



Manhattan College
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New York, 10471

President's Office

October 21, 2010

Dear Adjunct Faculty Colleagues:

I have received your letter of October 18 and I am encouraged by your affirmation of your personal commitment to our students and the College's guiding tenets. Manhattan College recognizes the professionalism and wealth of expertise that adjunct faculty contribute to the College's ability to provide a strong educational experience and an academically vibrant community. Many adjuncts have long and distinguished records as part of the Manhattan College faculty and have the respect of colleagues and admiration of their students.

Together we face an important challenge. We must, as a community, discuss and explore the situation raised by the union's desire to insert itself into this College. There should be, and there will be, vigorous and respectful dialogue about the issues. I personally look forward to meeting more part-time faculty colleagues and engaging in this dialogue. I am confident that other members of our community will want to be part of this discussion as well because it speaks directly to our core commitment as a Catholic College.

There will be opportunities for members of our community to come together to discuss this matter and we will let everyone know the details so that adjunct faculty can be full participants. I will be in touch soon with details about time and place for us to begin this collegial conversation. I look forward to our continued work together on behalf of our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brennan O'Donnell".

Brennan O'Donnell, Ph.D.
President