Minutes of  
The Lehman College Senate Meeting  
Wednesday, February 2, 2011  
Senate Meeting

Senators Present:  Alborn, T.; Badru, L.; Bayne, G.; Bennett, M.; Bergmann, R.;  
Borrell, L.; Carrellas, P.; Carey, R.; Carney, J.; Clark, V.; Correa, D.;  
DellaPina, M.; DeSimone, F.; Eleyinafe, O.; Farrell, R.;  
Fernández, R.; Fletcher, D.; Freedberg, S.; Gálvez, A.;  
Larimer, A.; Lawrence, A.; Lizardi, H.; Magdaleno, J.;  
Marianetti, M.; Matthews, E; O’Connor, N.; O’Hanlon, T.;  
Onyedum, J.; Papazian, M.; Peruyero, C.; Philipp, M.; Raaum, R.;  
Rachlin, J.; Rotolo, R.; Tananbaum, D.; Troy, R Warde, B.;  
Wilder, I.; Wunder, A.; Zucchetto, V.

Senators Absent:  Akan, A.; Almodovar-Salinas, D.; Amaoma, C.; Artinian, A.;  
Bamshad, M.; Banoum, B.; Bard, A.; Barnard, J.; Beard, C.; Blot, R.;  
Brooks, O.; Buckley, M.; Bullaro, G.; Calvet, L.; Cheng, T.;  
Choudhary, A.; Deveaux, F.; Di Paolo, M.; Dobson, C.; Duhaney, C.;  
Eldridge, D.; Esteves, C.; Feinerman, R.; Fermin, A.; Garçon, M.;  
Markens, S.; Martin, O.; Maybee, J.; Mineka, J.; Munch, J.;  
Prohaska, V.; Qian, G.; Rice, A.; Ricourt, M.; Ross, S.; Samuels, Y.;  
Schlesinger, K.; Schwartz, G.; Sesay, F.; Sibermintz, N.;  
Silverman, H.; Sloan, H.; Sokol, M.; Soto, M.; Souare, I.;  
Thomas, G.; Thompson, P.; Tilley, J.; Totti, X.; Twomey, R.;  
Voge, S.; Waldo, I.; Whittaker, R.; Zapata, S.; Zermatt-Scutt, M.

The meeting was called to order by President Ricardo R. Fernández at 3:42 p.m.

President Fernández made a motion to adopt the minutes of the Senate Meeting of  
December 15th, 2010. Professor Duane Tananbaum asked that since the minutes now  
includes appendixes, they should read “see appendix,” not “listed above” as in line 131.

The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.
Announcements and Communications—

a. 1. The President reported that the implications of the governor’s budget are being analyzed at the Central Office. A thorough briefing will be provided by CUNY at the Council of Presidents meeting next Monday. The State legislature is promising a timely (April 1) budget. The impact of the $100 million reduction that the governor proposes for CUNY, (and a proportional amount for SUNY) over four fifths, will fall on senior colleges. There may be other implications. Capital projects are affected. The president is keeping an eye on this, and will be organizing the visits to our elected officials in Albany.

2. Dr. Fernández also reported that compared to last spring, enrollment is flat. He expects to get final figures in a few weeks.

3. Finally, the president noted that the Buildings and Grounds staff had done an excellent job of keeping the campus safe with snow and ice removal.

b. Student Conference—

1. Mr. Marvin Bennett reported that on February 16th, CASA and Student Conference will host “Student Government Intersession.” This event will inform Lehman College students what student government does and how to be a part of it. Also, special elections are to be held in mid-March, the date is not yet finalized. The election ballot will include the proposed Student Government Association Constitution, provided there are enough signatures on the petition.

2. This semester, Student Conference is working on developing a proposal, in consultation with various deans and departments, for the implementation of a new major in Urban Community Development. The proposal in now in its final stages. Student Conference continues to believe that Lehman College can lead the charge in developing our urban communities.

3. Mr. Bennett asked Mr. Christian Peruyero, Student Conference treasurer, to address the Senate on a lawsuit against the CUNY Board of Trustees. Mr. Peruyero reported that he, student senator Lamont Badru, and students from three other CUNY schools are suing the CUNY Board of Trustees. He indicated that the New York State Education Law states that the right to raise tuition rests only with the CUNY Board of
Trustees. They question and challenge Chancellor Matthew Goldstein’s right to raise tuition on an incremental basis every semester, in contradiction to the law.

President Fernández took this opportunity to remind the Senate that Chancellor Goldstein will be visiting Lehman on February 9. He also announced that Prof. Deena Bernstein, chair of the Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences Department, was elected as the College Committee on Faculty Personnel and Budget representative to the ad hoc Senate Committee on Structure.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES—

c. Governance Committee—

1. Professor Duane Tananbaum announced that due to the January 27 snow day, the Governance Committee was unable to meet. The Committee on Structure will be holding its first meeting on February 8th at 3:00 p.m. in Carman 201. He sent out an e-mail to all members. The Provost will join this meeting and update everyone on the status of all the proposals. She is very interested in receiving input.

2. The Governance Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, February 14 at 3:30 p.m. in Carman 201.

d. Committee on Admissions, Evaluations and Academic Standards—

There was no report.

e. Undergraduate Curriculum—

1. Professor Barbara Jacobson presented proposals from the Department of English; including two new courses from the interdisciplinary program in Linguistics. Due to the absence of a quorum, the proposal was tabled until the next Senate meeting.

2. The next committee meeting is next Wednesday, February 9th in Carman 263.

f. Committee on Graduate Studies—

There was no report.
g. **Academic Freedom**—

In the absence of Professor Mario González-Corzo, Professor Duane Tananbaum reported that the first spring meeting will be held in early February; topics to be covered include developing an online academic freedom source repository, general academic freedom topics and developing an academic freedom survey.

h. **Library, Technology and Telecommunications**—

Mr. James Carney reported that there was no report but the first meeting will be held on February 7 in The Library Conference Room.

i. **Campus Life and Facilities**—

There was no report.

j. **Budget and Long Range Planning**—

There was no report.

k. **University Faculty Senate**—

See attached report. Discussion followed.

**Old Business**—

Due to absence of a quorum, the resolution Amendments to Governance Documents and Bylaws changing “Student Conference” to “Student Government Assembly” was tabled until the next Senate meeting.

**New Business**—

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Fernández adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Esdras Tulier