

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
The City University of New York

COLLEGE COUNCIL

Minutes

March 23rd, 2022

Everyone attended except:

Joel Barker	Christine Jacknick
Arthur Cain	Orlando Justo
Gina Cherry	Brian Kelley
Cheryl Christopher	Cara Kronen
Cheryl Comeau-Kirschner	Deborah Lane
Jason Danison	Ken Levinson
Yvonne Devers	Benjamin Powell
German Garrido	Lesley Rennis
Lisa Grace	Joshua Roifrio
Bernadette Hercules	Rebecca Smart
Michael Hutmaker	Igor Zaitsev

I. President Munroe called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. The February 23th, 2022 College Council minutes were unanimously approved.

III. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES

A. Technology Committee

The committee discussed Zoom security; archive storage; and the availability of public access lab computers. It is now possible to access availability in real time through the Information Resources and Technology (IRT) website. Availability of café computers will be added soon.

The BMCC website is in the process of being moved to a cloud base hosting solution, currently availability issues are being addressed. Limitations are CUNY wide. When the BMCC website is down, other services such as Blackboard may still be accessed through links provided by the Service Desk or the CUNY website.

Questions/Comments

- a. Update to 9.2 CUNYFirst changes user interface, it will be more graphical. Training will be available to all Faculty and Staff.

B. Facilities and Security Committee

The committee discussed ongoing covid protocols; current capital and in-house facility upgrades, including the replacement of the cooling towers. There were two very successful community sessions on re-imagining the outdoor spaces. The school in applying for grants to pay for campus upgrades. Signage is moving from paper to digital video walls.

There was a leak in one of the hydronic heating loops in the north west part of the main building. Damage and mitigation are being addressed by Buildings and Grounds and Engineering.

Questions/Comments

- a. Menstrual products in the bathrooms? Equipment and supplies are being procured by CUNY, Judy Chang is managing the project.
- b. Breastfeeding areas are available by appointment/reservation in the Main Building S-340K, Murray Building (M-317) and Fiterman Building (F-910) <https://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/student-affairs/womens-resource-center/lactation/>

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report is provided below.

The President notes the need for self-care.

AcMo 2.0 Focuses on eliminating transfer issues. Most BMCC students transfer elsewhere. Seven work groups on the different issues impacting transfer are starting at BMCC.

Collaboration with Moody's, Morgan Stanley and Citigroup provide opportunities for student internships.

Questions/ Comments

- a. Faculty may participate in the strategic enrollment management plan by volunteering, voting, and participating in upcoming Townhall. Faculty and Staff will be updated and given the opportunity to give comments and suggestions.
- b. What percentage of students did not participate in the regular Spring semester due to lack of vaccination evidence, financial holds and other limitations? How many are taking more than two express courses? Response was promised for a later date. It was mentioned that many students are taking two or more express courses.
- c. Did the pandemic related FAFSA missed deadlines affect enrollment? Yes, although most managed to make it. The Federal government waived some verifications, which was helpful.
- d. How will the emphasis on workforce development impact academic programs? There may be a need for departments to create new programs or courses.

- e. The Townhall will have opportunities for audience questions and input. More Townhalls will follow with short introductions followed by open discussion.
- f. Consequences of taking too many credits; data on assessment of compressed semesters. Credit accumulation of thirty credits does not necessarily mean fifteen per semester but making use of winter and summer sessions. Good degree maps also are important to avoid waste of time and credits. Data is not available on compressed semesters yet.
- g. Does financial aid pay for winter and summer classes? Not clear.
- h. Minor syllabi adjustments do not need governance approval. Major revisions such as learning objectives do. This is to be determined by the departments.
- i. Faculty should participate in determining what are needed skills in their fields. Yes, with the college providing tools and information.

