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Executive Committee of Graduate Council

Members

Prof. Duncan Faherty (English) Chair

Prof. Peter Eckersall (Theatre) Vice-chair

Prof. Emily Drabinski (Acting Chief Librarian) - Secretary of Graduate Council

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Chair of Structure Committee – Prof. Giancarlo Lombardi

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The Committee met 4 times during the academic year. It approved the Graduate Council Agenda for the meetings on:

October 20, 2021

December 15, 2021

March 16, 2022

May 4, 2022

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Committee on Committees

Members

Prof. Bettina Lerner (Comp. Lit.)	2020-2022
Prof. Richard Churchill (Mathematics)	2020-2022
Prof. Herman Bennett (History)	2020-2022
Prof. Wendy Luttrell (Urban Ed.)	2020-2022

Students

Gayle Maslow	2020-2022
Cecelia Salvi (Anthropology)	2020-2022
Lamar Ok (Urban Ed.)	2020-2022
Gisely Colon-Lopez (Urban Ed)	2021-2022

The Committee met two times during the academic year.

Items discussed:

1. Replacements to fill vacancies on various committees – faculty and students who are willing to serve as alternates
2. Recruitment of nominees for Standing Committees of Graduate Council
3. Discussion of timeframe for elections, faculty and student nominee recruitment, and ballot.

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Curriculum and Degree Requirements Committee

Members

Faculty

Prof. Duncan Faherty (English)	2020-2022
Prof. Gita Martohardjono (Linguistics)	2020-2022
Prof. Alyson Cole (Political Science)	2021-2023
Prof. Elizabeth Macaulay-Lewis (MALS)	2021-2023
Prof. Jeff Maskovsky (Anthropology)	2021-2023

Students

Lydia Paradiso (Biology)	2021-2023
Daniel Valtuena (LAILAC)	2020-2022
Khanh Le (Urban Education)	2021-2023

Associate Provost David Olan (ex officio)

The Committee met 4 times during the academic year - 9/29/21, 11/1/21, 11/22/21, 2/7/22, 4/11/22.

The following items were discussed:

1. **Computer Science** – changes to degree requirements – first exam
2. **French** – bulletin changes – removal of GRE requirement
3. **Data Analysis and Visualization** – new course - Special Topics in Computational Fundamentals
4. **Digital Humanities** – new course - Special Topics in Computational Fundamentals
5. **General discussion** – inclusion of requirements
6. **Anthropology** – bulletin changes – removal of GRE requirement
7. **Art History** – revised course
8. **Chemistry** – bulletin changes – removal of GRE requirement and
9. **International Migration Studies** – bulletin changes – removal of GRE requirement and new course proposal
10. **Linguistics** – bulletin changes – removal of GRE requirement
11. **MALS** – one new course -Special Topics
12. **Business** – bulletin changes including new specialization - Operations and Decision Analytics, 4 new courses: ODA 74100 - Deterministic Optimization: Fundamentals, ODA 74200 - Advanced Discrete Optimization, ODA 75100 - Stochastic Modeling: Fundamentals, ODA 75200 - Stochastic Optimization: Dynamic Models; and 1 revised course - MKT 88500 Seminar in Consumer Behavior
13. **Data Visualization** – new course -DATA 70500 - Special Topics in Computational Fundamentals
14. **Digital Humanities** – new course – DHUM 70500 - Special Topics in Computational Fundamentals
15. **International Migration Studies** –new course proposal – IMS 75000 - Special Topics in International Migration - revised version
16. **MALS** – new course proposal -78500 - Special Topics in Liberal Studies – revised version
17. **Computer Science** – bulletin changes
18. **Chemistry** – bulletin changes

