

**Manhattan College Senate
Campus Life Committee
Meeting Notes
November 15,2021**

A meeting of the Campus Life Committee of the Manhattan College Senate was convened on November 15, 2021 at 11AM. Those in attendance were: Sonny Ago (Chair/Student Life), Ashley Baptiste (Student Representative), Fiona Delaney (Student Life), Kevin Nipal (Staff Representative), and Zach Olivan (Student Representative).

The topics discussed were:

Extended Library Hours

The Campus Life Committee is extremely grateful for the extended library hours during finals and would like to recognize Dr. William Walters and our own Kevin Nipal for their hard work in addressing this student need.

Professional Development Group

The Division of Student Life has revived and convened its Professional Development Group which will provide opportunities for administrators to further engage in the different aspects of student development (DEI trainings, trainings that address student leadership and engagement, health and wellness opportunities, etc.). as well as to develop a sense of community and cohesion within the Student Life Division. A natural synergy with the Professional Development Group, academic affairs, and student leadership has been encouraging participation in the Exercise is Medicine Program established out of Kinesiology and the Fitness Center.

Black Excellence Mural

Discussions and planning continue for the creation of a Black Excellence Mural on campus. Currently, an exact location, design (based on story circles, and funding are being explored. A potential collaboration with SGA was also discussed at the CLC meeting.

Inclement Weather

The CLC discussed next Senate's presentation on inclement weather policies was provided. Specifically, CLC Student Representatives expressed concern over having to take online classes even if the campus is physically closed. Some challenges cited by the CLC are: the stress of taking online classes overall, equity challenges that might emerge regarding WIFI, commuter students' increased family responsibilities during inclement weather (shoveling snow, childcare for younger members of the household, etc.).

Resident Student Association

The RSA has recently been revived and is asking for residential students to fill out an online survey to improve quality of life on campus. Flyers containing QR codes to access the survey are posted all over the campus.

Commuter Student Focus Group

The Retention Committee's Commuter Experience working group has been hosting focus groups to address the needs of Manhattan College Commuter Students. Please sign up for one if you haven't done so already.

Manhattan Minute for MCTV

This new initiative provides a 1-stop, 1-minute daily overview of what is going on at MC for students. The hope is that Manhattan Minute can be shown on the TVs in the Student Commons, Locke's Loft, Thomas Hall, and other venues.