



**President's Monthly Report to the College Community - September 2015**  
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I am now in my sixth week as your new president and I am pleased to say it has been a very positive experience. As I get to meet so many faculty and staff, I am impressed by their dedication. I am excited about what we can do collectively and the many good opportunities that we can provide for our students.

- Academic Year Opening – We had a good opening for the 2015-16 academic year. As of 9/21/15, our enrollment numbers, both in FTE and headcount are higher than they were for Fall 2014. As of 9/21/15, Fall 2015 headcount is 11,607, which is 102.24% of our CUNY target of 11,352 and 99.55% of our internal target of 11,659. As of 9/21/15, Fall 2015 FTE is 8,197, which is 100.22% of our CUNY target of 8,179 and 97.58% of our internal target of 8,400. These enrollment numbers may change slightly in October when Form A is finalized, which will provide us with official enrollment numbers.

As you walk around campus, you can see students rushing back and forth to class and feel the excitement churning in our learning community. While our enrollment numbers are encouraging, we must focus our efforts on retaining these students. This requires that both faculty and staff work together to ensure our students succeed and ultimately graduate.

- Budget – The College has received its 2015-16 budget from the Central Office. Our initial allocation is \$79.6 million, with an anticipated additional allocation of \$537,000 for a total of \$80,143,000. We project an initial surplus of \$2 million, which will be allocated in line with our strategic plan and priorities.

In addition, CUNY is withholding \$838,000 for performance-based funding. To access these funds, BCC will submit up to three proposals to the CUNY Strategic Investment Initiative. Each of the proposals will be in line, as required, with “major goals shared by the University and the State of New York.”

- ASAP – We have been informed by the Central Office of the selection of our college for an all-out expansion of the ASAP program. The Provost is leading a steering committee that is responsible for planning this expansion in time for the Fall 2016 semester. We will provide additional information as it becomes available.
- Search for VP for Administration and Finance – As you all know, Richard Elliott is currently our interim VP for Administration and Finance. Plans are underway to commence a search to fill this position on a permanent basis. We are in the process of putting together the search committee, which Professor Howard Clampman has agreed to chair. Additional information will be announced to the College community within the next couple of weeks.
- President's Listening Tours – I will be hosting several “listening tours” for students, faculty and staff. This forum will provide an opportunity for attendees to share ideas for improvements to the College aligned with our Strategic Plan. We will use what we learn to help us create a more effective learning and teaching environment, as well as to improve services to our students, faculty and staff.