19. **Astrophysics** – bulletin update, 2 new courses – Astrophysics ASTRO 79000 Masters Capstone Project, ASTRO 77700 Special Topics in Astrophysics
20. **MALS** - Revisions to MALS 70500, Proposal for New Concentration in Literary Translation, New Concentration in Holocaust, Genocide, and Crimes against Humanity, 4 new courses – 73900 Introduction to Translation Studies, 73400 Topics in Translation Studies, 73600 Mass Violence, 73700 Special Topics in Genocide
21. **Film Studies Certificate** – bulletin changes – open certificate to all
22. **Neuroscience** – new PhD proposal
23. **Speech Language Hearing** – bulletin changes
24. **Graduate Center Certificates** – bulletin changes – change to when students can receive the certificate
25. **Global Early Modern Studies certificate** – bulletin change – language requirements
26. **MALS** - Revisions to MALS 74700 ~~Topics in Material History~~ to MALS 74700 Special Topics in Global Early Modern Studies
27. **MS International Migration Studies** – revised course descriptions - IMS 70100 - Global Immigrant Cities, IMS 70000 - International Migration
28. **Film Studies Certificate** – bulletin changes – open certificate to all
29. **Psychology** – 7 new courses – PSYC 70322 - Advanced Listening Guide Method of Psychological Inquiry, PSYC 72031 Study of Lives, PSYC 70311-Conceptual and Methodological Foundations of Qualitative Research, PSYC 70321 -The Listening Guide Method of Psychological Inquiry, PSYC 70503 -Critical Statistical Methods in Psychology, PSYC 72204 - Critical Participatory Action Research, PSYC 70312 -Critical Methods and Ethics in Contentious Times
30. **History** – bulletin changes including language requirement and 27 new courses – HIST 76950 -The Early Modern Atlantic World, HIST 74020 - Science and Medicine in the Early Modern World, HIST 74030 - The Mediterranean in the Early Modern Period, HIST 74040 - Print Culture and the Book in the Early Modern Period, HIST 74050 - Memory and History before Modernity, HIST 77320 Topics in Caribbean History, HIST 77330 - Topics in Brazilian History, HIST 77340 - Labor and Migration in Latin America, the Caribbean, and the U.S., HIST 77350 - Media, Politics, and the Public Sphere in Latin America, HIST 82450 - Seminar in Historical Methods, HIST 78200 - Modern Egypt, HIST 78220 - Middle East Mobility and Migration, HIST 78230 - Topics in Economic or Social History of the Middle East, HIST 78240 - Race, Ethnicity, and Enslavement in the Middle East, HIST 78250 -Topics in Law, Religion, and Society in the Middle East, HIST 78260 - Global and Middle Eastern Cold War History, HIST 78270 - Medicine and Bodies in the Middle East, HIST 70350 - Topics in Byzantine or Medieval History, HIST 70520 - Premodern Enslavement, HIST 70530 - Place, Space, and Cities in the Premodern Period, HIST 70540 - Premodern Gender and Sexuality, HIST 70550 - Pluralism, Hybridity, and Ethnicity in Premodern Contexts, HIST 70700 - The Reception of Premodern History and Culture, HIST 79500 - Public History Theory and Method, HIST 79600 - Oral History Theory and Method, HIST 79700 - Topics in Archival Studies, HIST 79800 - Practicum in Public History

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Information Technology Committee

Members

Faculty

Prof. Matt Gold (MALS)	2020-2022
Prof. Steve Zweibel (Library)	2020-2022
Prof. Ping Ji	2021-2023
Prof. Michael Mandiberg (ITP)	2020-2022

Emily Drabinski, Acting Chief Librarian
(ex officio)

Elaine Montilla, AVP for IT (ex officio)

Students

Saghar Samimy (Business)	2020-2022
Gisely Colon-Lopez (Urban Ed)	2021-2023
Jonathan Hanon (Comp Sci)	2021-2023

The Committee met twice during the academic year.

The following items were discussed:

1. IT Update – EVP Elaine Montilla

- a. Student Tech Fee: EVP Montilla shared information about the including a link to the new student tech fee committee website which includes the plans for use of tech fee funds.
- b. Updating GC computers: The IT department continues to work on updating equipment but has faced delays due to supply chain issues and shortages of parts. An order for 163 computers just arrived this week but replacement copy machines and equipment for the library has been delayed for several months.
- c. Adobe licensing: The Adobe licenses for faculty and staff have all been distributed, but there are still some student licenses available.
- d. Zoom update: Everyone at the GC should now have access to a CUNY/GC zoom account. It is now possible to have a program Zoom account. There must still be an individual “owner” linked with the account, such as the EO or APO.
- e. Loaner hotspots and laptops: There are currently no requests in the queue. Unused hotspots are being returned.
- f. Hyflex update: At present there are seven Hyflex units at the GC – four permanently installed in classrooms and three mobile units. It is anticipated that more will be needed for the spring semester and some are currently on order.
- g. Blackboard: There is no update on the use of Blackboard or other platforms other than the extension of CUNY’s current Blackboard contract.

