Borough of Manhattan Community College Academic Senate: Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes: February 6, 2019 2-4pm in S738

Members Present: Sharon Brickman, Margaret Carson, VP Marva Craig, Laurie Lomask, Joseph Picataggio, Maureen Matarese

Members Absent: None

At this meeting:

- Approved the minutes from the prior meeting
- Janice Zummo and John Huie updated the committee on Starfish. There is no increase in the number of faculty using Starfish, but there is an increase in the number of sections affected. Academic Advisors are connected through Starfish so that all students have someone who will follow up with a flag. In the Fall 2019 semester, Starfish will be open to all faculty on an optional basis. The team would appreciate more feedback from faculty using Starfish by attending their meetings or suggestions via email.
- Discussed the appearance of an overlap between Starfish, the Academic Warning Form and BART Form and what can be done to reduce this overlap.
- Discussed that the fact that there are publicly available free menstrual products should be promoted so that the students are aware of it.
- Discussed that there are three non-gender specific restrooms in Chambers, one in Murray, and one outside of Fiterman.
- ICE on Campus- Discussed that we are waiting to hear back from the president regarding what the college will do to address our concern about ICE being present at job fairs.
- Discussed that the executive committee requested for the committee to organize a small event on Islamophobia for the Fall semester. Discussed that it, perhaps, would be modeled after the event that the Senate sponsored last semester on Sexual Harassment. It was decided that the next steps in the planning would be to invite students from the BMCC Muslim Association to our next meeting to hear what preferences they may have regarding this event.

Submitted to: Sarah Salm by Sharon Brickman