



MANHATTAN
COLLEGE

SENATE

Tuesday, September 17th, 2019 | 3:30 PM | Kelly Commons 4C

Agenda Minutes

1. Roll Call

Two-thirds of the Senate was in attendance; therefore, a quorum was held.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve was seconded and granted

3. Approval of Previous Minutes
4. Reading from the “Green Book”

Speaker Shea read a quote by St. John Baptist de La Salle found on page 42 of the “Green Book”

5. Senator Introductions

6. President O’Donnell’s Presentation on Updates and Major Priorities for the Year Ahead

President O’Donnell opened his discussion with an update on construction currently occurring on the south campus. The following updates were provided by the President:

- *The Higgins Engineering and Science Building is 60% completed and a majority of the construction moving forward will be focused on the interior. The construction is still on schedule to be completed in Fall 2020.*
- *The first floor of the Leo Engineering Building was renovated over the summer and laboratory spaces for Civil, Mechanical, and Chemical engineers were updated. The Leo Cafeteria is still under construction and is planned to be finished towards the end of October.*

President O’Donnell continued to talk about construction projects that will be occurring on the north campus in the coming months:

- *Apartment-style rooms will be added to Horan Hall which will add around 150 beds to the residence hall. Horan Hall is also in the process of updating its aging elevators.*
- *New York State granted Manhattan College \$4.5 million dollars for improvements to academic services on campus.*

President O'Donnell then addressed the budget and Manhattan College Master Plan by discussing the following:

- *Due to a lower enrollment compared to recent years, the budget is slightly tighter than in past years. This past May, 900 students graduated and this Fall, 856 full-time freshmen and 168 transfer students were welcomed to the College*
 - *To account for this revenue decrease, the College has been renting out the event spaces during the summer for conferences and camps*
 - *Manhattan College has moved into its final phase of its 15-year Strategic Plan. A new plan must be approved in June 2025*
 - *Though the budget is slightly tighter, the Financial Aid budget is steadily increasing*
7. Senator Satterlee's Presentation on Access Control and Parking Facilities
- *Senator Satterlee discussed the new Access Control Policy briefly discussing policy change to the Senate. Senator Satterlee then discussed his ongoing meetings with SGA, Residence Life, and Public Safety. The floor was then opened to questions about Access Control*
 - *Senator Satterlee then addressed faculty concerns about Parking Facilities on campus and again opened the floor to questions and concerns.*
8. Speaker's Report
- *Speaker Shea welcomed the Senators to a new term and expressed how honored she was to be the new Speaker of the Senate. Speaker Shea then discussed the importance of the Senate Moodle page and how the Senate is actively working to become more visible on campus.*
9. Reports from the Standing Committees
- a. Educational Affairs Committee (EAC)
- *Senator Clyde spoke on the following academic policy updates and changes:*
 - *Senator Clyde discussed the new Academic Integrity Policy highlighting the major changes to the policy*
 - *Senator Clyde discussed the College-Wide Curriculum especially the newly revised language*
 - *Senator Clyde discussed the new Final Exam Schedule and how students that do not have a Saturday class should not have a Saturday final*
- b. Campus Life Committee
- *Senator Ago spoke on the following campus life updates and changes:*
 - *Senator Ago discussed the rollout of Jasper Connect and talked about plans to raise awareness for the program*
 - *Senator Ago discussed the student work budgets in regard to the minimum wage and suggested to invite members of Financial Aid Office to the Senate*
 - *Senator Ago talked about the need for a commuter lounge suggestion mentioned were the Game Room or the Club Room in Kelly Commons*

- ***Senator Ago discussed new Emergency Protocols for Commuter Students that are currently in the planning phase in the event of a mass transit shutdown.***

10. Old Business

11. New Business

- a. Search Committees for Academic Administrators Revision Proposal
 - ***The proposal was approved by the Senate and sent to the needed parties. Before being passed, Senator McEneny expressed concerns because the committee did not include any alumni representation.***
- b. Topics from the Senate Membership
 - ***Senator Pineda addressed the Senate about keeping Leo Engineering Building and RLC doors unlocked during normal class hours (8:00 AM – 6:00 PM)***

12. Approval of the Minutes

13. Adjourn