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Members of the Manhattan College Chapter of AAUP,

We wish to share the Chapter's accomplishments after our first full year of operation, which thematically centered around the philosophy of shared governance.

- 1) We established a website (<https://manhattancollegeaaup.com/>) to document activities of our chapter and provide helpful links for additional information.
- 2) On 9 September, we hosted a "kick-off" event to announce publically the establishment of our revived chapter. Recorded welcoming remarks were provided by Mary Rose Kubal (President, NYS AAUP Conference). The NYS AAUP conference also provided a Powerpoint presentation documenting its activities.
- 3) During a late September hybrid meeting, we presented the AAUP statement to a group of faculty members for informal discussion. Subsequently, we administered a shared governance survey to those present to identify their understanding of that philosophy.
- 4) At our November meeting, we presented the results of that survey and compared our responses to a national survey conducted by AAUP. (The survey results are posted on our website.) We continued our discussions on the different statements of shared governance, particularly juxtaposing the positions of AAUP and AGB (Association of Governing Boards), and identified key principles that are common to both.
- 5) In February, we organized a workshop to further compare the AAUP and AGB statements on shared governance, with the goal of better familiarizing faculty with the major principles from each document. Slides from that meeting discussion are now posted on the website.
- 6) We organized a campus wide panel discussion with two academic leaders (Dr. Mark Criley, AAUP Senior Program Officer, and Dr. Steven Bahls, President, Augustana College) who have a strong familiarity with the AAUP and AGB statements respectively. The goal of this panel was to provide an external perspective and to highlight similarities and differences between the two positions, and suggest a path forward for the College towards achieving improved shared governance.

As the College transitions into a new administration, our Chapter aims to continue improving awareness of shared governance principles amongst the three primary groups (Faculty, Administration, and the Board of Trustees), with the hope of achieving a common understanding for the betterment of all at Manhattan College.

Please note that we intend to organize another kick-off event during the beginning of the academic year where we can collaboratively discuss directions and priorities for the Chapter, as well as have an opportunity to connect socially. We hope to settle on a date and venue soon, so please be on the lookout for that announcement.

We thank you for your membership and support this past year, and look forward to your hearty participation this upcoming academic year. We wish you a safe, healthy, and restorative summer.

Sincerely,

Mike Judge, President

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