



### Senate Minutes

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 | 3:30 PM | Kelley Commons 5A

**Senators present:** Sonny Ago, Shawna BuShell, Jawanza Clark, Antonio Cordoba, Yegin Genc, Andrew Greene, Amy Handfield, Kevin Hill, Matthew Jura, Fiona Maclachlan, Peter McCarthy, Michael McEneney, Tiffanie McIntosh, Margaret McKiernan, William Merriman, Goli Nossoni, Qian Wang.

**Senators not present:** William Clyde (excused), Grace Hoffman (excused), Salwa Ammar, Kaitlyn Greiner, Kimberly Hickey, Oscar Ortiz, Richard Satterlee, Giancarlo Schillaci, Alex Shalian, Emily Whelan.

- I. Roll was taken. Quorum was met. Meeting called to order by Speaker Jura at 3:35 PM.
- II. The Agenda for the February 16, 2016 meeting of the Senate was approved.
- III. The Minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting of the Senate were approved.
- IV. Speaker Jura read an Abraham Lincoln quote
- V. Athletics Committee Report, Chair of Athletics Committee, Shawn Ladda
  - A. A cost/benefit analysis, motivated by recent NCAA lawsuits, was considered by the committee.
  - B. NCAA institutions would be required to set up trust funds for student athletes. Through the appeal process, this requirement was voided.
  - C. The NCAA passed legislation with "full cost of attendance" wording
  - D. The cost would be \$2000-\$4000 per student athlete.
  - E. The Committee had 3 meetings in the Fall.
  - F. Through the initial analysis, the complexity of this issue was illustrated.
  - G. The MCAC discovered in its analysis a precedent of changes in athletic division being initiated by the President and the Board of Trustees.
  - H. It was determined that, with the current flux and transition in the Athletics Department with regarding to having an interim athletic director, the MC Athletics Committee will not continue this work.
    - I. This issue might be brought up with the Board of Trustees Student Life Committee.
- VI. Speaker's Report
  - A. Today is the four year anniversary of Manhattan College being a fair trade campus, a change initiated within the Senate
  - B. On W 2/17/16 (Noon - 2 PM) the NYPD School Safety Counterterrorism Unit will be on campus "to present on safety issues surrounding college campuses, including the potential presence of an active shooter" from a Public Safety email.
  - C. The Senate Moodle page is open to the entire Manhattan College community and has pertinent meeting document that are also available on Google Drive.
  - D. The Senate Twitter account [@MCSenate2015](#) is active.
- VII. Presentation of 2015 Master Plan by VP Facilities, Andrew Ryan.
  - A. The Project is led by the MC Steering Committee and a team of consultants.
  - B. Overriding principles
    - (i) address facilities obsolescence
    - (ii) prioritize academic space needs
    - (iii) provide new student housing opportunities
    - (iv) support the growth of the College's graduate student population.
    - (v) enhance the spatial experience
    - (vi) ensure investment is financially and environmentally sustainable

- C. Overarching strategy
    - (i) preserve and contemporize the north campus
    - (ii) create a true south campus
  - D. 16 projects over a period of 10 years: Center for Student Success (Thomas Hall), Student Accounts and Bursar Services, STEM study, classroom renovations, Physical Plant Department relocation, south campus housing, new STEM building, Chrysostom offices, Gaelic Park lockers, south quad, De La Salle quad improvements, Leo Hall renovation, RLC renovation, Hayden renovation, Smith theater, Draddy entrance and landscape
  - E. Funding Total investment of approximately \$171 M over 10 years from a combination of debt, fundraising and continuation of the College's existing capital renewal programs
  - F. Schedule Several projects are already underway or in the immediate planning stages. Remaining projects are somewhat modular and can be shifted to match changes in priorities, funding, etc.
- VIII. Reports from the Standing Committees.
- A. Educational Affairs Commission (EAC).
    1. Jeff Horn presented the draft of the Collegewide Core Competencies document. It will be taken to the College-wide Curriculum Committee.
    2. There was concern how collaborative work will be assessed college-wide. Faculty suggested it be assessed at the department or school level since it looks very different across the campus.
    3. Certain wording involving religious and ethical awareness competencies were not consistent with the wording of other items.
    4. A committee will be formed to deal with how transfer credits are handled throughout the College
    5. Online course evaluations. Student response rates were high. There were concerns about who has access to these evals. There was a discussion of the appropriateness of student incentives and the timing. It was noticed that students gave more negative feedback in this new online system and it was mentioned that this should be acknowledged in faculty assessment.
  - B. Campus Life Committee, Sonny Ago
    1. The Committee has not met yet
    2. The Designated Smoking areas were accepted as previously amended (the exclusion of the area under Founder's bridge. A previously discussed mural has progressed to the fundraising stage.)
    3. March 16th is a tentative date for an active shooter drill.
    4. An internal policy change regarding when students move out after graduation. Students request additional time.
    5. Donation of furniture. The next step is to determine local agencies or groups that accept donations. We currently have a clothing donation box, but we need a plan for larger furniture items
- IX. Old Business. No old business.
- X. New Business. No new business.
- XI. Adjourned at 5:00 PM.
- Respectfully submitted by A. K. Greene