

LEHMAN COLLEGE SENATE ACADEMIC FREEDOM COMMITTEE
*Minutes of the Meeting Held on April 27, 2015, 3:30-4:30p.m.,
Carman Hall 201*

The Academic Freedom Committee consists of the following members:

Faculty- Robert T. Valentine (History), Chair; Michael Buckley (Philosophy), Carmen Esteves (Languages & Literature), Sharon Freedberg (Health Sciences, administrative advisor), Mario Gonzalez-Corzo (Economics & Business); Peter Alexanderson (Economics & Business, UFS Academic Freedom Committee liaison).
Students- Kwabena Danquah, Denise Escano, Kwaku Gyeabour, Nnamdi Okoro.

Minutes of the Meeting

Mario Gonzalez-Corzo, Sharon Freedberg and Robert T. Valentine attended the meeting held on Monday, April 27, 2015.

With such minimal attendance, the committee was unable to select a new chair; two of the members present will have their terms expire in June, 2015. They have not been re-nominated. The remaining members (Professors Buckley & Alexanderson) will be joined by 3 new faculty members in the fall, Brigitte Cypress (Nursing), Matthew Johnson (Mathematics & Computer Science), and Donna McGregor (Chemistry). The new student members will be selected in the fall.

Meetings Scheduled for Spring, 2015

Our first meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2015 was postponed since all Lehman College Senate standing committee chairs were requested to meet with our Legal Counsel, Mary Rogen, to discuss matters pertaining to committee meetings, having a quorum, and keeping accurate records for legal purposes.

Since no one was able to attend our meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2015, the meeting was cancelled.

A meeting was called for March 30, 2015, and only Professor Gonzalez-Corzo & I attended. We discussed the prospect of our leaving the committee, since both of our terms are due to expire in June, 2015. Neither of us were re-nominated to serve on the Academic Freedom Committee. Professor Esteves will also be leaving the committee in June, 2015.

Academic Freedom Faculty Survey Results

The Academic Freedom Faculty Survey was completed, corrected, and is available on the Lehman College Senate website, under reports of the standing committees.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Academic Freedom Committee is (tentatively) scheduled for sometime in September. The outgoing chair (Professor Valentine) will schedule a meeting for the new committee, at which the new and continuing members will select a chair. It is imperative that all of the members attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert T. Valentine, Chair