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## **Hellenic College Holy Cross Statement Regarding Condition of Maliotis Cultural Center**

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It was recently reported in the National Herald that the Maliotis Cultural Center located on the campus of Hellenic College Holy Cross is “safe” to host events. The Cultural Center is owned by Hellenic College, but it is operated by the Friends of the Maliotis Cultural Center, Inc., a separate non-profit organization. Earlier this week, the College received a report from a professional engineer retained in connection with an ongoing litigation matter between Hellenic College and the Friends. Among other deficiencies in the Friends’ maintenance of the Cultural Center, the engineer reported that: (1) emergency lighting battery units failed to turn on, (2) emergency exit signs did not light up, (3) the smoke detector at the fire alarm control panel was missing, (4) the emergency light in the electric room failed, and (5) the battery for the fire alarm control panel needs replacing. The engineer stated, “**The Cultural Center cannot be occupied without a working emergency lighting system.**” The report also stated that the “Cultural Center continues to be poorly maintained.”

These electrical issues raise immediate, serious health and safety concerns. As a result, Hellenic College retained an electrician to address the needed repairs and determined that all events at the Cultural Center should be rescheduled until the repairs are complete. Hellenic College regretfully notified the Metropolis of Boston that the Cultural Center could not host the October 5, 2019 Clergy-Laity event.