



M E M O R A N D U M

To: College Council

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Subject: Facilities Committee Activities for Academic Year 2014-15

The Committee met several times during the year and discussed and addressed various issues. Of particular note were the following:

1. Space – The college is currently undergoing a review and compilation of data to create a new Physical Master Plan. The last one was done in 1994 and at that time, we were critically short of space. With a 50% increase in enrollment since 9/11, the college continues to be short of much needed congregational, office and instructional space even with the opening of Fiterman Hall in August 2012.
2. Critical Maintenance – The pool has been shut down for nearly three years and we have begun the process of reconstruction with an expected completion date of March 2016. This and other major capital improvement efforts have been affected by a shortage of capital funds. The college has made the rehabilitation of mechanical and electrical systems a high priority and will seek the funds necessary to retool and reengineer outdated equipment and our HVAC system.
3. Environmental and Energy Systems – BMCC has CUNY’s first real-time energy utilization systems available on the Web. The college will move our energy conservation initiatives forward with the acquisition of a new electric chiller and various upgrades of our air handling and temperature control systems. The solar panel project is scheduled to begin in April of 2016.
4. Environmental Health and Safety issues addressed were the influenza protocols for hand-washing and the college’s continued sponsorship of free certificated training in First Aid, CPR and AEDs for faculty, staff and students.
5. The Committee discussed the college’s campaign for RESO A funds (from City Council and the Borough President’s Office) for the installation of LED lighting, HVAC and Audio improvements to the Richard Harris Terrace and more energy efficient security lighting around the perimeter of the college.
6. BMCC received more than \$3 Million in support from New York City’s DCAS to further improve energy efficiency capability at the 199 Chambers Street building. BMCC has

been recognized as a leader among CUNY's colleges in its sustainability efforts to conserve energy.

7. Various renovation projects at 199 Chambers Street were reported including the Computer Center, ASAP offices, College Bookstore, TED classrooms and lab. Additional projects will be underway in the fall and summer 2016 including a new Reprographics Shop and Fitness Center.
8. The Committee received a verbal report on the efforts made by the college to address and codify the protocols for addressing and reporting instances of workplace violence.

There were many other projects and issues addressed by the Committee but these were the ones of particular importance and concern.