

Dear President Cline,

As the Faculty Council officers, we are writing to once again express our grave concerns about the potentially devastating impact of administrators and staff being pulled from the Post campus in order to teach at Brooklyn. We fear that the impact of this large scale reassignment of administrators and support staff will lead to an erosion in the levels of vital support available to both students and faculty at Post.

We were elated to see that the numbers of admitted first year students, graduate students, and transfer students are all up; however, with this increased influx of new students comes the need for more support for faculty to set up course schedules, and for students to ensure that they know about requirements for their majors (both in terms of courses and any non-course requirements that may exist for accredited programs).

While admissions are up, however, Post appears to be doing poorly in retaining current students, as the numbers of both continuing graduate and especially undergraduate students have declined precipitously, likely owing to not only to the smaller numbers of new students over the past few years but also issues with attrition and retention. We are extremely concerned that the new students on campus may look around for other options as they feel they are not properly supported, especially given that this has already been an ongoing problem as the declining numbers of returning students suggest.

Since many of our new students have been admitted and are registering now, there is an increasing need to ensure that there is coordination between faculty and administration in terms of adding courses and advising students. We have been working diligently on such coordination for several years. Furthermore, should these administrators and staff remain reassigned for an extended period of time, we fear that necessary support services will continue to be unavailable to faculty, and especially to students during the crucial add/drop period. This is bound to further exacerbate matters.

We therefore call on you to immediately return all reassigned employees to their regular positions.

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cc: Jeffrey Kane