



June 11, 2021

Members of the Manhattan College Chapter of AAUP,

As the academic year comes to an end, we wish to report and update everyone with our activities and accomplishments during this past semester:

- 1) We petitioned and received our charter as an active chapter of AAUP during the March national meeting.
- 2) We have communicated to President O'Donnell that the Manhattan College Chapter of AAUP has resumed operation. He has responded positively with a desire to work in collaboration with us.
- 3) We have written a letter to President O'Donnell citing AAUP principles that articulates the Chapter's support of the Senate motion to include faculty representation on the Board of Trustees.
- 4) We have applied for and have been awarded an AAUP New Chapter Grant in May. We plan to use these funds to subsidize a chapter kickoff event (tentatively planned for Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021), as well as to host a website that will publicly disseminate chapter activities, positions, and resources.
- 5) We sent a letter to CFA condemning the proposed Public Expression Policy that was mentioned in the Senate. This policy is a violation of AAUP principles and does not belong in any institution of higher education where debate and discussion are encouraged.

Looking ahead, the Chapter plans to draft a letter to President O'Donnell requesting improved faculty consultation, in the spirit of shared governance, in the wake of disseminating the vaccination policy to the whole campus community for the upcoming Fall semester.

We thank you for your membership and support during these seminal days of our Chapter's history and wish you a safe and restorative summer.

Sincerely,

Mike Judge, President

Ashley Cross, Vice President

J. Patrick Abulencia, Secretary-Treasurer