Minutes of
The Lehman College Senate Meeting
Wednesday, September 7, 2011
Senate Meeting

Borre1, L.; Buckley, M.; Calvet, L.; Carey, R.; Carrellas, P.;
Choudhary, A.; Clark, V.; Deas, M.; DelaCruz, J.; Delevan, C.;
DellaPina, M.; Fernández, R.; Feinerman, R.; Fisher, W.; Francis, A.;
Markens, S.; Martin, O.; Matthews, E.; Mazza, C.; Nadeem, S.;
O’Connor, N.; O’Hanlon, T.; Onyedum, J.; Papazian, M.;
Philipp, M.; Prince, P.; Rachlin, J.; Rice, A.; Rivera-McCutchen, R.;
Wilder, I.; Zermatt-Scutt, M.; Zucchotto, V.

Carey, O.; Dean, F.; Dobson, C.; Eleyinafe, O.; Farrell, R.; Fayne, H.;
Voge, S.; Walker, D.; Zapata, S.

The meeting was called to order by President Ricardo R. Fernández at 3:41 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes of the Senate meeting of May 4, 2011. The
minutes were approved unanimously.

Announcements and Communications—

a. 1. President Fernández welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the 2011-2012 academic
year. He was pleased to report that the new academic year is off to a good start. Enrollment
continues to be good with preliminary numbers showing a slight increase. Transfer enrollment has
increased significantly, due to transferring students from within CUNY and without.

2. The budget continues to be tight. There was a mandated 1.75% reduction, notwithstanding
the tuition increase. Nevertheless, the outlook for the future is bright. With a more rational way of
planning, and funds to bring those goals to fruition, we will be able to provide more faculty, more
services to students and facilities that make life at Lehman more pleasant for all. The ultimate goal
is to provide a positive educational experience to those students who choose to come to Lehman.
The president expressed particular interest in having undergraduate students work closely with faculty on research projects.

3. He was pleased to report that the new daycare center, which will significantly expand the capacity to serve the children of our students, will hold its ground-breaking ceremony on September 20. Also, the Science Building is on track to open in September 2012. Furthermore, there will be a lot of activity concerning the Pathways Project this fall and well into 2012, so that it can be implemented in 2013. President Fernández has been informed that 50 additional faculty members across the university have been added to the planning project which will be focusing on the nine most heavily enrolled majors in CUNY.

4. An important activity that will be taking place this year in all of CUNY is development of the academic Master Plan for 2012-2016, required by State law. In the past, we would develop a plan, which was, in essence, a wish list. The difference this year is that there will be some funding associated with the Master Plan to bring it to fruition.

5. Finally, there will be a ceremony commemorating the attacks of September 11, on Monday, September 12, at 1 p.m., at the usual site in front of Shuster Hall. CUNY has developed a special website listing events related to 9/11 throughout CUNY.

Before calling for the Student Conference report, President Fernández noted that the name Student Government Association, will not be official until the CUNY Board of Trustees approves that resolution. This action is expected to take place later this month.

b. Student Conference-

Ms. Fatima Deen, a representative of the Student Conference, reported that special elections will take place on September 19 and expects to have full senate membership by the October Senate meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES–

c. Governance Committee–

1. Prof. Manfred Philipp presented the report. He introduced the new Senate membership for the 2011-2012. Prof. Philipp called for nominations for a Senate Chair to act in the absence of the president. Prof. Duane Tananbaum was the only candidate nominated and he was elected by
acclamation. Prof. Philipp then called for nominations for three members to serve on the
Governance Committee. Prof. Duane Tananbaum and Prof. Marie Marianetti, of the Department
of History; and Prof. James Jervis, of the Department of African and African American Studies
were nominated and elected by acclamation.
2. The next item was a call for nominations to replace Prof. Serigne Gningue as a member of the
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. The Governance Committee nominated Prof. David
Hyman, of the Department of Middle and High School Education. Prof. Penny Prince was also
ominated from the floor but declined. Prof. Hyman was elected by acclamation.
3. Prof. Philipp presented the Governance Committee’s nominees to serve on the Graduate
Studies Committee, Prof. Melissa Brown, of the Department of Art and Prof. Jeanne Peloso, of the
Department of Early Childhood and Childhood Education. There were no additional nominations
from the floor, and Prof. Brown and Prof. Peloso were elected by acclamation.
4. The next meeting of the Governance Committee will take place immediately following the
Senate meeting in Carman B-04. Prof. Tananbaum announced that at the October Senate meeting,
Prof. Esther Wilder, of the Department of Sociology and Prof. Dene Hurley, of the Department of
Economics and Business, will be presenting on the Pathways Project. This project has a tight
timetable for faculty to respond.

d. Committee on Admissions, Evaluations and Academic Standards—
Prof. Anne Rice reported that the Committee has not met but will meet before September 28.

e. Graduate Studies—
Prof. Janet DeSimone stated that the Committee met today and has no report. The next meeting is
on October 12 and its deadline is October 6.

f. Undergraduate Curriculum—
1. Prof. Jacobson presented reports from the Department of Art; the Department of Biological
Sciences; the Department of Economics and Business; the Department of Journalism,
Communication and Theatre; the Department of Languages and Literatures; and the Department of
Latin American and Puerto Rican Studies. She noted that the four courses in the proposal from
Biological Sciences are experimental and are being presented as information items only. The reports were approved unanimously.

2. The next meeting is on September 21 at 12:30 in C-263.

g. Academic Freedom—
1. Prof. Mario González-Corzo reported that the Committee will meet on September 13 and will be reporting at the October meeting.

h. Library and Communications—
1. Mr. James Carney presented the report. See attachment I.  
2. The next meeting is on September 19, at time and place to be determined.

i. Campus Life—No report.


k. University Faculty Senate Report— See attachment III. In addition, Prof. Manfred Philipp announced that University Faculty Chair Sandi Cooper will be present at the General Faculty meeting next week.

Old Business—None.

New Business— None.

ADJOURNMENT

President Fernández adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Esdras Tulier