



Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 | 3:30-5:00 pm | **Hayden Hall**, Room 409

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Minutes

1. Roll Call

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

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 20, Ciro Garcia “If we adopt the culture of marketing and management, we will end up falling into the web of their values and idols: efficiency, efficacy, realized objectives, marketing quota. All this scheme completely ignores the wisdom of the Beatitudes. It follows the logic of production and not of fecundity.”

5. Speaker’s Report

- a. Senator Qazi reported from the Academic Affairs Committee meeting held on Feb 19, 2024.
- b. The college has received the Title V Grant which is federal funding for Hispanic Serving Institutions. The grant is \$600000 per year over 5 years. It was approved in June ‘23, awarded in Sept. ‘23 and the rollout began in Nov ‘23. The goal with this grant is to increase retention and graduation rates, create a centralized advising office, foster a sense of belonging, redesign gateway courses, etc.
- c. In terms of the college-wide restructuring and moving forward, all merged departments now have a chair. KSAS is working towards a new 5-year vision, involving core-curriculum, honors program, summer camp, etc.
- d. The President held a brainstorming session on Feb. 14, 2024, reps from CFA and FWC.
- e. The employee convocation will be held on Feb. 27, 2024.

- f. Several Senators have reached out and unfortunately cannot continue in the Senate. Senators Blad, Mendez-Baldwin, Weaver, and Malone will not continue.

6. Reports from the Standing Committees:

- a. Educational Affairs Committee (EAC): Asst. Provost Kelly Marin (sub for Senator Roy)
 - i. Met on Feb 6, 2024.
 - ii. Approved the European Credit Transfer and accumulation System (ECTS) proposal. Manhattan College students studying at European partner inst. that use ECTS can now transfer-in earned study abroad credits using a defined scale equivalency. Sent to the registrar.
 - iii. 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. Information will be gathered from faculty and students.
 - iv. College 101 Moodle course improvement suggestion brought forth by students. Conversations about how to improve it and make it accessible to students. Currently reaching out to collaborators and discussing ideas on how to achieve that.
 - v. Next EAC meeting scheduled for March 5, 2024.
 - vi. Senator McEnaney requested a written copy of the report. Assoc. Provost Marin will provide that to the Senate.
 - vii. Speaker Qazi also requested that the minutes of all EAC minutes be provided to the Senate via the Moodle page. Provost Marin will provide those to the Senate.
- b. Campus Life Committee (CLC): Senator Bennett
 - i. Senator Bennett is excused from the meeting and CLC will report next meeting.

7. Old Business

- a. Student Veterans MTA discounts updates – Since Senator Jason Weaver who brought this item to the agenda, is no longer on the roll, this item will be archived, unless another senator wants to investigate this.
- b. Distribution of Faculty Senators per school – Current choice is two from Business and Engineering each and remaining from KSAS. It was proposed by Senator McEnaney that an ad-hoc committee be formed to look into the various options. The proposal was approved. The committee can then bring forth these proposals to the Senate for discussion. Senators Michelle Bell and Schule volunteered to serve on this committee along with Speaker Qazi. The committee will reach out to the various constituents for input.
- c. Selection of Dean Senator – Speaker Roy will select a new Dean Senator and inform the senate.
- d. Composition of the EAC – EAC should discuss the composition and send a proposal to the Senate. EAC reaching out to the CFA for input on faculty distribution in EAC. Any changes in the EAC composition will be change in the by-laws of the Senate.

8. New Business

- a. College financial and enrollment updates:
 - i. Assoc. Provost Kelly Marin was asked to offer updates on the following:
 - 1. Lay-offs – No more layoffs planned for now.
 - 2. Plan Going Forward – The President organized a brainstorming session. Ideas from the session, as well as ideas from previous sessions held by the then Provost Clyde are being compiled, reviewed, and prioritized.

The deans are involved in these conversations. More information to come at the rescheduled employee convocation.

3. Status of University Application – Assoc. Provost Marin is not aware of the status.
4. Status of the Nursing Program - Assoc. Provost Marin is not aware of the status.
5. The President is expected to attend the April meeting of the Senate.

These questions could also be raised then.

- b. Senator Pacheco indicated that middle administration would like a list of discontinued programs. Assoc. Provost Marin will provide that list to the middle administration.
- c. Other?

9. Adjourn

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.
- b. The next meeting of the Senate is on March 19, 2024 in Hayden 409