



BMCC Campus Facilities & Security Committee

MINUTES

April 6, 2022

2:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

- **Brief Update on Ongoing Operations and Projects (Jorge Yafar, Eric Lugo, Michael Korn, Michael Spath, Judy Cheung)**
 - This is our last meeting of the semester.
 - Cooling Tower (Eric Lugo)
 - Things are progressing well. All equipment is now on the roof.
 - We will have a better idea of the completion date by the end of April.
 - Due to a change order, one more rigging operation will be necessary.
 - Campus Repopulation (Michael Korn)
 - We are managing to get through the semester despite Cleared4/ID problems.
 - We expect the summer to be quiet, and hopefully as the fall approaches we will have a better sense of what policies and procedures will be required in light of COVID trends and response to them in society at large.
 - Jorge Yafar added that some pandemic changes will be long term, for example, the online course offerings are likely to remain high.
 - Return to Normal Safety Operations (Michael Spath)
 - After much delay due to pandemic issues, mandatory safety trainings will return.
 - Respiratory Fit Testing continues for those in need of respirators.
 - Reimaging Exterior Spaces (Judy Cheung)
 - Goal of the project is to make habitable community spaces for students while also beautifying our landscapes with resilient plantings.
 - Design will hopefully be ready by the end of June and then will be presented to the community.
 - Wayfinding Monitors (Judy Cheung)
 - Television monitors featuring dynamic wayfinding and other relevant information are going to be installed by the south escalators on Main Campus.
 - If successful, similar monitors will be installed by the north escalators.
 - Reducing Single Use Plastic (Michael Spath)
 - The impetus to reduce single-use plastics was from the Governor.
 - CUNY is implementing a University-wide approach versus individual Colleges, looking at replacements for plastics and their associated costs.
 - The Sustainability Committee at BMCC is contributing to this work.
 - This is a fast-moving project.
 - The areas that will be most effected by the changes are Food Services, Panther Pantry, and Facilities.
 - The biggest culprits are plastic: bags, cups, water bottles and utensils.



- **Committee Members Feedback on Relevant Facilities and Security Aspects**

- Gerard Clock expressed gratitude for everyone's hard work over the semester to keep the Campus safe and clean.
- Gerard Clock inquired again about expanding the availability of services and facilities.
 - Returning gym and pool hours closer to "normal" operations. Especially, given a significant portion of the pool's open hours is shared with a rental client, a large children's swim class.
 - Having food services available on the weekend.
 - Jorge Yafar replied that hopefully as repopulation continues, availability of everything will increase in general, but he will bring up these specific requests to those in charge of their areas.
 - Student Affairs responded that they will be surveying the community about interest in the Athletics and Recreation facilities and to please pass along any information about desired availability to them directly. They also added that the pool of potential lifeguards is small and that will impact the pool's availability.
- Gerard Clock said in previous years, highlighting the available facilities, like the pool and the gym, used to be part of an advertising campaign for the College—would it be possible to do such a thing again.
 - Jorge Yafar answered that he will mention this to Public Affairs. He added the Executive Director for Public Affairs brings up constantly how we need to advertise on ways that are impactful. For example, accessibility by public transit was an important part of BMCC's appeal previously, but is perhaps less important now due to the pandemic. He noted though that even remote learning students will come to Campus to use services or to study/take their online class in a conducive environment.
 - In response to Jorge Yafar's mention of this, Public Affairs shared it is working on a broad advertising campaign that does include elements of previous campaigns.
- Igor Zaitsev remarked how impressive all the things the Facilities team has accomplished have been this semester.
- Igor Zaitsev asked what can be done for faculty who need to amplify their voice in classroom unequipped with a microphone.
 - Jorge Yafar replied he would inquire with Information Resources and Technology.
 - The IRT team answered any faculty with such a need should contact the Media Center (mediacenter@bmcc.cuny.edu) and the issue will be addressed on an individual basis.