

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE – PURCHASE OF FURNITURE

RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York authorize The Borough of Manhattan Community College to issue purchase orders to Haworth Inc., Herman Miller Inc., and Steelcase Inc. against existing New York State and New York City contracts, pursuant to law and University Regulations. Such purchases shall not exceed \$1,900,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

EXPLANATION: The Borough of Manhattan Community College will use these contracts to purchase furniture to replace old and worn existing stock throughout the campus including the Library, ASAP spaces, Student One-Stop Center, Math Tutoring Lab, Faculty Research Science Lab and Allied Health Science Lab. In addition, as a result of space demands, the Reprographics Center will be relocated into a more efficient and better-ventilated space. All of these changes will improve both the learning and working environment within an aging property and will better serve the 23,000 students and workforce of 1,260 full-time and 1,600 part-time employees.

BMCC has the University's largest student enrollment in degree-granting programs in CUNY but its square foot to student ratio is the smallest. As a result, the utilization and demand on its infrastructure is significant. At the same time, the wear and tear on its furniture is even greater. Coupled with the rapid expansion of CUNY's ASAP and related programs, the college must constantly reprogram spaces to create even more efficient use of space to accommodate the student and increased faculty/advisor support staffing.

To accomplish this and keep up with service demands, the college is involved in an aggressive effort to reconfigure learning, office and student service support spaces in the following areas: ASAP, a new One Stop Student Center and creation of a new Math Tutorial Center. These programmatic efforts to provide the best learning and service environment for our students are aimed to improve student success and retention.

The year around student demands on BMCC's few labs require that refurbishment of some Science and Health Science Labs and ensure that they are always up to date and within safety codes. The college needs to better organize the space, flow and volume of photocopying in the Reprographics Center to better service the pedagogical needs of the nearly 450 full-time and 1,100 adjunct faculty in a limited space. The instructional faculty are totally dependent on Reprographic services for their coursework, class handouts, exams, etc.