

Summary of the Manhattan College AAUP Meeting 16 February 2022

The Manhattan College AAUP Advocacy Chapter facilitated a workshop on February 16th to compare the 1966 AAUP Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities with the 2017 AGB Statement on Shared Governance. The goal of the workshop was to encourage faculty to better understand these two distinct positions on shared governance, in an effort to prepare them for the current discussions occurring at the College concerning this topic. Participants were tasked to summarize sections in the two documents that were thematically similar, identify strengths, weaknesses, and contradictions between these sections, and applications to the Manhattan College faculty handbook. Although both statements emphasize the need for clear communication among all groups, the participants noted many examples where the administration did not follow best practices. Despite some differences on their perspectives on shared governance, it was clear at the conclusion of the workshop that there could be improvements with the current structure at the College, particularly with respect to faculty representation with the Board of Trustees and revisions to the faculty Handbook.