



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** College Council

**From:** G. Scott Anderson

**Date:** April 23, 2013

**Subject:** Facilities Committee Report – March 6, 2013

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Ten members of the committee and college community took part in the March 6, 2013 meeting of the Campus Facilities Committee. Some of the items discussed by those in attendance:

### Signage Update

The committee received the progress report on the installation of the new signage and way-finding project recently completed at 199 Chambers St.

### Pool Repairs

The committee was given a briefing on the status of the swimming pool and deck repairs. In addition, those in attendance were informed of the extended time needed to conduct abatement work and to construct temporary reinforcement of the pool's supports. During the time of these repairs, the college will use the occasion to re-tile the bottom of the pool and update old and corroded piping underneath. Although the pool will be closed for the entire summer, the more extensive and permanent repair work will not begin before the summer of 2014.

### Snow and Emergency Closings

In responding to questions on closings, the committee was informed of the perimeter patrols that are conducted to ensure that loose debris is removed and all windows are properly locked and secured during storm preparation. In addition, the protocol for preparing communications to the college community via email web and CUNY Alert was also discussed.

The effects of Hurricane Sandy were also discussed as well as a description of the ongoing damage that the college has sustained. Specifically, committee members were informed of the extensive work required to bring One South into a condition of Good Repair. Tile removal, abatement work and sheet rock replacement is some of the work facing the college. In addition, the college is still running on 80% of its electrical need as a direct result of the hurricane.

### Vermiculite

Recently, the college was informed of the health and safety concerns related to the percentage of vermiculite used in fire retardant materials in all buildings throughout NYC. This has had a challenging and critical impact on the college's refurbishment timetable for faculty offices. In conjunction with our EHS officer, the college is seeking additional guidance from CUNY and other agencies on the protocols needed to protect our faculty, staff and students.

### Relocation of Our Data Center

In preparation for the next hurricane event and future flooding conditions, the college is making plans to relocate the IT data center to the sixth floor of Chambers Street.

### Emergency Training

On February 21st, the college hosted Hazmat Exercise conducted by FDNY. Several battalions were involved in this and a number of college personnel were part of the observer and question and answer "hot wash." On March 1st, there was an active shooter exercise held by CUNY. BMCC continues to offer free training programs for our faculty, staff and students that lead to nationally recognized certificates in first aid, CPR and AED.

The president will be hosting a Thank You luncheon for all of our campus emergency volunteers, date to be announced.