To: Campus Community
From: President Pérez
Date: September 1, 2015
Re: Reaffirmation of Commitment to Diversity/Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action

The City University of New York (CUNY) has a long-standing commitment to diversity and equal opportunity in all aspects of employment practices. At the Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC), I fully support the policies and practices that we have implemented to foster non-discrimination, affirmative action, and diversity and inclusion in the workplace. It is my personal belief that CUNY is enriched by the strengths of the people and perspectives represented here.

Accordingly, I am committed to overseeing BMCC’s compliance with the CUNY Policies and Procedures on Equal Opportunity, Non-Discrimination, and on Sexual Misconduct.

The Equal Opportunity and Non-discrimination Policy states CUNY’s commitment to recruit, employ, retain, promote, and provide benefits to employees regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, marital status, partnership status, disability, genetic information, alienage, citizenship, military or veteran status, unemployment status, pregnancy, or status as a victim of domestic violence/stalking/sex offenses, or any other legally prohibited basis in accordance with federal, state and city laws. I remind you that Italian Americans are included among CUNY’s protected groups. Additionally, as a federal contractor, CUNY engages in affirmative action consistent with federal requirements. I invite you to visit our website, www.bmcc.cuny.edu or www.cuny.edu, to view the Equal Opportunity Policy in its entirety, including the complaint procedures and prohibition against retaliation.

I have assigned the responsibility for the implementation and monitoring of our compliance program to the Chief Diversity Officer, Angela Sales, who will also serve as the 504/ADA Coordinator. The vice presidents, deans, directors, managers and supervisors share responsibility for ensuring our compliance with these policies and laws. The Affirmative Action/Diversity Office is located at 199 Chambers Street, Room S701 and the telephone number is 212-220-1237. Additionally, any individual who believes that he or she has experienced employment discrimination should immediately contact Ms. Angela Sales at asales@bmcc.cuny.edu.

I ask for your continued support to ensure equal opportunity, affirmative action, and diversity and inclusion in all employment practices at BMCC.