

**General Faculty Meeting
Lehman College
November 30th, 2016**

The meeting started promptly at 3:30 in the East Dining room.

President Cruz reported on the status of a dormitory for Lehman, effects of the College on branding, and the continuing efforts to acquire funding for a facility for the Nursing program.

Interim Provost Fayne outlined 5 main points in her presentation: “1) Create work flow procedures that increase accuracy and timeliness and reduce redundancy and confusion; 2) Bring closure to a select number of initiatives that have been in the works for more than one academic year; 3) Design action plans (with attention paid to opportunity and affordability) for new, high profile programs and academic units; 4) Operationalize ways to address persistent and critical institutional needs, and 5) Enhance campus climate by promoting a sense of agency among faculty and staff”.

Professor Conway, Chair of the University Faculty Senate (UFS), spoke about the roles of the UFS and its Chair “to act as a liaison between the faculty on the campuses and the central administration. This is achieved via the sharing of information at UFS plenaries, as well as at UFS subcommittee meetings, meetings with Faculty Governance leaders and via email and the UFS blog”. She also reported on issues related to CUNY’s budget and emphasized that the UFS continues to press for increased transparency. She stated that Presidents should be encouraged to ask a faculty representative to sit on the college foundation board. She noted the University Manual of General Policy requires that President's consult with college P & B committees on budget and that the recommendations of those P & B committees be submitted along with the budget to Central annually. She reported that the President of the Research Foundation presented information at the UFS plenary. The UFS will coordinate with the RF to present a workshop on how indirect costs are calculated and mentioned that the RF agreement with CUNY will be reviewed. Professor Conway reported on the COACHE survey and on online education. Finally, she reported that McKinsey is currently working to generate a diagnostic report on CUNY processes related to the one-third of the budget that is non-instructional, with the goal of improving our administrative model, making our processes more efficient, providing better service, and lowering costs.

Professor Farrell, Chair of the Lehman PSC-CUNY Chapter, reported on the upcoming raises, lump sums (retroactive pay) and CUNY’s information on retirement contribution options. He announced that the next chapter meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th at 3:30 pm in the APEX M-16 with the inclusion of new discussion groups (Health and Safety Committee and Social Justice Committee). The Health and Safety group will serve as a means to report a problem (e.g., many improvements to Carman Hall followed documentation as part of the Reclaim Our Schools action). The Social Justice group supports the initiative of several campuses that declared themselves to be sanctuaries through senate resolutions including BCC and BMCC. He also discussed the adjunct 3-year appointments, where a large number of adjuncts can be excluded from the benefit based on the administration's definition of a department. He reminded everyone of the deadline for Appointments/Reappointments

(December 1). He reported on the prescription drugs program because of the confusion around CVS Caremark and GHI coverage (medications that were once covered seem like they may not be at this point). Finally, he provided a brief mention of the inspector general's report.

Professor Alexander-Street highlighted issues pertaining the University Faculty Senate (UFS) plenary of October 25th, 2017. In particular, she spoke about Robert Ptachik (University Dean of the Executive Office of Enrollment) and Clare Norton (Director of Admissions) reports. She provided information on budgetary issues. She also reported on Chancellor Milliken's media and IG reports, emphasizing that these are not issues unique to CUNY but nationwide trends. She concluded her report outlining the presentations of Richard Rothbard (President of the Research Foundation of CUNY) and Matthew Sapienza (Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer).

A group of representatives of the Lehman's Bookstore provided information on textbooks and its affordability options.

The next General Faculty meeting is scheduled for March 1st, 2017 at 3:30 in the East Dining Room

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm