

Committee On Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility & Anti-Racism

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: November 8, 2022

Present:	Mary Phillips, Takiyah Ali, Evelyn Durán, Gabriella Kohler, Kennedy Pazos, Krystal Reynoso, Valerie McCree, John Ongley, Sarah Ohmer
Next Meeting:	December 13, 2022 @ 11:00am- 12:30pm via Zoom

Senate Meeting Highlights

- Presented mission, vision, and values statement to College Senate (well-received and member interest expressed)

Reaffirmation Letter

- Pointed to the three (3) policies highlighted by the President in the letter. Encouraged members to become familiar as they begin their break-out group work

Wellness/Self-Care

- Wellness Day proposal i.e., for academic calendar, free yoga classes, massage therapy, and additional meditation spaces
- Nap Area needed (study, relax, decompress, mental exhaustion, harder courses, overwhelming, long commutes)

Food Accessibility/Insecurity + Homelessness

- Hydroponics Initiative (Kingsborough Community College has a Hydroponics Farm)
- Perhaps Food Trucks w/Permits
- Learned from student participation of pre-pandemic efforts that involve food demonstrations and cooking food in the Student Life building kitchen i.e., soup kitchen (every 2-3 weeks)?
- Interest expressed in reestablishing campus dorms
- Establish and collaborate w/Student Government, Student Life, Food Pantry Organizers, and additional community partners (i.e., NYBG, Local Community Gardens)

Overlapping Efforts

- Collaborate with other Senate Sub-committees

Accessibility and Inclusion Campus Tour

- Led by Gabriella Kohler (Associate Director Student Disabilities Services & LEADS Advisor)

The meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Takiyah Ali and Mary Phillips (Co-Chairs)