

LETTER TO FACULTY – VIA EMAIL

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Subject: letter to faculty

Dear Longy Colleagues,

A growing group of faculty has expressed the need to come together to discuss the pressing issues we are facing at Longy.

The Longy Faculty Union has been in place since January, but there are still many questions around what a union can and cannot do for faculty members, both from union and non-union members. We have therefore called for an all-faculty meeting with Marti Epstein, AFT member and Grievance Officer for Berklee and a member of the Longy Board of Visitors. Ms. Epstein has offered to answer union-related questions from all interested faculty on Tuesday, April 27, from 9-10 am in the Homberger Room.

We are also asking that our fellow faculty refrain from engaging in activities that harm the reputation and future of the school and other faculty members. In particular, these activities have included involving students in union activities; leaking the potential Bard partnership to the Boston Globe; calling parents, students and Bard faculty to complain about Longy; leafleting parents and donors; and altering Longy's Wikipedia entry. We feel that recent actions by some union members may be causing students to look elsewhere for their musical studies, which can only do damage to Longy's future.

Finally, this letter is a statement of support for Karen Zorn, our president, who, in answer to her charge from the Board of Trustees, not only pulled Longy out of a million dollar deficit during a recession, but has pointed Longy in a direction where the opportunities for students and their musical education stand to grow substantially. We are sorry to learn that some of our valued colleagues will not be returning as part of this process. However, the signers of this letter have agreed to come together and support the Longy School of Music through this time of change and uncertainty. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have questions or wish to talk further about the issues we all face.

Thank you for your attention and please come to the faculty meeting on Tuesday, April 27th.

Sincerely,

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