

Proposal: Unlimited Building Access for Faculty Members who have Offices and Labs in the South Campus

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Rationale:

- The buildings in the south campus currently have very limited hours. For example, RLC locks up at 10pm on weekdays and 5pm on Saturday, and is not open on Sundays. If a faculty member wants to come in on Sunday, the faculty member will need to inform public safety 48 hours in advance, and once the faculty member gets into the building, he or she will be locked in and can only be let out by a guard.
- Research and scholarship are fundamental to being an active faculty member. To achieve and maintain the level of faculty excellence Manhattan College reaches for, faculty members need the utmost amount of access to their books, experiments, computers, and workspace. Furthermore, after teaching in the classroom and keeping office hours during the work hours, nights and weekends are the only times left for some faculty members to work on their research and/or prepare for their classes.
- Most colleges and universities who expect research from their faculty find ways to give them unlimited access to their offices and labs.

Solution:

- Full time faculty members who have offices and labs in the south campus should be given 24-hour access to their offices and labs. This is very feasible now that the buildings have card readers.
- Students, approved by a faculty advisor, who are working on a research project, should be given 24-hour access if they need it.

Proposed Resolution:

- Whereas the College is in the business of teaching, research, and scholarship, and thus will not allow the constraint of limited building hours impede a faculty member's productivity in any of the above three areas,
- The Manhattan College Senate resolves that effective immediately, full time faculty member whose offices and labs are in the south campus will be given 24-hour access to their building. The Manhattan College Senate also resolves that students, approved by a faculty advisor, who are working on a research project, should be given 24-hour access if they need it.