**Campus Life Committee of the Manhattan College Senate**

**November 12, 2020**

**Meeting Notes**

A meeting of the Campus Life Committee of the Manhattan College Senate was called on November 12, 2020 over Google Meet. Those in attendance were: Sonny Ago (Chair/Student Life), Fiona Delaney (Student Life) Peggy McKiernan (Library), Zachary Olivan (Student Representative), and Luis Garcia (Student Representative).

The discussion included the following:

**1. Students in Quarantine**

The student representatives noted that the quarantine process in Horan Hall could use some improvement. Perhaps Residence Life can coordinate with the Business Office to provide additional bedding and care packages to students in quarantine. Aramark needs to do a better job of cleaning the bathrooms on quarantine floors. Facilities also needs to better address work order requests and furniture upkeep, if possible, on quarantine floors. The food delivery process is going very smoothly after moving from a paper menu request process to an email menu request process. The Manhattan Opens Doors (MODs) Peer Mentor Program was success in their outreach to first-year students in quarantine and will continue over the winter break to ensure a sense of community as students continue their remote learning after Thanksgiving.

**2. Commuter Students**

Commuter student outreach has been particularly effective during this semester. The Office of Commuter Outreach and Services regularly communicates with students and has been providing resources, such as PPE, laptop loaners, books, etc.

**3. Campus Programming – Remote and In-Person**

Student representatives expressed gratitude for the amount and diversity in content of on-campus and remote programming this semester. The varied platforms (remote, hybrid, in-person) and types of programs have helped keep students engaged on a regular basis. Student Life will continue hybrid programming at the start of the Spring 2021 semester with an in-person and remote Mid-Year Orientation for January transfer and freshmen admits, working in conjunction with the Office of Student Engagement that will host a hybrid Student Activities Fair on January 27, 2021.

**4. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

DEI continues to be addressed institutionally through the recently established Diversity Council. The Diversity Council hosted a DEI workshop/training at the October 29 Senior Administrators meeting. The hope is that this training – and, subsequent trainings – will better equip administrators with an understanding of and strategies for enhancing DEI efforts in their respective areas. Additionally, some Diversity Council Working Groups will be asked to provide updates and recommendations at the December Board of Trustees meeting.