***CAMPUS LIFE COMMITTEE OF THE MANHATTAN COLLEGE SENATE***

***MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 11TH 2017***

***LOCATION: RAYMOND KELLY COMMONS 3A***

***MINUTES***

**In Attendance:** Micaela Bishop (student), Lisamarie Nilaj (student), Margaret McKiernan (staff), Dr. Sonny Ago (administrator), Amy Handfield (faculty), Fiona Delaney (administrator)

**Not In Attendance:** Ryan Quattromani (student), Anna Rosario (student)

The Campus Life Committee of the Manhattan College Senate met to discuss concerns and to identify areas that will be addressed throughout the 2017-18 academic year. Below is a summary of the meeting.

**Public Safety:**

* Parking Passes: New policy requiring registration and license. Why is there a new policy in place? Why was there no prior notification of this policy? How is the registration and license information being stored in regards to privacy and the potential for identity theft, particularly, in light of Equifax?
* Patrol: Discussed the need to beef up patrols in places such as the 238th street, the need to provide nighttime shuttles and the need to test/update blue light phones.
* Parking Garage: Growing concern over the lack of available parking spaces. For example, the 1st and 2nd level parking is currently being occupied by the Manhattan College Physical Plant Department, taking a number of parking spaces off-line.
* ID Access: Needs to be clearly identified in regards to commuter students visiting hours in the residence halls. The hours of operation for certain buildings and classroom labs in Leo need to be expanded for students to do research.
* Mass Emails: Need to be sent out to students regarding incident reports, campus safety tips, and policies/procedures regarding visiting hours and parking.
* Need to revisit procedures for campus emergencies, specifically, implement an active shooter drill in light of the Las Vegas massacre.

**Campus Master Plan:**

* Request VP Andy Ryan to provide updated information on the campus master plan.

**Smoking Policy Revisited:**

* More diligence is needed to enforce the smoking policy, specifically, signage needs to be placed under the Founders Bridge.

**Columbus Day:**

* In light of the proposal to do away with Columbus Day at the last Senate Meeting, the Campus Life Committee would like to disseminate a campus-wide survey of all employees and students.

**Student Employment Minimum Wages:**

* Concern over student wages on campus was discussed, specifically, exactly what is the minimum wage? Should there be differing wages for specific jobs like research assistants? And, should wages be increased based on the number years of employment? This information should be clearly outlined on the Manhattan College website.

**Residence Hall Update**

* The very real safety and convenience concerns regarding Horan Hall elevators were discussed at length.

**Study Spaces**

* Concerns over the amount of study spaces, particularly, in O’Malley Library were discussed – specifically, the need to increase the number of group study rooms.
* The committee also proposes having the academic buildings stay open later, with desginated study spaces, during mid-terms and finals.