

Lehman College Governance Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2020

Present: Joe Fera, Susan Markens, Bridget Barbera, Peter Nwosu, Amanda Sisselman-Borgia, Quameisha Moreno, Marie Marianetti, Duane Tananbaum, Anne Rice

1. The minutes from previous meeting were approved.
2. The governance committee spent the majority of the time reviewing the edits and revisions to the Senate By-laws. Most changes were clarifying language and modernizing language to include current practices. Bridget Barbera, the college counsel, attended the meeting to provide guidance on language from the legal perspective.

One of the recommendations was to include honorary degrees in the degrees to be voted on through senate. This has implications for the timing of offering and accepting of the honorary degrees, so the Provost will discuss with administration and find out if this is possible.

The governance committee suggested moving the Ad-hoc committee on assessment to a standing senate committee with responsibilities to report back to the senate periodically on their progress, activities, and recommendations.

Duane Tananbaum will speak with Janet DeSimone to determine whether or not the grad studies committee feels that they need another committee to handle student issues. The undergraduate curriculum committee is separated from CAEAS which handles student issues. Grad studies does not have the same volume of students so it may not be necessary.

Time did not permit the committee to review the College Governance Documents, so this will be pushed to the next meeting date in February.

3. The committee also reviewed the standing committee nomination solicitation materials and approved. Joe Fera will do a presentation on the process at the next senate meeting included in the governance report with a new flier that details the nomination process and adds more transparency to the process. The goal is to have the slate drafted in March and voted on at the April senate meeting.
4. The COACHE committee requested that the campus life and facilities committee address recommendations related to staffing and classroom safety and usability. The campus life committee was hesitant to investigate these concerns as they felt it was outside of their purview to address them. Joe Fera will write to the chair of the campus life committee to request that they reconsider and do some further investigation and then provide recommendations.

5. There is a vacancy on the CAEAS committee as Linda Scheetz is on Travia leave. The committee had a brief discussion about this but ran out of time in the meeting to discuss a course of action. This will be discussed in the next meeting. The CAEAS committee will need a replacement to ensure that they reach quorum for each meeting.