STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF: 

JOIN THE FIGHT TO SAVE CUNY

Millions in college budget reductions and hundreds of canceled courses were announced during winter break.

At nine CUNY colleges, class sizes were increased, hiring freezes were enforced, adjuncts and other contingent faculty and staff were fired, some losing their health insurance, with just days to go before the start of the Spring semester. Thousands of students’ schedules were upended. These mid-year cuts are ON TOP OF another $169 million in budget reductions demanded by CUNY over the last two years.

The Nine:  BMCC  ▪  Brooklyn College  ▪  College of Staten Island  ▪  John Jay College  ▪  Kingsborough Community College  ▪  New York City College of Technology  ▪  Queens College  ▪  School of Professional Studies  ▪  York College

Boosting enrollment, improving retention, and increasing public funding is the strategy CUNY needs.

But CUNY Central is squandering a 400% increase in applications by choosing to cut the classes, services, faculty, and staff that keep students enrolled and on track to graduation. Instead of fighting for the big increases in public support we need, the University cut $180 million in programmatic needs from their preliminary budget request to the State and City.

A real crisis and a failure of leadership.

Enrollment at CUNY is rebounding but is still 14% below its pre-COVID level, well below where it needs to be to support our very tuition-dependent university. Combined with the end of federal stimulus funds, repeated City funding cuts to the community colleges, and a history of state disinvestment, this has led to multi-million-dollar deficits for many colleges.

CUNY Central & the College Presidents must fight for CUNY, not manage its decline.

Fired faculty and staff must be rehired!

Students need smaller classes & more courses!

NYC & NYS must fully fund our university!

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