III. President Munroe adjourned the meeting at 3:02 pm.



President's Report College Council

March 23, 2022

Anthony E. Munroe
BMCC President

INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES

- **INCREASE ENROLLMENT** by enhancing admissions and advising and addressing retention and transfer barriers
- **IMPROVE ALIGNMENT** between academic programming, student demand, and workforce needs through program review, enhancement of online offerings, and expansion of short-term programs
- **REDUCE EQUITY GAPS** through greater support for culturally responsive and sustaining pedagogy and expansion of comprehensive academic and basic needs assistance
- **EXPAND ACCESS** to comprehensive academic and student supports that are associated with greater student outcomes
- **CULTIVATE CAREER PREPARATION**, exploration, and development opportunities for credit and non-credit student populations
- **ENGAGE AND PARTNER** with corporate and philanthropic partners to support academic programming, strengthen career development, and grow financial resources

INCREASE ENROLLMENT

- **Enrollment Update**
 - Spring 2022: 17,098
 - CUNY in The Heights: 360 students - 27 sections - Seats filled: 424
 - Spring Express sessions: 7W1: 656; 8W2: 1,643
- **Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM)** plan is being developed as part of the larger set of BMCC strategic and operational plans.
 - Enrollment Town Hall: 11 a.m., March 29, 2022
 - (in-person) in Theater 2 (virtual) –link to be shared in email message.
- **AcMo (Academic Momentum) 2.0:** focuses on academic advisement, transfer and completion of degree at both the associate and baccalaureate levels with each college having aspirational targets. **AcMo 2.0 Town Hall, 11 a.m., April 11 (in-person in Room N-451, and virtual).**

IMPROVE ALIGNMENT

- Establishment of badging in Health Education
- Development of a Cybersecurity Micro-credential
- Piloting of Skillabi (alignment of skills taught with skills needed by employers) to identify gaps in academic programming/industry skills.

REDUCE EQUITY GAPS

- **Expansion of CETLS workshops on culturally responsive pedagogy**
- **Conexiones & Connections:** prepares students for success at BMCC as well as their transition to a bachelor's degree program and beyond. Students are eligible to receive incentives for active participation including stipends, summer and winter tuition waivers, and opportunities to apply for paid summer leadership and career prep programs.
- **REI Steering Committee** is planning Social Justice Week, **from Monday, April 4 through Friday, April 8**. Theme for the week is: "Your Voice. Our Action. A Better BMCC." Visit the REI website for more details.

EXPAND ACCESS

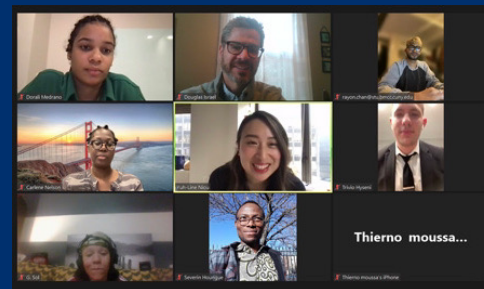
- Cohort Experience for New Students
- Two BMCC programs have been approved by the New York State Education Department:
 - **CTJ: A.A. in Critical Thinking and Justice** housed in Academic Literacy and Linguistics Department
 - **URB: A.A. in Urban Studies** housed in Social Sciences, Human Services and Criminal Justice Department

CULTIVATE CAREER EXPLORATION

ENGAGE AND PARTNER



- **March 8: Moody's** representatives came to visit with BMCC students for an information session re: recruiting summer finance tax interns, information technology positions, and integration office management positions.
- **March 16:** The **BMCC Center for Career Development** hosted its Spring 2022 Career Fair on March 16 in the gymnasium at 199 Chambers Street. With more than 260 students and 45 employers participating, this was the largest in-person job fair since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Students participating in BMCC's Civic Leadership Program met with New York State Assemblymember [Yuh-Line Niou](#) to advocate for increased CUNY funding in this year's state budget during a zoom session on March 17. The group also discussed resources for mental health, career development services and funding for community colleges.



CAMPUS REOPENING STEERING COMMITTEE

The Committee reconvened on March 1st to review ongoing operations and latest University COVID-19 Guidelines. Recommendations were made on increasing awareness and use of the University Cleared4 access digital tool, to avoid building access issues and support the random testing program, an essential COVID mitigation tool.

CURRENT OPERATIONS

- **Face Coverings:** As of March 7 and in line with latest CDC, State and City COVID guidance, face coverings are recommended but not required. BMCC will continue to offer face coverings on campus for students, faculty and staff who need them.
- **PSC and ECP Vaccine Mandate:** The deadline to upload proof of vaccination for these groups has been changed from April 1 to May 27, 2022. We encourage If you haven't gotten the vaccine or uploaded your documentation to do so today. Vaccination is the single most effective action we can take, individually and collectively, to ensure the safety of our community.

THANK YOU
QUESTIONS?