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Lacking needs of CCNY...

Current budget setbacks have led to major layoffs of many incredible adjuncts, froze hiring of new and sorely needed full-time faculty, and froze needed hiring for many of the offices on campus.

Many class sections are increasing in size which does great pedagogical harm to our students. Seminars developed and designed for open dialogue and critical thinking have grown. That alters them and forces instruction to be done in a lecture format. Science courses have lost their laboratory component, creating an inferior learning experience.

Much larger class sizes put a special burden on our adjuncts, who are not being compensated for the tremendous increase in their time and academic responsibilities.

Departments at CCNY are now pushed to organize scheduling so that many courses will not be available each semester, or even each year. This is an immense burden on chairs in making schedules. It is especially burdensome on our students who have the immense pressures of commuting, working and taking care of families and relatives. This will delay graduation and in many cases delay licensing and jobs for many for our professional students.