2. Library update – Professor Stephen Zweibel
 - a. In-person services: The library is working on addressing issues, such as broken print stations and issues with staff computers. There are anecdotal reports of students having difficulty logging in to the GC community Wi-Fi.
 - b. Server space: The library is continuing outreach to students working on large digital research projects.
3. GCDI update – Professor Matt Gold
 - a. Joint GCDI/Library infrastructure project: There are an increasing number of digital capstones and theses.
 - b. Awards: GC students swept awards in the NYC Digital Humanities program, in competition with Columbia University and other area schools.
 - c. NEH Grant: GCDI experienced large budget cuts last year, but has recently won a \$500,000 NEH grant that will help to restore funding to the Digital Innovation Grants and the Digital Research Group.
 - d. OER Resources: GCDI continues to partner with the library on open access to teaching materials and publications.
 - e. CUNY2020 update: Construction on the concourse level is continuing, despite delays due to city infrastructure. The space will include collaborative workspaces, monitors and digital resources for presentations, a maker space, and other resources for students doing digitally-based research.
4. Student and faculty experience with online, hybrid, and HyFlex courses and plans for the spring 2022 semester
 - a. Student feedback: they haven't experienced special difficulties in terms of their courses and most students continue to work from home. There have been challenges with teaching, such as lack of advance notice from campuses about course modalities.
 - b. Faculty feedback: the mobile HyFlex units seem preferable as they can be moved and repositioned within the classroom.
 - c. Hyflex: HyFlex courses seem more like online courses and negate the benefits of in-person teaching, while also limiting some of the advantages of fully online teaching. There were some reported problems such as the microphone not picking up soft voices and the tracking system creating too much video movement.
 - d. 70% in person courses for spring: the committee discussed the possible benefits of using HyFlex more as a backup for emergency situations where one or two students could not attend class because of illness.
5. New Business:
 - a. Concerns that might be brought to the central office and CUNY VP for Technology: including universal Wi-Fi and Eduroam platforms that would make it easier for students to access resources at any CUNY library across campuses.
 - b. Email security: IT department is rolling out a new email security feature which will identify messages coming from outside the GC.
 - c. Central email system: The committee discussed CUNY's efforts to move to a central email system, including different start dates at the campuses.
6. IT Update – EVP Elaine Montilla
 - a. Student Tech Fee Meeting Update: the STF meeting was February 25. There is \$675,000 total (\$190,00 in contracts), with \$485,000 available and nine proposals.
 - b. Hyflex Units Update: IT has a total of 14 Hyflex units – 6 of them are permanent and 8 mobile – all available upon request.
 - i. The committee discussed the HYFLEX experiences, many positive despite some ongoing issues.
 - c. Computer Deployments: 150 Dell PCs were already deployed and 40 iMacs since the return to campus
 - d. Re-connection of all workstations: now that social distancing guidelines are no longer mandated, facilities has moved chairs and furniture back to pre-pandemic spacing and IT has reconnected workstations that had been removed to accommodate spacing.
 - e. Library Dell Print Release Stations Update: All of the student stations were upgraded with new models; Guest unit is pending and will be upgraded later this month.
 - f. IT is Testing Windows 11 and Mac OS Monterey – OS works, now testing 3rd party apps compatibility and VPN access and expect to make upgrades in the next fiscal year if possible.
 - g. The new GC website has been launched and is managed by Communications and Marketing, not IT. Work orders for edits to the new website need to be submitted to Communications directly using their web form.

