samvel Jeshmaridian
Deborah Lane
Jun Liang Rice
Irving Mitchell
Claire Pamplin
Jessica Roman
Rifat Salam
Achraf Seyam
Kibrewossen Tesfagiorgis
Josh Wolfson

- I. Interim President Karrin Wilks called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - A. The February 26th, 2020 College Council Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
- III. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. The Campus Life and Student Issues Committee presented a Report
 1. CUNY bought laptops for Students that are currently being mailed to students, no longer picked-up. Students in need of laptops may still request them. There are laptops available.
 2. The Panther Pantry is open for limited hours and is serving many students by appointment. More than 400 students did RSVP to pick-up food.
 3. Student affairs is sending emails to students about laptops, food pantry, emergency funds. Students sent thousands of emails that are being answered.
 4. VP Craig has had five Zoom Forums with the Students, 350 students participated and asked questions.
 5. Students that stopped showing-up for online classes and were reported on Starfish are being reached.

6. CUNY obtained 26M in emergency grants of which 13M will go directly to students through CUNY. Students will be able to apply for emergency grants, over 600 students requested assistance.

B. The Campus Technology Committee presented a report.

1. We have been taking all we do in real life and putting it online as quickly as possible. Zoom was acquired recently, and we already had 12615 meetings 175209 participants. We had a few incidents of Zoom bombing, contact Dennis Caldon for anything Zoom related. Tips on how to be secure in Zoom is in COVID resources in the E-learning section, Zoom Tab.
2. People working from home are being provided the same functionality as in the office, virtual call centers were created for various service desks with the same numbers. Chromebooks are still being processed for faculty and staff. All services are processing a high volume of calls. Access to office computers is being provided remotely. Virtual labs were created for access to some teaching software, more being provided, ask for what is needed.
3. Jorge Yafar and his team are thanked for going into offices and connecting computers for people to have remote access.

Questions/Comments:

1. Access to software from desk computers at home will be made possible as requested.
2. Students who received Chrome books and WiFi hotspots may keep them for Summer Session. Hotspots still available, cell phones can also be used as hotspots.
3. Students with tech issues should call the service desk.
4. Virtual computer access for students will be advertised.
5. Chromebooks do not work for some editing software and Adobe, options are being provided and faculty are being flexible with what they require.
6. Requests of loaner laptops for Faculty go through the Chairs and then through Student Affairs, only chromebooks are available at this moment, more laptops on way.

C. Campus Facilities and Security Committee

1. The operation and functionality of the building has been modified and secured. Essential projects are being dealt with, everything else is postponed. Payroll and building trades are in the building, with compact schedules, as is public safety. There are enough people to support the infrastructure of the IT Department.

D. Budget Committee

1. Find the report attached for this Fiscal year and what is known for the next. More will be known in June.

IV. INTERIM PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Thanks all for all the effort to move everything online and the dedication of Faculty and Staff that are making meaningfully connecting with students.
- B. Summer will also go online, but instead of tactical emergency response mode to a strategic higher level of excellence and better experience to everyone. Professional development will be available over Summer. Summer enrollment is down 25%, attempts to increase enrollment are ongoing. Professional development will be also available to Staff, such as advisement, tutoring etc.
- C. It is not known how CUNY will give the \$13M to Students, fundraising is essential as the city will be financially worse before getting better. The CARES act is restrictive on whom can receive funds and BMCC wants to support all students. Donations to the BMCC emergency fund are encouraged.
- D. As mental health and self-care is a priority Forums on the subject were provided and there are more planned and advertised.
- E. Fall is planned 50% face to face and 50% online, this is aspirational, we will only return to campus when it is safe, the State and CUNY make the decision.
- F. Budget is serious and bound to get worst as there is the possibility of a callback.
- G. State of the college will be streamed on May 5th 1-2pm.
- H. Strategic Planning is at work to present the Designing for Success Strategic Plan in September.

Questions/Comments:

- a. Is Fall the same for Main Campus and Learning Across America? Fall still unknown.
- V. Interim President Wilks adjourned the meeting at 2:58 pm.