

# KCC Forward Committee Message to the Campus

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Dear College Community –

Hello and we hope this finds everyone well. We are writing to you today to provide a brief update of our work as members of the KCC Forward Committee. The committee has been meeting regularly since it was formed last June and continues to do so as we look toward planning for the Fall 2021 semester. The committee is co-chaired by Professor Ryan McKinney and Chief-of-Staff Tasheka Sutton-Young and consists of 26 members representing faculty, staff, union leadership, students and administrators from across the college.

As you may know, the Chancellor announced in January that the University is planning for a “safe and gradual return to mostly in-person instruction and support services in time for the start of classes in Fall 2021.” While we wait for additional guidance from CUNY regarding the Fall 2021 semester, the reopening committee has been meeting to determine the various considerations for such a return to campus. Below are some of the variables being examined as we start to plan for Fall 2021:

- The committee is examining several scenarios for the Fall 2021 semester including plans that outline a partial return to campus, as well as plans that resemble the Fall 2020/Spring 2021 semesters should the public health picture warrant such a plan.
- A partial return to campus for Fall 2021 would largely follow the guidelines set forth for Phase II (potential 25%-50% of socially distanced occupancy) in the [KCC Forward Reopening Plan](#), the general protocols of which are included at the bottom of this email. In light of emerging scientific data and health guidance received since last summer, the committee will amend and revise Phase II as necessary.
- The Provost has asked the department chairpersons for a list of courses that may be considered to have an on-campus component. Once that list is finalized, the scheduling of those classes will be considered in relationship to classroom capacity, social distancing protocols and classroom sanitation.
- The college is reviewing social distancing and health safety protocols and for all active classrooms, offices, public spaces, hallways, bathrooms and high-traffic areas.
- The college is reviewing options to purchase technology (i.e. microphones, cameras, speakers, etc.) for various classrooms on campus that will aid with remote learning should some students be in-person and others learning in a remote setting.
- The college will also be examining transportation concerns, foot traffic on and off-campus, as well as traffic patterns between classes.
- The Office of Information Technology will continue to offer technology resources for students that are in need of computers and/or hotspots.
- The committee is thinking through additional ways to support students who are unfairly disadvantaged through remote learning. The Office of Student Life recently held a Student Town Hall to hear student concerns and will share that feedback with the KCC Forward Committee.
- The KCC Forward Committee will be scheduling a Town Hall in the Spring 2021 semester to hear questions and thoughts from the college community.

We recognize and share with you the various concerns and questions that exist as we look toward a partial return to campus. While the majority of these decisions will be up to CUNY central administration, we look forward to continuing our work with the college administration to plan for a safe return to campus. If you have any questions or concerns, we invite you to reach out to any member of the committee. We wish

you a successful final week of the winter session and look forward to updating you on our work as the academic year continues.

### **The KCC Forward Committee**

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### **KCC Forward Reopening Plan**

#### **Phase II – Maximum occupancy: 50% of socially distanced occupancy**

- All employees are encouraged to continue to work remotely when feasible.
- Activities/areas/departments that can open with individualized approved plans:
- Essential on-site activities from Phase I will continue
- Increase in person courses/programs that cannot be effectively delivered at a distance, such as those courses which are highly experiential or are dependent on access to campus infrastructure, and/or require in-person instruction based on regulatory requirements (e.g. select healthcare trainings). Individual approved plans will still be required.
- Lectures that have been conducted successfully in a remote capacity will continue to be online.
- ECLC Pilot for essential workers, pre-K only.
- Additional construction and maintenance projects as needed. Parking Lot – attendant/valet parking as needed, Health Office, Office for Students with Disabilities
- General Guidance for Enclosed Spaces will continue to be followed as detailed in the plan for Phase I

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