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**Minutes of
The Lehman College Senate Meeting
Wednesday, December 7, 2016
Senate Meeting**

Senators Present:

Acevedo, J.; Akers, M.; Amend, A.; Assoumanou, S.; Azeem, A.; Badillo, D.; Banoum, B.; Bayne, G.; Bergmann, R.; Blanco, L.; Budescu, M.; Cabrera, S.; Campeanu, S.; Carey, R.; Cheng, H.; Conner, P.; Cruz, J.; Diaz, J.; Fayne, H.; Fera, J.; Flores-Veliz, A.; Garcia-Dwyer, D.; Gerry, C.; Gjirikokaj, A.; Gocaj, L.; Jordan, S.; Kanzie, H.; Kremenitzer, J.; Liriano, R.; Luerssen, A.; Machado, E.; Magdaleno, J.; Mak, W.; Manier, D.; Marianetti, M.; Markens, S.; Martín, Ó.; Maybee, J.; Mejia, D.; Munoz, M.; O'Connor, N.; Oh, H.; Ortiz Pena, K.; Pham, M.; Prince, P.; Prohaska, V.; Ramsundar, A.; Rivera, C.; Rivera-McCutchen, R.; Rodricks, B.; Rosario, Y.; Rubin, H.; Sailor, K.; Samuel, L.; Sarmiento, R.; Schlesinger, K.; Sen, G.; Severe, M.; Shanley, D.; Spence, N.; Tananbaum, D.; Valentine, R.; Waring, E.; Williams, J.; Yates, S.; Zucchetto, V.

Senators Absent: Benitez, J.; Bujaj, A.; Calderon, P.; Christian, M.; Clark, Vincent W.; Coit, W.; Delgado, E.; Dellapina, M.; Doyran, M.; Edwards, A.; Finger, R.; Flores, D.; Georges, C. A.; Glover, B.; Gorokhovich, Y.; Graulau, J.; Holloway, J.; Jervis, J.; Kaur, M.; Keso, S.; Latimer, W.; Mazza, C.; McCabe, J.; Minchala, E.; Nadeem, S.; Paddyfoote, A.; Petkov, R.; Pettipiece, D.; Rahath, A.; Ramsundar, S.; Roush, K.; Rupp, S.; Sauane, M.; Sinishtaj, M.; Spencer, R.; Vazquez, F.; Williams, H.

The meeting was called to order by President José L. Cruz at 3:34 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the November 9, 2016 Senate meeting was approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. Announcements and Communications—

a. Report of the President

President Cruz welcomed all to the final meeting of the semester and announced that he would send out a campus-wide email with some new items of information. The President also reminded everyone of the Tech Fee Proposals due on December 12th via Lehman One Access; he hopes to move the initiative forward for the spring semester and asked everyone to consider submitting a proposal.

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b. Student Legislative Assembly—

Ms. Leonora Gocaj called attention to Mr. Vincent Zucchetto, the Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Student Affairs, expressing to all that will be his last meeting as a member of the Senate. Mr. Zucchetto was instrumental in helping students to believe in their goals and efforts to do so; Ms. Gocaj thanked him for his work.

Ms. Gocaj announced that the Student Government Association will be participating in student stress relief activities in the Library, which will be held on December 13th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and December 19th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. She wished everyone a happy holiday.

President Cruz took the time note that this is the final meeting for Mary Rogan as well, who is serving in her last official capacity as the Special Counsel; he thanked Ms. Rogan for her work with the Senate.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES—

1. Graduate Studies—

Prof. Janet Desimone presented proposals for curriculum changes in the following departments: Journalism, Communication and Theatre; Health Sciences; Counseling, Leadership, Literacy and Special Education. The proposals were approved by unanimous voice vote.

See Attachment I

2. Governance Committee—

Prof. Duane Tananbaum presented the slate of student nominees to fill vacancies on the Senate Standing Committees; all were approved by unanimous voice vote. Prof. Tananbaum also urged all senate committee chairs to acquire a copy of the current list on the Senate website and make any corrections necessary.

