



Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 | 3:30-5:00 pm | **Hayden Hall**, Room 409

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Minutes

1. Roll Call

- a. Present: Speaker Kashifuddin Qazi, Senator Rani Roy, Senator Juanita Pacheco, Senator Michael McEneney, Senator Amanda Sanseverino, Senator Enrico Forti, Senator Michelle Bell, Senator Qian Wang, Senator Bahareh Estejab, Senator Miaomiao Zhang, Senator Amy Handfield, Senator Syrita Newman
- b. Excused: Senator Marcy Kelly
- c. Absent: Senator Ronald Gray, Senator Courtney Bryant, Senator Kevin Nipal, Senator Brian Saul, Senator Matthew Schule

2. Approval of the Agenda

- a. The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

- a. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

4. Reading from the “Green Book”

- a. From the “Green Book”, Page 60, St. Bonaventure “The only educators worthy of the name are those who can instill in the hearts of their pupils the vision of beauty, the light of truth, and the practice of virtue.”

5. Speaker’s Report

- a. Speaker Qazi will discuss the items of the report and updates in old business.

6. Reports from the Standing Committees:

- a. Educational Affairs Committee (EAC): Senator Roy
 - i. Met on March 5, 2024.
 - ii. Ad-hoc committee to be formed to review Block scheduling. It will report and make recommendations to the EAC. Interested in being on the committee can reach out to Dean Kelly.
 - iii. Review on EAC Composition.
 - iv. Academic policy – satisfactory academic progress standard vs good academic standing. Currently for financial aid, satisfactory academic progress means that a student needs to maintain a 2.0 GPA to keep their federal / institutional financial aid. Good academic standing, for the first year students are enrolled, requires 1.8

CGPA. EAC is reviewing this because a student could see on degreeworks that they are in good academic standing but could be losing their financial aid due to the discrepancy. For consistency, it should all be at 2.0. Conversations still underway.

- v. Conversation about suspension. A proposal has been brought forth that suspension hasn't proven to be effective. Right now, individuals can go from probation to suspension to dismissal. Data shows, of those on probation, very few individuals get suspended, and out of those suspended very few return. Probation and dismissal take care of that category and therefore suspension may no longer be needed. Constituents are being reached out to, and the proposal will be voted on in the next meeting.

b. Campus Life Committee (CLC): Senator Bennett

- i. Last week over spring break 100 students were in Atlantic City as part of a National Championships (spirit team and esports team). The Manhattan College E-sports team won the championship in one of the games. It is moving on to another championship next month to Texas.
- ii. Staffing within student life – Sharon Ortega is also Assistant Dean now.
- iii. 13 applications currently for Orientation leaders.
- iv. Tomorrow at noon is the first info session for student govt. elections next year.

7. Old Business

- a. Distribution of Faculty Senators per school – Speaker Qazi has met with constituents and Senator Kelly. Senator Kelly has indicated that the faculty of the KSAS would like to have more than previous representation on campus-wide committees. Ad-hoc Senate committee (Senator Bell, Senator Schule and Speaker Qazi) will meet this month and bring forth suggestions for Senate consideration at the next meeting. The Senate will vote on the proposals.
- b. Selection of Dean Senator – Senator Roy has notified the Senate that Senator Kelly will be joining the Senate as the Dean Senator.
- c. Composition of the EAC – Since EAC is a Senate standing committee, EAC composition needs to be voted on in the Senate. EAC will propose a composition in the next meeting to the Senate. The Senate will then vote on that proposal.
- d. Senator Wang asked for any specific reasons to review the block schedule. Senator Roy replied that there were several complaints and requests to review it. Also, she noted that it is very inefficient. Ira Gerhardt pointed out that when the block schedule was created in 2010, there was a statement to review it in three years, but it is only being reviewed 14 years later now.

8. New Business

- a. Rescheduling of April Meeting – Due to conflicts with Jasper Day of Wellness and Faculty / Employee Recognition Convocation, and for the President's availability in the last meeting of the Senate, the April meeting of the Senate is scheduled on April 9, 2024, in Kelly Commons 4C.
- b. Middle Administrators: Summer Fridays – Senator Pacheco said that the middle admin was concerned about Summer Fridays this Summer. Senator Roy replied that Human Resources is working on a memo on the same and the memo should be expected in a week or so. Senator Handfield noted that several members of the staff are concerned that they will lose summer Fridays and are waiting for the memo (usually May 1). Senator Roy responded that the new VP of HR just started last week, and the memo should be coming.
- c. Other?

9. Adjourn

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.
- b. The next meeting of the Senate is on April 9, 2024 in Kelly Commons 4C