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Dear Colleagues:

First, let me express my hope that all of you and your families have come through this week’s devastating storm safe and sound. I know many of you are still facing significant challenges in Hurricane Sandy’s wake. If there is any way my office can provide assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Many of you have already inquired about the impact of the storm closing on the College academic calendar. The College is working closely with the Chancellor’s Office, with administrators at peer colleges and with the State Department of Education to determine make-up plans. Please note that the most pressing date, that of the approaching W deadline, is part of the CUNY calendar, with significant Financial Aid implications, so we must wait a central decision on any change to that date. I am grateful for your diligence and care for our students in trying to revise your syllabi as expeditiously as possible, and appreciate that this period of uncertainty is vexing. We expect to have clear information to you early next week.

In the meantime, I encourage you to reassure anxious students that personal hardship resulting from the storm as well as MTA’s continued service disruptions will be taken into account in the application of absence policies and coursework deadlines.

Sincerely,

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