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

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**Senators Present:** Alborn, T.; Banoum, B.; Bayne, G.; Becker, S.; Bergmann, R.; Borrell, 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.; Gálvez, A.; Gross, C.; Haghight, E.; Harcourt-Smith, W.; Hattori, T.; Holloway, Hurley, D.; Huynh, M.; Jacobson, B.; Jafari, M.; Jervis, J.; Kabat, D.; Magdaleno, J.; Marianetti, M.; 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.; Schlesinger, K.; Tananbaum, D.; Troy, R.; Valentine, R.; Washington, E.; Wilder, I.; Zermatt-Scutt, M.; Zucchetto, V.

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**Senators Absent:** Almodovar-Salinas, D.; Aquino, G.; Bamshad, M.; Boone, R.; Carey, O.; Dean, F.; Dobson, C.; Eleyinafe, O.; Farrell, R.; Fayne, H.; Greenberg, J.; Jarroll, E.; Kayaalp, O.; Ross, S.; Sailor, K.; Sesay, F.; 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.

42 The president expressed particular interest in having undergraduate students work closely with  
43 faculty on research projects.

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

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

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

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

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

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68 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES-

69 **c. Governance Committee-**  
70 1. Prof. Manfred Philipp presented the report. He introduced the new Senate membership for the  
71 2011-2012. Prof. Philipp called for nominations for a Senate Chair to act in the absence of the  
72 president. Prof. Duane Tananbaum was the only candidate nominated and he was elected by

73 acclamation. Prof. Philipp then called for nominations for three members to serve on the  
74 Governance Committee. Prof. Duane Tananbaum and Prof. Marie Marianetti, of the Department  
75 of History; and Prof. James Jervis, of the Department of African and African American Studies  
76 were nominated and elected by acclamation.

77 2. The next item was a call for nominations to replace Prof. Serigne Gningue as a member of the  
78 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. The Governance Committee nominated Prof. David  
79 Hyman, of the Department of Middle and High School Education. Prof. Penny Prince was also  
80 nominated from the floor but declined. Prof. Hyman was elected by acclamation.

81 3. Prof. Philipp presented the Governance Committee's nominees to serve on the Graduate  
82 Studies Committee, Prof. Melissa Brown, of the Department of Art and Prof. Jeanne Peloso, of the  
83 Department of Early Childhood and Childhood Education. There were no additional nominations  
84 from the floor, and Prof. Brown and Prof. Peloso were elected by acclamation.

85 4. The next meeting of the Governance Committee will take place immediately following the  
86 Senate meeting in Carman B-04. Prof. Tananbaum announced that at the October Senate meeting,  
87 Prof. Esther Wilder, of the Department of Sociology and Prof. Dene Hurley, of the Department of  
88 Economics and Business, will be presenting on the Pathways Project. This project has a tight  
89 timetable for faculty to respond.

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91 **d. Committee on Admissions, Evaluations and Academic Standards--**

92 Prof. Anne Rice reported that the Committee has not met but will meet before September 28.  
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94 **e. Graduate Studies--**

95 Prof. Janet DeSimone stated that the Committee met today and has no report. The next meeting is  
96 on October 12 and its deadline is October 6.  
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98 **f. Undergraduate Curriculum--**

99 1. Prof. Jacobson presented reports from the Department of Art; the Department of Biological  
100 Sciences; the Department of Economics and Business; the Department of Journalism,  
101 Communication and Theatre; the Department of Languages and Literatures; and the Department of  
102 Latin American and Puerto Rican Studies. She noted that the four courses in the proposal from

103 Biological Sciences are experimental and are being presented as information items only. The  
104 reports were approved unanimously.

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

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107 **g. Academic Freedom—**

108 1. Prof. Mario González-Corzo reported that the Committee will meet on September 13 and will  
109 be reporting at the October meeting.

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111 **h. Library and Communications—**

112 1. Mr. James Carney presented the report. See attachment I.

113 2. The next meeting is on September 19, at time and place to be determined.

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115 **i. Campus Life—**No report.

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117 **j. Budget and Long Range Planning—** See attachment II. Within this report, Prof. Manfred  
118 Philipp, also reviewed the 2011 Fiscal Year Financial Report which can be viewed at  
119 <http://cunyufs.org/LEH/latest/3QFY2011FinancialReport.pdf>

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

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125 Old Business—None.

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127 New Business— None.

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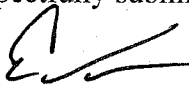
130 ADJOURNMENT

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

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Respectfully submitted,

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