- h. Adobe update: shared license model for all public machines and all products are available including Acrobat full version, Dreamweaver, Photoshop and Illustrator. If another app is needed, students should open a work order and IT will add it. There are 248 licenses and form can be used for personal use/laptop. IT has 100 licenses left for students.
 - i. IT Staffing Issues: 12 vacancies, a number of employees have retired or resigned and they are expecting more.
 - i. The committee discussed the staffing issues which stems from a number of reasons including CUNY's policy of 70% in person work. Because of the cost of living in New York City, and the very long commutes remote work is preferable for many workers.
 - j. IT has deployed 5 tablets for facilities use at lobby check in desk and at loading dock to facilitate Cleared4 check-in.
 - k. ServiceNow a new call tracking (work order) system is being implemented by CUNY central and the GC is expected to migrate to this new system over the summer.
 - l. 24 Classroom Projectors need to be replaced. IT has ordered the first 12 because Capital funding has been on hold for two years
 - m. The committee discussed the start of a new CIO for CUNY and the CUNYFirst migrations for HCM and Business and Finance.
7. Library update – Professor Stephen Zweibel
- a. As noted above, the print stations are now almost fully replaced and working.
 - b. Library staff are working on addressing the issue of Adobe on the public computers which now requires the CUNY login. This is a change from the prior Adobe available on public computers.
8. GCDI update – Professor Matt Gold
- a. GCDI faced large pandemic budget cuts which meant that a number of projects were stopped, including student grants. With the recent NEH grant GCDI has received they will be able to re-start some of their programs.
 - b. Construction and progress continues on the CUNY2020 Project. Some parts were slowed by the pandemic, but fortunately a lot of the demolition work was done when few people were in the building.
 - c. The grant funds infrastructure and equipment. The space will include collaborative workspaces, monitors and digital resources for presentations, a maker space, and other resources for students doing digitally-based research.
 - d. EVP Montilla raised the question of staffing and support for the equipment.

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Library Committee

Members

Faculty

Prof. Martin Burke (History)	2020-2022
Prof. Siraj Ahmed (English)	2021-2023
Prof. Christos Giannikos (Economics)	2020-2022
Prof. Anne Stone (Music)	2021-2023

Emily Drabinski, Acting Chief Librarian
(ex officio)

Students

Travis Bartley (English)	2020-2022
Amy Lafrate (Women's Studies)	2021-2023
Edward Charnley (History)	2021-2023

The Committee met twice during the academic year.

Items discussed:

1. Election of Chair – Election of Chair – Travis Bartley, Student, English
2. Report –Chief Librarian Emily Drabinski
 - a. Library Opening: The library has been open to students weekdays 10am to 6pm since the beginning of the semester and starting November 15 will extend its hours to evening and weekends, returning to a pre-pandemic operating schedule. The increase in hours is made possible by the resumption of student employment to expand staffing.
 - b. OER Grants: The second round of grants is underway. These awards provide funding to students to attend an OER “bootcamp” and committing to teach one OER based course at campus.
 - c. Grant activity: The library is increasing its grant activity with the goal of expanding sources of funding for new and ongoing projects.
 - d. Head Reference Librarian Search: The library is in the process of hiring a permanent Head Reference Librarian. They are currently conducting finalist interviews and hoping to have someone on board by the end of the semester.
 - e. Library Reserves: Since the start of the pandemic, library reserves have been electronic only. The library is revisiting the idea of having hard copy reserves for spring 2022 and should have a decision soon.
 - f. CUNY Digital History Archives: The archives have been moved to the library (from the American Social History Project) and the library now has primary responsibility for them, led by Librarian Roxanne Shirazi.
3. Discussion Topics:
 - a. Library budget and budget outlook: Regular expenses including subscription costs were not cut, however there have not been budget increases either. The library would like to see more regular funding for data sets, and has other requests pending if additional funds become available. It is also expected that there will be some gaps in the print collection due to the shift to electronic materials in the past year; this is something all libraries are facing.
 - b. CUNY Central funding: They primarily fund library infrastructure and large items impacting all campuses. There is a new University Librarian who is interested in the possibility of exploring centralized subscriptions and other potential cost-sharing between CUNY libraries.
 - c. Printers: The situation with the printers in the library was discussed. The IT department, not the library, is

responsible for the print stations. Some of the print stations are not working and need to be replaced. New machines are on order, but have been delayed by months due to supply chain and shipping delays.

d. Access: CUNY Faculty from any campus can use the GC library with their CUNY ID and “Cleared 4” vaccination pass.

e. In-person library usage: The committee discussed the low volume of visits and the possible reasons. Student members of the committee suggested that it was due to other GC offices not yet being open for in-person meetings, or only open part-time for in-person services, and most classes being held online; as well as the GC being a commuter campus. Over the last 18 months students and faculty have also become more accustomed to digital-only access. The DGSC is in favor of the expanded hours as a move toward more re-opening and the positive impact of student employment hours.

f. MARLI access: There has been no change to MARLI access for GC students.

