

Memorandum

To: Dr. Vincent Boudreau, City College President

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Subject: Library Access

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to address the unnecessary requirement for students to show their ID when entering the library.

Summary

Students at City College must present their ID twice—once at the main campus entrance and again at the library. This redundant step causes delays and inconvenience, with no added security benefit. Brooklyn College and Hunter College operate efficiently without a second ID check, proving that this might be an unnecessary step. Removing this requirement will improve student access to study spaces and resources.

Discussion

Currently, students at The City College of New York are required to show their ID to enter the library. This additional checkpoint creates unnecessary delays and inconveniences for students without adding significant security. Since students must already verify their identity to access the campus, an additional check at the library seems redundant.

Other CUNY schools, such as Brooklyn College and Hunter College, do not require students to present their ID a second time upon entering their libraries. These institutions function effectively without the extra checkpoint, showing that a single ID check at the building entrance is sufficient. Eliminating this unnecessary step at CCNY would align our policy with these colleges and improve efficiency without compromising security.

Students who visit the library frequently experience longer wait times and congestion due to the current policy. With academic demands already high, students should have direct access to study spaces and resources without unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles.

By removing this checkpoint, CCNY can enhance students' academic experience, reduce congestion, and foster a more accessible learning environment.

Recommendations

To enhance student experience and efficiency, CCNY should remove the ID check requirement at the entrance of the library, while maintaining ID checks at the entrance of the buildings. The policy change would reduce wait times and congestion at the library entrance. We should align

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CCNY with other CUNY schools like Brooklyn College and Hunter College, which function effectively without this requirement. Additionally, allowing students to access study spaces and resources more quickly would improve their productivity, reduce unnecessary stress, and create a more efficient academic environment.

Streamlining student access to the library would contribute to a more student-friendly environment while maintaining the necessary level of campus security. I urge the administration to consider removing this redundant ID check for the benefit of all CCNY students.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to further discussions on this matter. Please feel free to reach out if further discussion is needed.

Best Regards,

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