



Tuesday, February 17, 2026 | 3:30-5:00 pm | De La Salle Hall, Room 300

Meeting Minutes

1. Roll Call:

In attendance as follows: Masoumi, Berg, Rountos, Chalk, Lowe, Clyde, Shields, Guirguis, Nosrati, Hourani, Cherubini, Afridi, Walsh, Ramirez, Forster, Gallo, Sanseverino, Estejab, Lamany

Excused from the meeting: Laudien, Gonzalez-Ramirez, Lopez-Fitzsimmons, DePrizio

2. Approval of the Agenda: Approved

3. Approval of [November 18 Meeting Minutes](#): Approved

4. Reading from the “Green Book”

5. Speaker’s Report

- a. Speaker Masoumi noted recent changes to senate membership, particularly among student senators.
- b. Senator Chalk will invite President Bonato to the next meeting.

6. Reports from the Standing Committees:

- a. Educational Affairs Committee (EAC): Senator Chalk reported the following items:
 - UWCC approved the Film Minor.
 - UWCC is revising the university-wide core curriculum, including a redesign of two courses and a pilot of those courses for the Core Curriculum.
 - Attendance Policy: Approved in both the Faculty and Student Handbooks. The new policy will be housed in all relevant locations as a standard policy. Standard absence limits, unexcused absences, and long-term absence provisions will be reviewed.

- Summer Courses will remain 6-week courses.
- Double-Dipping for Majors: Discussion on how many courses can count toward a major; 2–4 shared courses may be permitted, reflecting existing practice.

b. Campus Life Committee (CLC): Senator Lowe reported the following:

Campus Life

- Dorm: 862 beds are currently occupied.
- 130 programs were held in the Fall semester; 60 in the Spring.
- Student Engagement highlights: ice skating rink, basketball and volleyball games, Greek life-hosted basketball game, BSU-hosted women's basketball game, and Battle of the Bronx at Fordham.
- Jasper Day of Wellness: February 25th, all day.
- Ramadan: To-go containers will be available.
- Kelly Commons updates: 2nd floor features board games, a pool table, an eraser board, a commuter kitchenette, and golf; 4th floor lounges are available.
- New clubs are in the process of joining Student Life.
- Public Safety conducted an active shooter training internally.

Dining Services

- Mugs have been replaced at Lock's; to-go cups will be added.
- Vegetarian options are available at Clusters: salads etc.
- Ordering at Zaro's remains challenging. Use the APP at MU. Make sure Grubhub is linked with the Jasper account.
- Dining hours for weekends and dinner service will be addressed.

Residential Life

- Hot water issues in Lee Hall were caused by a broken boiler.
- Weekend gym hours are under review; Senator Lowe will follow up.

7. Old Business

- Semester Abroad & Engineering Students: Senator Rountos reported that discussions are ongoing within the school.
- Joint Committee: A vote was held to establish a joint Senate–Student Government committee; Senator Berg reported this structure would be more effective.

8. New Business

Mel Lasky (CIO, Guest) provided the following updates regarding the recent transition to Microsoft:

- Manhattan University transitioned from Google to Microsoft, primarily for cybersecurity reasons.
- Outstanding issues with response times and shared emails are being addressed and should be resolved soon.
- This is the largest technology transition MU has undertaken; work is ongoing.
- Faculty and senators with long-standing issues are encouraged to email Mel directly.
- Committees currently using Google Drive should transition to Microsoft immediately.
- Google Drive will remain accessible until the beginning of August.
- YouTube accounts and shared Zoom links will not disappear, but links shared via Google will need to be transitioned.
- Students expressed support for Microsoft, noting its widespread use in professional settings.

9. Meeting Adjourned 4:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Mehnaz Afridi