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Committee on Research

Members

Faculty

Prof. Tony Ro (Psychology)	2020-2022
Prof. Miles Corak (Econ.)	2021-2023
Prof. Peter Eckersall (Theatre)	2021-2023
Prof. Christina Sormani (Mathematics)	2020-2022

Dean Josh Brumberg
Rebecca Banchik
Huyuni Suratt
(ex officio)

Students

Samantha Barthelemy (Crim. Justice)	2020-2022
David Monda (Political Science)	2020-2022
Naomi Gaggi (Psychology)	2020-2022

The Committee met twice during the academic year. They discussed the following topics:

1. Updates and Discussion

- a. Updates: Dean Brumberg welcomed the committee and noted that Executive Director Edith Gonzalez is no longer at the GC. He thanked Huyuni Suratt for leading the office as Director and noted that the Assistant Director Alicia Bikram has also recently left.
- b. Website: Huyuni Suratt informed the committee that they are working with Communications and Marketing to update the webpage to include frequently used forms and sample documents.
- c. Program meetings: Huyuni Suratt is meeting individually with each program to provide information and workshops on sponsored research and grant resources.
- d. NSF dissertation improvement grant: There will be a workshop on November 15.
- e. Human Subjects update: the new IRB Manager system was rolled out in early September to replace the IDEATE system. There have been some challenges with transferring projects from the old system, largely caused by lack of technical support from CUNY Central IT. Active studies have to be transferred manually with an attestation that nothing in the project has changed. There is no training from the central office but campuses are working out the new system on their own.
- f. IRB: Rebecca Banchik, the GC's IRB director, continues to meet regularly with programs for training and support and to hold monthly zoom office hours and meetings by appointment.
- g. CUNY travel requirements/travel petitions for any research related/CUNY Funded student or faculty travel for conferences or research: The committee was reminded that all travel must be pre-approved. The committee discussed recent new guidance which transfers the approval process to the campuses.
- h. Funds for student travel and research: The committee was reminded about available funds including the DSRG, philanthropic funds, such as the James Student travel and research, and early research initiative awards.

- i. In-person human subjects research: This is restarting on campuses. The campus committees for research during the pandemic continue to review the requests to ensure that proper precautions are taken with in-person research.
- j. Controlled unclassified information: The committee discussed with regard to research on large data sets and research that could have a national security use (such as data encryption). A letter has been drafted to request that CUNY Central determine a CUNY-wide policy to comply with federal rules.
- k. Use and storage of large data sets: Privileged data sets are usually downloaded to a secure computer that does not have internet access and remains in a locked area. This requires an IT plan before data is transferred. The committee also discussed storage of data and what is permitted by CUNY (i.e., one drive, drop box, storage limits of existing systems), and CUNY Policies regarding data use and storage.
- l. Transition to a new GC website: As this will be cloud based, rather than directly on the GC server, there are implications for sensitive data.
- m. Infrastructure needs: The committee was asked to consider what needs could be addressed, including increased data storage, especially with the expansion of work in data analysis, digital humanities, and data science. There are limited funds available.
- n. Hardware available for students with remote or hybrid classes: The committee discussed this. It is a significant issue on the undergraduate level, but less of an issue for doctoral students.
- o. Art Science connect program: student applications for research awards from students in the sciences will be encouraged as there tend to be more applications from the humanities.
- p. Infrastructure for online teaching: The committee discussed OWL set ups in classroom and Hyflex availability, well as increasing return to in person teaching and social distancing for the spring semester.
- q. Introduction of Malini Lall, the new grants administrator in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.
- r. HRPP updates:
 - i. Access to Ideate is still limited to on-campus or VPN.
 - ii. New IRB Manager is up and running smoothly. There were recently some updates to the application based on our HRPP staff feedback, and there are more instructions/help text to assist researchers completing the form.
- s. Grants Office Report: The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs recently conducted a survey and focus group to identify areas of strength and weakness and solicit feedback. PDF with results circulated to the committee.
 - i. Some areas noted were additional support needed to identify grant and funding opportunities for faculty. And, more outreach/lobbying to foundations (which is really an administrative task, not a grants office task.)
 - ii. Multiple workshops have been offered for doctoral students (NSF dissertation award, etc.) and some for faculty as well. The Central Office hosted an Arts and Humanities funding seminar.
 - iii. Approaches for reaching faculty and students were discussed.
 - iv. Faculty preparation and training in grant writing and funding searches were discussed.
- t. The committee discussed the PSC CUNY Grants. Applications decreased during COVID. The GC had 27 applicants and 20 awards in round 51. Feedback is not provided for tracks A and B of the PSC grants, and only minimal feedback for track C.
- u. The committee discussed the return to in person human subjects research at the GC now that classrooms and other spaces have reopened. A revised form is pending approval, and it is expected that researchers will be able to conduct human subjects research in the building/labs again soon.

