



BMCC Campus Facilities & Security Committee

MINUTES

February 2, 2022

2:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

- **COVID Building Operations (Jorge Yafar)**
 - Students are back on Campus for the new semester.
 - The Spring Reopening 2022 Plan was just published.
 - <https://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/SPRING2022-PLAN1-29-22.pdf>
 - The Board of Trustees has approved the vaccination requirement for PSC and ECP represented faculty and staff.
 - Physical distancing is no longer a component of BMCC's COVID Protocols since the rate of vaccination within the College community is so high.
 - The CUNY Random Surveillance Testing program has increased the amount of people selected every week for testing.
 - If selected for testing, visit a CUNY COVID Testing Site (no appointment needed) to take your test. If you fail to get tested within the time period allotted, your access to Campus will be removed.
 - Testing remains available for any CUNY community member, for any reason—visit any CUNY COVID Testing Site, no appointment needed.
 - <https://www.cuny.edu/coronavirus/cuny-covid-19-testing-site-locations/>
- **Facilities Projects (Eric Lugo/Judy Cheung/Jorge Yafar)**
 - The Main Campus window replacement project continues. The current target goal is replacing 140 windows.
 - The Main Campus cooling tower replacement project's schedule has been pushed out about a month due to supply chain issues.
 - This effects when the next crane pick will be—an event that has significant impact on the Campus since it requires the 6th and 7th floors to be vacated during the pick.
 - There is also work on a mitigation strategy should the project not be completed in time to provide cooling in late May.
 - Upgrades to classrooms on the 4th floor of Main Campus have also experienced supply chain issues while procuring its specialty whiteboards.
 - The Main Campus ramp project is still waiting for delivery of its final handrails.



- The project to upgrade the Library on Main Campus is fully funded. The next step is a design kick-off meeting. Input from Library staff and other stakeholders will be sought.
- A Reso-A funding request this year is for the Learning Resource Center. There is a desire to combine the Library and LRC projects to create a great new space for students.
- There are hopefully two upcoming grants from the State. One to upgrade the Main Campus Lecture Halls. The other to expand Healthcare Services Instructional Spaces.
- Reimagining Outdoors Areas
 - Planning has started on how to improve the outdoor spaces at Main Campus in order to provide new, collaborative, and inviting spaces for students.
 - This includes considerations of furniture, landscaping, and plantings.
 - The ability to now focus on these areas was facilitated by all the infrastructural work BMCC has been able to complete recently, like replacing the roofing membrane.
 - This project is applying for a state grant to fund the implementation aspect. This is another example of BMCC being proactive identifying and obtaining additional sources of funding.
 - BMCC is seeking feedback from community members to inform the project.
 - Outreach to Student Affairs and the SGA to get student input has begun.
 - The committee was asked for suggestions on how to reach a targeted group of faculty and staff. The following suggestions were made:
 - Email a Survey – With Appropriately Limited Questions
 - Have an Open Meeting
 - Ask Department Chairs/Directors for Feedback – They Can Seek Comments from their Reports
 - Query College Council/Faculty Senate – Inform Them You’re Looking to Start a Committee (Outreach Will Be on the Record)
- **Environmental Health and Safety and Risk Management (Michael Spath)**
 - The UVC roll out is going well, with the exception of issues with one manufacturer’s products. Those machines were removed from use and the manufacturer is taking the units back.
 - UVC air filters are currently being installed within the HVAC system at Fiterman Hall.
 - Soon safety training for chemical waste disposal will be available to the appropriate staff and faculty.
- **Public Safety (Michael Korn)**
 - With the start of the new semester and return to Campus, activity has increased at least three-fold.
 - There have been access issues with community members unaware of Cleared4 or how their IDs work. Hopefully by the end of the first week most issues will be resolved.
 - Several committee members commented on how courteous and helpful the Public Safety Officers have been while assisting those having access trouble.



- **Old Business**
 - Gerard Clock commended the work being done to open up Campus amenities to students. He added though that the hours of availability, in particular for the pool, remain abbreviated and could that be improved on.

- **New Business**
 - Joshua Riofrio asked if when a professor does not show up for class, is it an indication they are unvaccinated. Jorge Yafar answered the mandatory vaccination policy is not yet officially in place and there are multiple reasons why a professor may not show up.
 - Kathleen Dreyer asked when, in light of the increase of in-person classes, will the Library stop needing to distribute devices to those unable to enter the building. Doing so requires her staff to go to the lobby and it is disruptive. Jorge Yafar replied there is a need to support students however necessary and he did not know when the Library would be able to stop that function.
 - Joshua Riofrio asked if people knew how students receiving federal grants who do not have a bank account/direct deposit get their funds. Jorge Yafar answered he'd inquire. After the meeting, an answer was obtained from the Finance Department. Such students receive checks in the mail from CUNYCentral.
 - Igor Zaitsev asked if anyone knew about computer upgrades for faculty. For example, his computer lacks a microphone and camera. Jorge Yafar answered he'd inquire. After the meeting, Information Resources and Technology was contacted about this issue and a follow up with the impacted faculty member was coordinated. VP Joseph Spadaro had also asked the Chairs to provide a list of impacted individuals in their departments in order to coordinate the necessary upgrades.