



M E M O R A N D U M

To: College Council

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Subject: Facilities Committee Meeting – October 7, 2015

The Committee met to discuss the work of the last academic year and received a progress report of renovation and work accomplished over the summer months. A few of these latter activities included completion of the new Advisement area and Student Services support areas on One South and the building-out of the new IT Department's offices and new campus bookstore. In addition, the college completed the new teaching and learning labs for the Department of Teacher Education. There were several other projects as well and additional projects for this semester were identified. The committee was also informed of the difficulties involved in these construction and renovation projects because of the time constraints of working in occupied spaces. The next projects will include the new Reprographics Department, College Fitness Center and Redesign of the Media Center.

The Committee was also informed of the various environmental health and safety projects including Right to Know training conducted over the summer. We were informed also of the college's efforts to ensure that all facilities were tested and cleaned as a defense against the Legionnaire's virus currently in the headlines. The campus will also begin its seasonal campaign reminding everyone to prepare for the upcoming influenza season.

The Committee had a discussion about the recent campus shooting incidents and how we should be prepared. It was reported that the Campus Safety Department has increased the drills and tabletop exercises of its staff. The college will also further refine the information on the Web and provide a video of what to expect from law enforcement if they are called on campus to respond to a violent intruder.

Finally, the Committee received a report on the various sustainability projects that have positioned BMCC as a lead institution in CUNY regarding energy conservation. The Web contains a real-time App with actual energy readings. To date, the college saved 17% in energy consumption in one time period. Other capital projects to further increase energy conservation are underway.