

**Campus Life Committee
Manhattan College Senate
September 17, 2021
Meeting Notes**

A meeting of the Campus Life Committee of the Manhattan College Senate was called on September 17, 2021. Those in attendance were: Sonny Ago (Chair/Student Life), Fiona Delaney (Student Life), Zachary Olivan (Student Representative), Ashley Baptiste (Student Representative), Kevin Nipal (Staff Representative). Topics discussed were:

Bridge Leading to Horan and Lee Halls: Students on CLC wondered if the bridge is closed permanently. If so, will there be a formal announcement from Public Safety and/or Residence Life to the campus community? Student representatives suggested hiring student workers or have RAs staff the 8th floor entrances to Horan and Lee, similar to what is currently being done in the Student Commons.

Library Hours: Students were concerned that O'Malley Library is no longer open 24 hours, especially, since the campus is now fully opened. The CLC staff representative mentioned that this was due to a staff shortage. The library lost 8 out of 16 employees over the course of last year. It was suggested that students start a petition and contact Dr. William Walters to advocate for more resources.

Food at Student Meetings: Given the recent Executive Order, students were concerned about serving food at student group meetings. Specifically, students who are in the "grab and go" category are not permitted to eat during events/meetings indoors on campus. As a way to enforce this regulation, it was suggested that Student Engagement communicate this new rule to all student organizations.

"Exercise is Medicine": Student representatives shared news of recent collaborations with various offices on more outdoor wellness programs. Similar to such hallmark programs as Orientation/Opening Weekend outdoor yoga and outdoor fitness programs offered through the Fitness Center, these new collaborations will help in creating inclusive activities for students who are currently not allowed to use the Fitness Center due to their vaccination status.

Student Commons Parking: The CLC members were concerned about the lack of parking in the Student Commons parking lot. It has been observed that Aramark employees start to occupy the parking spaces as early as 7AM on weekdays. The CLC will explore what the agreement is between the College and Aramark regarding where Aramark employees should be parking on campus.

Café 1853: Student representatives were wondering how long Café 1853 will be closed. They also suggested that students should be able to reserve 1853 for meetings and events until it reopens for business. This will alleviate some of the demands for programming space on campus.