



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 11th, 2020

Present: Peter Nwosu, Duane Tananbaum, Quameisha Moreno, Susan Markens, Marie Marianetti, Anne Rice, Joseph Fera, Amanda Sisselman-Borgia, Nadine Zerphey

1. Minutes approved with minor revisions.
2. Chair of CAEAS committee is concerned about reaching quorum because they were working on bringing issues before the senate. As these are recommendations, Joe had a conversation with Sandra (chair) explaining that these recommendations can still be brought to the senate even if they do not have quorum in the meeting. Vacancy still exists so someone will need to be nominated to fill this vacancy. Tanya Haxhoviq, a HEA (academic advisor in the Math Department) who is also an adjunct instructor, will be nominated to fill the vacancy and she has confirmed her interest.
3. There was a request from Elin Waring, who is on the census committee. She has requested time on the senate agenda (new business) to speak about the census and activities related to addressing proper counting in the Bronx. The governance committee agrees this is appropriate to be placed under new business.
4. Duane presented a revised version of the Lehman College Senate bylaws. Janet DeSimone responded to Duane and stated that the graduate studies feels that they are able to handle student issues and curriculum issues on the same committee, so this will be left as it is. Governance committee had another discussion about the new committee on assessment and determined that the composition discussed and written into the bylaws is appropriate. The governance committee had a discussion about how to handle student absences or vacancies on senate committees. A policy needs to be developed to address this because student schedules are always changing each semester. The governance committee will give this some thought and time on the agenda next academic year. Joe will set up a meeting with the active students on the committee regarding possibilities for this policy and then will bring these to the governance committee.

President has requested that we remove the honorary degrees addition from the bylaws until there is more time to discuss and deal with timelines. The revised bylaws will go to the governance committee for review, then to Sophia in time for Weds the 19th which would give two weeks for senate members to read and review before the senate meeting.

The committee will review the college governance documents at the next meeting. The next meeting is Tuesday March 24th at 11am in CA 201.