

To: President Mitchell Wallerstein, Baruch College
From: PSC Baruch Executive Committee
Re: Baruch tech distribution plan
CC: Barbara Bowen, President, PSC/CUNY; Baruch USG; CUNY USS

March 29, 2020

Dear President Wallerstein:

We are writing to voice our strong objection to the campus announcement sent on March 27th at 6:15 PM from Katharine Cobb and Arthur Downing calling for faculty and staff volunteers to distribute tech equipment to students from Tuesday, March 31 through Thursday, April 3rd.

While Baruch's PSC chapter certainly understands the urgent need to support our students -- we and our members are a part of this effort every day -- we cannot support a plan that flouts PSC's directives to members and that will needlessly put lives at risk. Other CUNY campuses, including Lehman and Hunter, are mailing devices to students. Baruch must adopt a similar, safer plan, which will also protect its students.

We demand:

1. An immediate retraction of the call for faculty and staff volunteers.
2. That the administration adopt a plan, *in consultation with the chapter*, to mail students tech devices in the safest way possible, including minimizing the number of personnel required.
3. A remote labor-management meeting before April 15th to address member needs during this unprecedented crisis. This is our second, official request for such a meeting.

We call on Baruch's administration to communicate regularly and transparently with the chapter about any and all proposed campus policies that will have a direct impact on our members during this unprecedented crisis. We have a responsibility to work together to keep our community safe.

Sincerely,

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