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Final Report

Admissions Committee

2008-2009

Committee Members: Eugenio Barrios (ex officio), Maria Enrico, Jeff Hong, Acte Y. Maldonado, Peter Nguyen, Jacqueline M. Nichols, Shirley Rausher, Rochelle Weinstein, Josh Wolfson, student Akinlalu Adedyo of SGA (no show).

Officers: Chair: Rochelle Weinstein, Secretary: Jacqueline M. Nichols, Representative to Executive Committee: Peter Nguyen.

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According to the Governance Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York on April 30, 2007, the charge of the Admissions Committee is as follows:

“The Admissions Committee reviews, proposes and recommends policies pertaining to student recruitment, admissions and retention.

During the past academic year the committee met on the first Wednesday of the academic month and discussed issues related to its charge. What follows is a summary of our discussions.

Appended is a set of our recommendations based on the monthly discussions as reported in the Minutes.

Sept 8, 2008: The committee, with a transitional makeup pending final membership changes due from the Committee on Committees, selected officers and agreed that it was necessary to obtain and examine all documents produced in the last two years of the Committee to help determine its agenda for the year.

Nov 5, 2008: The Chair distributed papers assembled and collected with the aid of past committee member Shirley Rausher and past President Yeghia Aslanian. In the ensuing discussion of special interest was the letter of 8/23/07 from then UFS Chair Manfred Philipp, addressed to all Academic Senate Chairs in CUNY, inquiring as to the establishment and composition of UFS-negotiated committees to review cases of students denied admission on the basis of their admission index scores: such committees to be given the power to grant admission to students otherwise denied it; the negotiation agreed to in a letter from then Vice Chancellor (Mirrer, then Botman). Clarification on this matter, from Dr. Eugenio Barrios, Director of Enrollment Management at BMCC, confirmed that in our capacity as the standing committee for Admission of our Academic Senate, we have this power. The Committee resolved to invite Dr. Barrios and his Staff to a future meeting of our committee for an in depth presentation of the many new and complex issues confronting the college. Among these are increasing concerns voiced by students, faculty and administrative staff regarding the overcrowded conditions at our college in the face of the huge recent increase in enrollment, plus the discovery that there is no uniformity in enrollment policies at the various CUNY branches.

Dec. 3, 2008: The concept paper “A New Community College” was discussed with emphasis of admission policies and procedures outlined in the draft. CPE standards at BMCC were discussed in the context of their impact on admission practices at CUNY’s Senior Colleges The 10/22/00



Financial Highlight document presented at Faculty Council by Fiscal Officer Elena Samuels was examined for the light it shed on BMCC's growing enrollment.

Feb 4, 2009. At this meeting expert and lucid presentations were made by Dr Eugenio Barrios and his Staff, including Antoinette Middleton, Associate Director of Admissions, and Lily Yi-Elkin, Assistant Director of International and Transfer Services. We learned about the new problems and opportunities engaging our College as their office works 24/7 to admit, advise and integrate a student population which has reached an all-time high of 22, 831. Dr. Barrios noted that we obtain our students 1) as Returnees, 2) as new students, 3) as Direct Referrals and 4) as Open House Attendees. Because of the new application procedure permitting students to select up to 6 institutions, BMCC is often the first choice among two-year colleges. This explains, in part why we have received 11,000 more applicants this year than in the previous year, and have enrolled 3-400 more students than in Spring 2008. Dr. Barrios discussed the impact of this increased enrollment on Enrollment Services. Ms. Yi-Elkin noted that among community colleges, BMCC is fifth in the nation in the number of enrolled international students – at present 2000. According to the Governor's mandate we must respect the rules of the New York State Board of Regents in accepting and accrediting institutions attended by our international students. But there are concerns about students who, transferring to BMCC, request credit for courses taken abroad; this is because, while according to CUNY policy, such students must divulge all educational transcript at the time of initial registration, in practice some do not do so until after they are enrolled.

March 4, 2009: The committee reviewed statements and documents from the Feb 4 meeting. In discussing the impact of increased enrollment and overcrowded classrooms on student learning outcomes, we began our review of all materials in preparation for our statement of Resolutions to the Academic Senate.

April 1, 2009: Committee members discussed the impact of rolling registration before classes begin, and the issues concerning late registration. Members drafted the Committee's statement of Resolutions to be presented to Academic Senate.

May 13, 2009: Members finalized the Resolutions for presentation to the Academic Senate and gave a copy to our representative Peter Nguyen for delivery to the Executive Committee. The statement of Resolutions is here appended to our Final Report.

Rochelle Weinstein, Chair

May 18, 2009



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