

LEHMAN COLLEGE SENATE ACADEMIC FREEDOM COMMITTEE
*Minutes of the Meeting Held on September 3, 2014, 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), Mario Gonzalez-Corzo (Economics & Business); Gaoyin Qian (Education, administrative advisor); Peter Alexanderson (Economics & Business, UFS Academic Freedom Committee liaison)

Students- Student Committee members will be determined at the next Lehman College Senate meeting, to be held Wednesday, September 10, 2014.

Minutes of the Meeting

Peter Alexanderson, Michael Buckley, Mario Gonzalez-Corzo, and Robert T. Valentine attended the meeting held on Wednesday, September 3, 2014.

Academic Freedom Faculty Survey Results

We are pleased to announce that some preliminary results have come in. The first “wave” of surveys went out to the faculty on April 28, 2014 and ran through June 6, 2014 (like Normandy!). Some 70 faculty members have responded to our 16-question survey and we feel this is a fine start. Thank you for taking the time to assist us.

Our thanks also go to Professor Gonzalez-Corzo, who is managing the survey, and for his efforts to make it a success. And also to John Dono for his invaluable service to Lehman College in many capacities.

Another “wave” of surveys will be forthcoming. We hope the remaining faculty will take a few minutes to fill out their online Academic Freedom questionnaires.

As another expedient, we will distribute printed copies of the survey at the next meeting of the General Faculty on Wednesday, October 1, 2014. Copies will be left on the tables for faculty to complete and will be discreetly collected after everyone has left. We will do our utmost to ensure privacy, while at the same time utilizing expediency.

Appointment of a Committee Chair

As prescribed for all Senate standing committees, a new chair has to be elected or appointed for the ensuing school-year. The chair serves for a one-year term. Robert T. Valentine (History Department) was appointed as chair for another year.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Academic Freedom Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 3:30p.m., Carman Hall Room 201. We encourage *all* of our committee members to attend and will notify the student members when they have been selected.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert T. Valentine, Chair