



**DARE TO DO MORE**

**President's Cabinet Meeting  
Monday, November 8, 2021  
9:00 – 10:30 a.m. in E-500**

**Meeting Notes**

**Participants:**

**Present:**

Kenneth Adams, President

Paul Arcario, Provost

Shahir Erfan, Vice President of Administration and Finance

Sunil Gupta, Vice President of Adult and Continuing Education

Henry Saltiel, Vice President of Information Technology

Gail Baksh-Jarrett, Interim Associate Dean for Enrollment

Fay Butler, Interim Associate Dean for Student Success

Cristy Bruns, Chair, College Senate

Laura Bartovics, Interim Executive Director of Development

Wendy Nicholson, Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Nayelli Valencia Turrent, Chief of Staff

**On the phone:**

Robert Jaffe, Senior Advisor to the President/Interim Executive Director of Marketing and Communication

Rochell Isaac, President, Faculty Council

Maria Cook, Executive Counsel to the President/Labor Designee

**I. Campus/CUNY Updates (President Adams)**

- a. Joan Halligan is leaving the foundation on December. She is going to go work in Development at Rockland Community College.
- b. COPS updates
  - i. The Chancellor made a big push to make sure all the colleges have submitted their affirmative action plans.
  - ii. There was a lengthy discussion on should the question of should CUNY continue or extend the policy that started in COVID, which eliminated the use of SAT and ACT test scores in the CUNY admissions process.
  - iii. Denise Maybank made a presentation at COPS on where the whole system is concerning enrollment losses.
  - iv. We talked about the implications of city and federal vaccine mandates, but there is no decision yet.
  - v. Moving forward the vaccination requirement for students is to have the vaccination fully uploaded into CUNY first 10 days before the start of the semester. In our case will be February 23<sup>rd</sup> because we start the spring semester on March 5<sup>th</sup>

- vi. The Dean of the School of Public Health developed a presentation to address concerns of people who have vaccine hesitancy, particularly students. It will be great if we can bring the presentation to LaGuardia. Can Fay look into it? It will be great for our new students.
- vii. Matt Sapienza, the CFO of the system, gave an update on the last round of ARPA grants to students. The wire transfer payment will be about \$1,500 per student for almost all the students. For these new payments, students will be informed and if they want you they can use it for tuition.
- c. Will faculty (the ones that are planning online or a hybrid class) be authorized to require screens on in the spring semester? President Adams asked Cristy if this topic can be discussed at the Senate or more specifically at the Online Committee.
- d. We need to decide on BURSAR holds soon.

**II. Review 10/25/21 Cabinet Meeting Notes:** Notes reviewed and the only note was to change the date about Middle States to 11/09/2021

**III. Enrollment**

- a. Associate Dean Baksh-Jarret mentioned that last week was our lowest on enrollment and that we are now building upon that. In terms of outreach to students, we had 160,173 contact with students by the Student Information Center, 132,842 text messages, 16,841 by e-mail, and 11,490 with chats and phone calls. She is working with Robert and Gina on communications, messaging to advertise for Spring 22.

**IV. Returning to campus (Staff and Faculty)**

- a. Associate Dean Butler asked about the expectations of having staff coming back to campus. If we are asking students to come on the 75% capacity, there is going to be more traffic and the need of staff be here. There are still further discussions about the expectations for staff needed. Given the dynamics in other employment settings, it is possible individuals will leave CUNY and/or not join the system if remote work possibilities are available.

**V. Campus entry issues**

- a. Students won't be able to enter campus if they are not fully vaccinated. That means, they still need to wait 10 days after their last dose to be considered fully vaccinated. There won't even be a possibility for you to go to C111 to upload your documents. VP of Administration & Finance Shahir Efran wanted to thank VP of Information and Technology Henry Saltiel and his team for their rapid response and efforts to fix the problem concerning entry of unvaccinated individuals. From now on, if you are not allowed to enter, there is a "RED ALERT" mark on your electronic ID.

**VI. Other**

- a. Paul and Fay are in a working group on Advising 3.0 and soon they will give us more details on that.