



SENATE

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 | 3:30-5:00 pm | Kelly Commons, Room 5A

Google Meet Recording: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pXbnDPMT8XSq5MmTIYoNuQU54JrFIv/view>

Minutes

1. Roll Call

- a. Present: Speaker Richard Gustavson, First Deputy Speaker Cory Blad, Secretary Nicole Rodi, Senator Michael McEnaney, Senator Amanda Sanseverino, Senator William Merriman, Senator Tracy Lahey, Senator Swaminathan Krishnan, Senator Bahareh Estejab, Senator Maeve Adams, Senator Courtney Bryant, Senator Kashifuddin Qazi, Senator Amy Handfield, Senator Justin Orr, Senator Corey Curran, Senator Mackenzie Lauture, Senator Chris Belden
- b. Excused Absence: Senator Marin Bultena, Senator Esmilda Abreu, Senator William Clyde, Senator Tim Ward, Senator Jazi Riley
- c. Absent: Senator Ronald Gray, Senator Enrico Forti, Senator Syrita Newman, Senator Kevin Nipal, Senator Luca Villani, Senator Ashley Lawton

2. Approval of the Agenda

- a. The agenda was approved

3. Election of Senate Second Deputy Speaker

- a. First Deputy Speaker Blad nominated Jazi Riley
 - i. Senator Riley was not in attendance and therefore could not accept the nomination
- b. No further nominations or self-nominations were made
- c. Because Senator Riley has expressed interest in the position the Senate will hold a special election meeting on Wednesday December 7th at 12:00pm virtually to elect the new Second Deputy Speaker.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

- a. The minutes were approved

5. Reading from the “Green Book”

- a. “We must love them both — those whose opinions we share and those whose opinions we reject — for both have labored in the search for truth, and both have helped us in finding it.” *St. Thomas Aquinas Page 70*

6. Speaker’s Report

- a. Speaker Gustavson encourages all Senators, if they are not doing so already, to reach out to constituents and discuss the role of the Senate. If there are any concerns that constituents have, bring them up to potentially be discussed at future meetings.

7. Reports from the Standing Committees:

- a. Educational Affairs Committee (EAC): Senator Clyde
 - i. In Senator Clyde's absence, Senator Handfield spoke on items discussed at the November 1st meeting
 - 1. There were no reports from the College-Wide Curriculum Committee, the College Technology Committee, the College Library Committee, or the Graduate Council.
 - 2. An updated version of the CLEP (College Level Examination Program) policy was shared. It was decided that the School of Continuing Professional Studies (SCPS) will accept students CLEP credits towards their undergraduate degree.
 - a. The cap to how many CLEP credits can be applied towards an undergraduate degree is 12
 - b. CLEP credits can only be applied within the School of Continuing Professional Studies. If a student wishes to transfer from the School of Continuing Professional Studies to another school within Manhattan College they must abide by the transferred credit limits of the new program but can include CLEP credit awarded while a student at SCPS.
 - 3. First Deputy Speaker Blad clarified that CLEP credits are only counted as Manhattan credits if they happened before the student began at Manhattan.
 - 4. Senator Qazi noted that a discussion on CLEP credits transferring between schools within Manhattan occurred.
- b. Campus Life Committee (CLC): Senator Abreu
 - i. Speaker Gustavson reiterated that Sonny Ago is no longer with the College therefore Senator Esmilda Abreu is the new Chair of the Campus Life Committee and will be the one to speak on items discussed in CLC meetings moving forward. Unfortunately, Senator Abreu had a prior commitment to attend to and there has been no meeting of the CLC since the previous Senate meeting.

8. Old Business

- a. None

9. New Business

- a. Library Update: Senator Handfield
 - i. Discovery Search: the library catalog was changed starting July 1st, meaning, the items that the library owns and the people who have access have been updated. The discovery search gives access to the items available in the catalog: books, journals, media, access to items in other libraries, ect.
 - ii. Everyone at the college has a library account which can be logged into in order to access the library's services. The new system helps individuals manage their library items efficiently and on their own.
 - 1. Renew items online
 - 2. Manage and request interlibrary loans online
 - 3. Retains search history for easy browsing and research purposes

- iii. The system searches libraries worldwide; it works the same as WorldCat
 - 1. Senator Estejab asked if an email has been sent out to students and faculty regarding these updates
 - a. Yes, an email was sent out early in the semester with a list of library resources and updates
- iv. Senator Handfield demonstrated how to search an item and check it out as well as how to request an interlibrary loan (refer to the meeting recording linked above for visual instructions).
- v. Database list with open access is available
- vi. Featured services are presented on the homepage of the library website: Zotero and O'Reilly
- vii. Research guides pertaining to specific courses, subjects, majors and/or minors are available
- viii. Manhattan College Archives can be accessed on the homepage of the library website
- ix. For questions please reach out to Senator Handfield or any of the library staff members
- b. Other?

10. Adjourn

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 4:06pm. The Senate will meet virtually on December 7th for a special meeting.