



Tuesday, November 18, 2025 | 3:30-5:00 pm | De La Salle Hall, Room 300

Meeting Minutes

- 1. Roll Call: In attendance as follows: McEneney, Sanseverino, Masoumi, Hourani, McCullagh, Laudien, Afridi, Gonzalez-Ramirez, Lopez-Fitsimmons, Mondoza, Rountos, Forster, Cherubini, Lowe, Berg, and Clyde. Excused: Guirguis, Nosrati, and Walsh.**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda Approved**
- 3. Approval of [October 14 Meeting Minutes](#) Approved**
- 4. Reading from the “Green Book”**
- 5. Speaker’s Report**
 - a. Welcome one new Senator Forster who will serve as the student resident who lives on campus. We still have some vacant positions for the students. Please extend an invite to the students. We currently have five vacant positions.
 - b. Meetings for spring are scheduled for 2/17/26 and 4/21/26
- 6. Reports from the Standing Committees:**
 - a. Educational Affairs Committee (EAC): Senator Afridi reported on behalf of Senator Chalk the following three items:
 - 1-Block Schedule and next steps. The proposal for the block schedule was sent around to the faculty and they are going to take a vote at the next EAC meeting Tuesday, December 2, 2025. There was a vote taken that made one change in the block schedule to take away the Monday and Wednesday 75 minute block. Apparently the schedule works for registration and they are going to give it a try. Senator Afridi encourages everyone to take a look at it and recirculate it.

2-Mandatory attendance policy that is required to be performed by all faculty members. They are looking at different options to do attendance in a systematic way—looking at Moodle. Financial aid is impacted and we are asked to keep the mandatory attendance for a full year. This is going to be implemented soon.

3-AI Policy—a new policy explaining what our policy is at MU. It has been passed on to various faculty. What is plagiarism, how to use AI and how to use it in our classrooms. Initiative is being implemented.

b. Campus Life Committee (CLC): Senator Lowe

Dishwasher was repaired in Locke's and everything is back in order. It is an old piece of equipment and it takes a while to repair. They have a contingency plan when the dishwasher breaks. They do not like using disposable dishware. Things are good in residence life. They are trying to make the break easy for students. They are not closing during Thanksgiving. During Christmas they are going to close, but they will help students make accommodations. They are working with the international student association to show some flexibility for them. They understand that some students need special flexibility. We have very few students departing at the end of the semester. Typically the students who join us from spring are commuter, exchange and international students. We have Thanksgiving programming. For those who stay, Residence Life will go to the Macy's day parade excursion. Spring housing applications are open. Launched a winter launch program and they didn't get a ton of traction but they got a handful of students who moved in. Total of 101 programs held in Residence halls from August through October. Movie nights, Uno, Yoga nights, tie-dye nights, etc. RA's are gathering in the lobby to take students to another event on campus to facilitate greater attendance. Student engagement: we held 315 club events since the beginning of semester through October 24th (club run events). Yankee game on family weekend, Jets weekend and Giants game in November. We have upcoming events Radio City and other exciting programming. Manhattan Madness was a big success. They received great feedback from the students. The next big event is December 5th MAAC tournament Fall Frenzie. It will be a one hour tailgate with prizes, music, food. Performing arts is doing well. Just had Cabaret, and Lessons and Carols is December 7th followed by a jazz concert and reception. Intramural and club sports are doing well. We started club basketball. They had their first game at Montclair and we have our first home game on Sunday at 11:00am. Rowing had 2 Rigattas (we won one). Marketing calendar and list of activation for every basketball game. There will be a faculty appreciation game, family appreciation game, battle of the Bronx (at Fordham) where we will be sending 100 students. Employee Christmas party December 12. Dining services are going well. We are seeing decreased traffic in Kelly Commons.

Sustaining the current format is not something they are going to do. We don't have the right formula. They will update us moving forward. Looking for healthier options for Acai bowls and smoothies in Kelly. On average, 80 percent of meal swipes are Locke's.

7. Old Business

a. Gum-free Campus: Senator Lowe

Gum was removed and no longer being sold on campus and they are not reordering it again. Senator Afridi: What do you mean by a gum free campus? There will be no gum police on campus, but rather it will not be sold. The front of Squeri Hall has just been renovated and this is more as a gesture to preserve the beautification on campus. Senator Masoumi thinks we need to change the name because the current name "gum free campus" is misleading.

b. Study Abroad: Engineering students' concern with on-time graduation: Senator Rountos

Study abroad programs are popular and the intercessions are also popular. There is not an established program for engineers for semester long programs. Many top ranked engineering programs have available programs with other institutions that can work seamlessly. He would like to procure a couple of different programs and universities that could work with MU to establish semester long programs.

