



**BMCC Campus Facilities & Security Committee**

**MINUTES**

January 5, 2022

2:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

- **COVID Building Operations (Jorge Yafar)**
  - The recent COVID surge has impacted staffing levels for Public Safety and Buildings and Grounds. They are operating with approximately 2/3 of their normal staff. Despite this, thanks to scheduling changes, overtime and other tools, core operations have not been compromised.
  - BMCC is waiting for official notice from CUNY about updates to guidance regarding COVID exposures and quarantines based on the recent CDC guidance.
  - As per the Governor's guidance issued December 31, 2021 all CUNY faculty are required to be vaccinated for the Spring semester and all eligible students must receive a booster dose.
  - As of December 28<sup>th</sup>, all CUNY students, staff and faculty can visit any CUNY COVID testing site and receive a test—not just those selected for random testing.
  - BMCC continues to host the NYC.gov mobile vaccination van at Fiterman Hall and now at CUNY in the Heights.
  
- **Capital Projects (Jorge Yafar)**
  - The Main Campus cooling tower replacement project is progressing successfully. January 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> rigging operations are planned for the project which will require certain areas of Main Campus, mainly the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> floors, to be vacated. There will be an email and posted signage alerting the community to the event. The project's anticipated completion is by cooling season 2022.
  - Phase 1 of the Main Campus plaza project has been completed, but several deficiencies were found and have since been repaired. There is ongoing monitoring for other issues. In the upcoming months Phase 2 of the project is being prepared, focusing on the landscaping and furniture. Feedback from stakeholders, like students, will be sought.
  - The Main Campus student commons area project is currently on hold. There is a reassessment of design options in light of the pandemic. Issues include changes to food services, keeping flexibility of space, and maximizing space for students while maintaining appropriate egress.
  
- **Environmental Health and Safety and Risk Management (Michael Spath)**
  - The installation of UV units into the air ducts of Fiterman Hall is about to begin. This is added layer of protection in addition to the UV units in classrooms.



Another benefit of these UV units is they will prolong the life of the existing air duct filters.

- **Public Safety (Michael Korn)**
  - As mentioned earlier, the recent COVID surge has impacted staffing levels for Public Safety. Despite this, thanks to scheduling changes, overtime and other tools, all campuses are covered as required. This includes providing safety during events like MetroCard distribution and computer returns.
  - All colleges, including BMCC, have been reporting to CUNY Central about staffing levels to ensure no campus is unprotected.
  - Students should be reminded through whatever means available to upload their vaccination information to CUNYFirst in a timely manner. Unfortunately, a number of students have arrived on campus unprepared causing lateness or denial of entry.
  
- **New Business**
  - Joshua Riofrio expressed his intent to write a social media post for fellow students about the COVID-related content of this meeting including the vaccination van and the installation of UV units in air ducts at Fiterman Hall.
  - Gerard Clock asked how to upload vaccination information showing a booster dose to CUNYFirst if you've already submitted vaccine proof. Jorge Yafar clarified the booster requirement is just for students at the moment, not faculty, but also the infrastructure for uploading of booster doses is pending.
  - Gerard Clock asked if there was any change to the plan for 70% in person, 30% online classes this Spring semester. Jorge Yafar said there has been no notice of change.
  - Joshua Riofrio expressed confusion and frustration about the changing means of access to campus last semester between Everbridge, Excelsior Pass, and Cleared4. Jorge Yafar explained the confusion is over now because Cleared4 with photo identification is now the only means to access campus aside from turnstile access via CUNYFirst.
  - Gerard Clock expressed gratitude the athletic facilities reopened, but that he hopes their hours of operations can be expanded from their current reduced schedule. Joshua Riofrio echoed that students were disappointed by the lack of availability. Jorge Yafar said he will convey the message to the Athletics department and Student Affairs.