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Committee on Structure

Members

Faculty

Prof. Giancarlo Lombardi (Comp. Lit)	2021-2023
Prof. Jill Cirasella (Library)	2021-2023
Prof. Alyson Cole (Political Science)	2020-2022
Prof. Norman Carey (Music)	2020-2022

Provost Steve Everett (ex officio)

Students

Charlotte Thurston (English)	2020-2022
Liza Shapiro (Comp. Lit)	2020-2022
Gayle Maslow	2021-2023

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Items discussed:

1. MS Program in Nanoscience – new governance
2. Ph.D. Program in Economics – revised governance
3. Revisions to GC governance
4. MS Program in Nanoscience – new governance - revisions
5. Ph.D. Program in Economics – revised governance – revisions - pending
6. Possible revisions to GC governance and bylaws - discussion
7. Professor Martin Ruck – DEI discussion
8. Ph.D. Program in Classics – revised governance
9. Program Governance review
10. Ph.D. Program in Computer Science – revised governance

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Committee on Student Services

Members

Faculty

Prof. Giancarlo Lombardi (Comp. Lit.)	2021-2023
Prof. Maxime Blanchard (French)	2021-2023
Prof. Monica Calabritto (Comp. Lit.)	2021-2023
Prof. Shu-Yuan Cheng (Biochemistry) (John Jay)	2020-2022

VP Matthew Schoengood (ex officio)

Students

Maxaie Belmont (MALS)	2020-2022
Cassandra Barnes (Anthropology)	2020-2022
Cristina Pardo Porto (LAILaC)	2021-2023

The Committee met twice during the academic year. The following items were discussed:

1. Election of Chair – Cassandra Barnes, Student, Anthropology
2. Update from Student Affairs:
 1. A difficult time: It continues to be a difficult time, now over 18 months in a remote environment. The doctoral students have shouldered an enormous load of both taking and teaching online courses and it has been especially difficult for students who began their studies during the pandemic.
 2. GC Offices: Student affairs and financial aid have started working hybrid schedules with offices in-person on Tuesdays and Thursdays and with some staff in the office on other days.
 3. Counselling center: It continues to work in full force with primarily online and some in person presence.
 4. Childcare center: It has re-opened with a limited number of students.
 5. In person presence: At present, very few students are in the building and most services continue to take place online.
 6. Building community: While everyone has become accustomed to the online functioning, it has limited the sense of community, especially for new students. The student affairs office has tried to hold game nights and other community-based events online. Operations and interactions are still limited by masking and social distancing requirements.
 7. Late fellowship/graduate assistantship payments: The relevant offices are working on resolving this problem.
 8. New Student Orientation: Some of the One Stop Orientation functions are better in-person and we hope to return to an in-person component in the future.