72 There was a vacancy on the Governance Committee for a Department Representative. Prof.
73 Joseph Fera, of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department, was nominated by the
74 Committee to replace Prof. Jim Jervis. Prof. Fera was elected by unanimous voice vote.

75 In the absence of Prof. Jervis, there was also a vacancy for a Senator-at-Large. Prof. Devrim
76 Yavuz, a nominee from the previous election, was designated as the successor and is currently
77 serving as a Senator-at-Large.

78 The Committee decided that Vice Provost Becker should report to the Senate today on the
79 recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Student Evaluations; Prof. Tananbaum
80 informed all that this would be for discussion purposes only.

81 See Attachment II.

82 Prof. Tananbaum shared his sentiments on the work of Vincent Zucchetto and Special Counsel,
83 Mary Rogan. He also expressed his appreciation for their positive influence on the College
84 Senate and thanked Mr. Zucchetto and Ms. Rogan for their efforts.

85 The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 25, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in Carman 201. The
86 Committee will meet with the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and the Committee on
87 Admission, Evaluations, and Academic Standards to discuss jurisdictional issues.

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89 **3. Committee on Admissions, Evaluations and Academic Standards--**

90 There was no report.

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92 A motion was made to approve all students who applied for graduation and those certified by
93 the Registrar; all were approved by unanimous voice vote.

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95 **4. Undergraduate Curriculum---**

96 Prof. Vincent Prohaska presented proposals for curriculum changes in the following
97 departments: Chemistry; Health Sciences; Speech Language Hearing Sciences; and Social
98 Work. All were approved by unanimous voice vote.

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100 See Attachment III

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The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in SC 1405A.

5. Academic Freedom—

Prof. David Manier, the newly elected chair of the Academic Freedom Committee, presented the report. He reviewed the charge from the Senate and Governance Committee to revise the resolution concerning the University of Chicago Report of the Committee on Freedom of Expression. A draft of the policy, to be proposed at the January 2017 Board of Trustees meeting, was presented for approval. Many issues with the resolution were raised and a motion was made to table the report. The motion was approved by voice vote.

See Attachment IV

6. Library, Technology, and Telecommunication—

Mr. Stephen Castellano presented the report and discussed announcements from the Library, the Division of Information Technology, and Online Education.

See Attachment V

7. Campus Life and Facilities —

There was no report.

8. Budget and Long Range Planning —

There was no report.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22nd at 3:30 in Shuster 336.

9. University Faculty Senate Report—

Dr. Ayanna Alexander-Street presented the report.

The University Faculty Senate (UFS) discussed admissions rates in the Senior Colleges, which were below average due to an increase in competition from city and private colleges.

133 Another factor was the length of time it takes students to graduate; students do not generally
134 graduate within four years, rather, it takes up to six.

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136 Expanding fee waivers, changing skill proficiency standards, and utilizing new CUNY
137 admissions systems were also topics that were addressed. All items will be implemented
138 soon.

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140 It was proposed in the budget for the upcoming year to have a \$250 per year increase at the
141 Senior Colleges; and a \$100 per year increase for the community colleges. Further
142 information on the breakdown on income sources and expenditures may be obtained at
143 CUNY Portal.

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145 Issues were raised concerning the SPS Program and the Inspector General report. Many
146 speakers, including Chancellor James Milliken, also stressed the need to look at CUNY
147 policies in order to improve upon them and create transparency. To address these issues, UFS
148 will be looking into the College's relationship with the CUNY Research Foundation;
149 although it has yet to be reviewed, it is a priority.

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151 On Thursday, December 8, 2016, there will be a faculty symposium at the Borough of
152 Manhattan Community College; in the spring, there will also be a symposium at John Jay
153 College, the date for which is to be determined.

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155 There were concerns about the budget with the governor because of certain CUNY
156 expenditures; former Chancellor, Matthew Goldstein, is still on payroll and is one example as
157 to why that is. Though these concerns were raised, they were left unresolved. There will be
158 further discussion, however, on these issues in future meetings and talk of a resolution.

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161 Old Business----None.

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164 New Business----Vice Provost Stefan Becker presented information on student evaluations for
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168 **ADJOURNMENT**

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170 President Cruz adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

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175 Mary T. Rogan