



## **College Council**

### **2015-2016 Committee on Campus Life and Student Issues**

#### **Final Report**

##### **Committee Members:**

John Aderounmu - Student (fall only)  
Jean Amaral - Faculty  
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James Berg – Staff (spring only)  
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Michael Hutmaker – Chair  
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Fanny M. Rodriguez - Faculty  
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##### **Committee Accomplishments:**

The committee met six times this past year. Items discussed pertaining to the concerns of students included: communicating services and resources for students, extended services during final exams, library services (scanning copying, reserve books), International student services, Title IX training, student housing, campus atmosphere, and course requirements (specifically math and CIS). These concerns were shared with the appropriate areas on campus including Academic Affairs, Instructional Technology, Library, Academic Advising, Student Activities, and Facilities. Many items were addressed or will be followed up next academic year.

The discussion on services included:

- The committee discussed how to improve dissemination of communication for students and faculty. The committee presented an addendum to the syllabus contacting services and resources for students. This information will be presented by the faculty when they review the course

syllabus. This was not accepted by the Council due to the perception that it would be time consuming and add to an already long syllabus for some course. The committee will review these comments and reconsider the plan. In addition, the IT department developed a BMCC phone app to provide another access point for students.

- The cost of books remains an important topic. Suggestions included not updating the required book each year to the newest edition. The library has begun working with Academic Affairs to create more open access, open source courses. It was piloted with over 30 faculty with an estimated saving of over \$100,000 for students.

- Facilities upkeep is good and appreciated. However the committee suggested working with B&G and IT to develop a text messaging system so members of the community can report items that need to be addressed. Student would also like to see if microwave services can be installed on some floors in Fiterman.

- International student services aware discussed and the services explained. There is an increase in these services and workshops, The students will assist in getting the message out to the international students to take advantage of these resources.

- The committee discussed clarifying the requirements for courses to avoid confusion and the taking of additional courses, this was specifically discussed for CIS and Math. We were able to discuss this with Academic Affairs and they are reviewing this information and ways to communicate to students through academic advising

### **Goals for Next Year's Committee:**

The committee will continued to address the concerns raised at the meetings as well as following up on some of the concerns raised this year to ensure that they have been addressed.

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