Dr. Buono: This is an important issue. He attended both of the open houses and they get a lot of inquiries from future engineers and what they can do for study abroad programs. We would like to have some options within the field of engineering. We are working to recruit partners to share our accreditation. La Salle University shares our accreditation and offers a solid set of courses in English in Manila and it is an option. We have a student who will study there in the spring. It has not been an easy process. The engineering curriculum has limitations. The second obstacle is the fact that MU does not allow freshmen to study abroad. The first time one is allowed to study abroad in engineering is the summer after the freshman year. We have offered courses in Leon France and that was a popular program but it is only offered occasionally. It is perhaps on tap for this summer. These are their principal options. We have Lasallian University in Barcelona for computer engineering and La Salle in Bogata Columbia in electrical engineering. The most practical solution is for engineering students to concentrate on their free electives in the second semester of their freshman year. In chemical engineering we tried second semester freshman year and it was possible to do it. A second semester freshman who has established some proof of academic solvency is a strong possibility for engineering students, but it would require some flexibility on the curriculum

side. The math course might be a possibility and lots of partners who offer chemistry, physics, general electives and/or English 110 or Religion 110. Senator Afridi: Should the Dean be involved in this? The different engineering programs have different requirements. How long would the accreditation process take? Dr. Buono thinks that the sequencing effect is difficult to navigate. Senator Afridi: The core requirements and engineering requirements need to be mapped out—there might be some more flexibility. In engineering, the same course might be the same textbook but perhaps the chapters covered might not match. If another institution has a different pedagogical approach it might not be accepted. Dr. Buono recommends a meeting with the Deans.

- c. Update on the [Act to Establish the Joint Senate–Student Government Committee](#): Senator Berg and Senator Masoumi

The proposal has been approved by the Senate and Student Government. Since we only have two and a half weeks left in the semester, they will start the meetings in the spring. He wants to create a Google Form shared for all and see who is interested in fulfilling roles. They will then decide meeting dates. The proposal had four members from the Senate and four members from SGA. Senator Laudien questioned recruitment for this committee. Senator Afridi suggests that Senator Berg should get the students to commit and then decide how many senators are wanted.

8. New Business

- a. Senate composition reform: Senator Masoumi

There is no proposal yet, this is just a topic for open discussion between the Senators. At the request of Associate Provost Liby, he wants the Senate to play a stronger role in the governance and decision making process. He was told that the Senate was more respected. We have five different sides represented. He is seeking our help on how we can do things better. One idea is that we have 3 KSAS, 2 Engineering and 2 Business faculty plus 3 at Large faculty. If there are more faculty, possibly reducing the number of 2 from each school—this will require revision of the bylaws. Senator Afridi: get more staff involved. She says we need a place where staff, admin, faculty and students are equal. We have to have different voices. The Senate should act as a 360 degree view. What is our mission and what is our purpose? We need to look at our constitution and bylaws. There was a revision in the composition maybe last year or two years ago. Senator McEneney says we need to look at the constitution where bills were introduced and resolutions and what was on the agenda. The President and Deans attended. It used to be more orderly. The Senate has become less of a legislative body. We had more shared governance. Senator Afridi: It is important for us to have a dedicated meeting just for this. We should sit down and look at the constitution and

bylaws and urge the student senators to come together with some ideas about the roles that we can play equally in a legislative manner. At least once a semester we need to have a town hall or forum for people to come together with questions or concerns. Perhaps those interested could draft a proposal.

b. Rat problem on the Quad

Senator Masoumi has heard from several students and custodial staff that there is a problem. The rats have not been seen in the dorm. It is an important issue. We want to address this issue. Senator Lowe says it is a known problem. Facilities is aware of it. We have a third party exterminator for pests and rodents. There are additional efforts being employed. The efforts have been increased. Students have noticed a decline in the problem.

- c. Senator McEneney: The last two open houses have not featured a mass. The format was that it was held on a Saturday and while a mass was scheduled, only a few people attended. What we are known for is a Catholic institution. It troubles him that a mass is not included. They had a luncheon attached to it. It gave the parents and students an idea that it is a Catholic institution. Senator Afridi: There was a mass on Saturday and she spoke with Ben Bovine about an interfaith event to accommodate everyone when they are praying. Senator Gonzalez: The open house was much better in terms of logistics. Big applause to the organization and she noticed a huge difference. Senator Berg: The President's welcome was in the Chapel but there was not a mass. They met in the chapel. Senator Afridi will look into that and speak to Brother Gus.

9. Adjourn Meeting Adjourned 4:54pm.