9. GC Housing: The revenue generated from GC housing has decreased due to vacancies in student apartments and vacancies due to social distancing guidelines within individual units.
 10. Vaccination Compliance: The GC has 100% vaccination compliance for students enrolled this semester in hybrid or in-person courses. With the move to 70% in-person for the spring, the challenge will be to continue to verify vaccination status for students taking in-person classes for the first time.
 11. Petrie Foundation: The GC is in the second year of a three-year award from the Petrie Foundation which provides \$50,000 per year for emergency loans for students. The GC has also done fundraising for student emergency support, and some federal emergency funds have been distributed to students.
 12. Cleared4Work: Building access is in place, but the GC does not have a turnstile/swipe system as some campuses do, so there are still some lines at the security desk for building access.
3. Discussion:
1. The committee discussed the anticipated move to 70% in person for the spring, the guidelines for room capacity and social distancing; building services, including HVAC systems and the absence of food service; and where the reopening guidelines and cleared for work information can be located.
 2. The committee discussed the possibility of reopening the call for having a nurse practitioner at the Graduate Center and the insurance and health needs of GC students. The wellness center has seen about 35% increase in usage, and the GC has a fairly robust counselling efforts compared to the campuses. Further ideas for re-opening the Nurse Practitioner discussion can be circulated by email and/or discussed at the spring meeting
 3. The vaccine truck is returning to the GC for those still needing vaccinations. There are also COVID testing trucks in the vicinity of the GC.
 4. Other logistical questions about the spring semester and increasing return to in-person operations will be brought to Brian Peterson and the reactivation committee at the GC. Reopening information and links are posted on the home page of the GC website.
4. Update from Student Affairs:
1. The Student Affairs Office is open for in-person services Monday through Thursday and remote on Fridays. There has been almost no student traffic in the office. Most students continue to work remotely and to take care of things remotely whenever possible. This does mean that there is a lack of interpersonal communication and socialization, especially for the last two cohorts of students.
 2. The administration has been trying to address the issue of multiple streams of student funding and the surrounding confusion, multiple payrolls, and payment delays.
 3. The GC suffered a financial setback with the housing for the last two years as it was far under occupancy both because students remained in home countries or lived outside of the city, and because social distancing regulations limited capacity. They are hoping to be back at full capacity in the Fall.
 4. Reminders will be sent out to students soon regarding booster shot deadlines. Students must be boosted to come to campus.
 5. Student Affairs is trying to get back to some in person events for students.
 6. There is no food service in the building, and none for foreseeable future. There are currently three vendors that the GC can order from for event/conference catering.
 7. Bob Hatcher will be retiring at the end of the semester. The wellness center and counselling has continued to operate throughout the whole pandemic.
 8. Yoga and meditation classes are currently being offered online. When possible, these will return to in person classes.

9. The Child Development and Learning Center has been operating in person since fall and they are hoping to have a full class for Fall 2022.

5. Discussion:

1. The committee discussed the success of in-person colloquia being held for the first time this semester. Online events continue to be well attended and successful as well.
2. The committee discussed social distancing and building safety. There is currently no spacing mandated. The building itself is safer but much of the concern is around public transportation and travel to/from the GC.
3. The committee discussed the lifting of the mask mandate by the chancellor and governor. Many community members feel unsafe. Faculty and students made the commitment to teach/enroll for the Spring semester under the assumption that masking would be in place. The late Friday evening announcement of the lifting of the mask mandate is alarming and has faculty and students working in conditions that they did not agree to. This is also of significant concern to disability services and has meant that some students with health issues cannot attend classes.
4. The committee discussed testing at the GC and CUNY. The testing site in the lobby seems underutilized and there were reports of students getting tested but not receiving notification following the test. The testing center is also being moved to the lobby lounge so that the James Gallery can re-open.
5. International Student Taxation: Linda Asaro arranged a webinar for international students to address this issue and to provide support and guidance.
6. Changes to Fifth Avenue: proposed bike lane is being blocked by Ralph Lauren.
7. Bike storage: the GC looked into bike storage on the loading dock, but there were many logistics and security concerns. They also looked into space in a nearby parking garage, but it was prohibitively expensive. For the time being, the only option is the bike rack outside the building.

6. New Business:

1. It is useful when students organize through the DGSC to advocate for changes they would like to see.
2. The need for more student support remains critical.

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