

LEHMAN COLLEGE  
ACADEMIC FREEDOM COMMITTEE  
Minutes of the committee meeting  
6 FEB 2017

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Present: Stefan Becker, Brigitte Cypress, Arber Gjirkokaj, David Manier, Donna McGregor, Mohan Vinjamuri

The meeting was called to order by Prof. Manier at 4:10 p.m.

1. The minutes from 28 Nov 2016 meeting had previously been approved by email.
2. A confidential case regarding faculty academic freedom was discussed, without any related motion being offered.
3. The CUNY policy on freedom of expression and expressive conduct was further discussed. The future of this policy (which has not been voted on and enacted) is now uncertain, since its author, Frederick Schaffer, has resigned his position as CUNY General Counsel and Vice Chancellor. Prof. Manier suggested that Lehman College adopt a policy on academic freedom based on the University of Chicago statement. The committee decided to seek faculty and student leadership review and feedback on the statement. To this end, Prof. Manier posted a suggested draft on Google Docs, to be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/jeyoym6> . Any comments can be made to that Google Doc, or by email to Prof. Manier at [david.manier@lehman.cuny.edu](mailto:david.manier@lehman.cuny.edu) . The committee will then review this feedback and make modifications to the statement, as appropriate, prior to sending the statement to the Senate.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Manier, Assoc. Professor  
Chair and Secretary Pro Tempore

Cc: Alison Abreu  
Sophia Diamantis-Fry