

LEHMAN COLLEGE

The City University of New York

Lehman College Senate Meeting

Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at 2:00 P.M.

Carman Hall B-04

AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes of the Senate Meeting of May 2, 2007.
2. Announcements and Communications:
 - a. President Ricardo R. Fernández
 - b. Representative of the Student Conference
3. Reports of Standing Committees:
 - a. Governance: Vincent Prohaska
 - b. Admissions, Evaluations and Academic Standards: Prof. Kevin Sailor
 - c. Undergraduate Curriculum: Prof. Barbara Jacobson
 - d. Graduate Studies: Prof. Robin Kunstler
 - e. Academic Freedom: Prof. Rosalind Carey
 - f. Library, Technology, and Telecommunication: Prof. Esther Wilder
 - g. Campus Life and Facilities: Prof. Elhum Haghightat
 - h. Budget and Long Range Planning: Prof. Eric Delson
 - i. University Faculty Senate: Prof. Manfred Phillip
4. Old Business: Mission, Vision, and Values Statements
5. New Business:
 - a) Resolution to Produce and Make Available User's Guides for both the Library and Information Technology Resources
 - b) Resolution to Undertake Student and Faculty Technology Surveys at Lehman College
 - c) Resolution that all instructors be urged to make known to their students the hours and contact information for tutoring services available in their subject areas.

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**Minutes of
The Lehman College Senate Meeting
Wednesday, May 2, 2007**

19 **Senators Present:**

Akan, A.; Albelda, A.; Albelda, V.; Awoyomi, T.; Bailey, M.;
Banoum, B.; Bard, A.; Blot, R.; Bonastia, C.; Calvet, L.; Chowdhury, N.;
DeMinco, S.; Digby, A.; DiPaolo, M.; Em, C.; Feinerman, R.;
Ferraro, M.; Figueroa, J.; Fiol-Matta, L.; Fleitas, J.; Folsom, C.;
Ganjian, I.; Gottlieb, M.; Haghighat, E.; Happaney, K.; Harushimana, I.;
Holloway, J.; Hurley, D.; Jacobson, B.; Jafari, M.; Jervis, J.; Johnson, A.;
Kunstler, R.; Lawrence, D.; Lazarus, M.; Lertzundi, P.; Levitt, J.;
Lowenstein, D.; Magdaleno, J.; Marianetti, M.; Matthews, E.;
Merzel, C.; Mineka, J.; Munch, J.; Myrie, D.; Pant, H.; Pierre, K.;
Philipp, M.; Polirstok, S.; Prohaska, V.; Sailor, K.; Salamandra, C.;
Salvatore, R.; Silverman, H.; Sloan, H.; Tananbaum, D.; Tilley, J.;
Tramontano, W.; Troy, R.; Verdejo, V.; Voge, S.; Wheeler, D.;
Wilder, E.; Xia, Z.;

20 **Senators Absent:**

Amaechi, C.; Ameen, S.; Aronowitz, J.; Bahadourian, J.;
Bambshad-Alavi, M.; Berrhe, K.; Bird, E.; Blanco, W.; Boyar, A.;
Bullaro, G.; Capetola, L.; Carey, R.; Chau, J.; DeJesus, A.; Diraimo, S.;
Esteves, C.; Fernández, R.; Fields, J.; Fletcher, D.; Garanin, G.;
Georges, C.; Gulla, A.; Gurdak, D.; Hsueh, T.; Hurley, D.; Ibrahim, N.;
Ihde, T.; Jean, Y.; Jones, L.; Joseph, C.; Kleiman, S.; Lundy, T.;
Natividad, R.; Nwogu, E.; Ogunjemilusi, O.; Pascal, A.; Perry-Rider, G.;
Philipp, M.; Pirch, K.; Polirstok, S.; Rice, A.; Ricourt, M.; Salvatore, R.;
Selwyn, S.; Sim, L.; Tesoro, M.; Tobgay, K.; Totti, X.; Troy, R.;
Vielot, C.; West, J.; Whittaker, R.; Williams, L.; Wilson, S.; Winter, J.;
Wyckoff, S.; Zucchetto, V.; Zuss, M.

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In the absence of President Ricardo Fernández and the Chairperson of the
Senate, Prof. C. Alicia Georges, the meeting was called to order at
2:05 p.m. by the Senate Vice-Chairperson, Student Conference Chair,
Mr. Avraham "Rami" Albelda.

36 **Minutes Adopted**

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A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes of the Senate
meeting of April 11, 2007. The minutes were unanimously approved.

40 **Announcements and Communication-**

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42 **a. President Ricardo R. Fernández-**

43 There was no report due to the absence of President Fernández.

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45 **b. Student Conference-**

46 Student Chair, Mr. Avraham Albelda reminded the Senators of an important upcoming
 47 event. A Senate luncheon will be hosted by the Student Conference on Wednesday, May
 48 16 in Carman B-16. It will take place immediately after the Senate meeting that will be
 49 held that day. All those affiliated with the Senate are invited to participate.

50 **REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES-**

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52 **a. Committee on Governance-**

53 1. Professor Vincent Prohaska discussed the document posted on the Web regarding
 54 faculty membership of the Standing Committees of the Senate. The list included the
 55 names of faculty members serving on committees to May 2008, as well as the nominees
 56 for 2007-2009. Also, two student nominees were listed for committee membership to
 57 May 2008, although one student, Mr. John Figueroa, was struck from the list because he
 58 is graduating this year. Prof. Prohaska noted other changes and corrections to the
 59 document.

60 Prof. Prohaska then submitted the nominations for the faculty membership of the Senate
 61 Standing Committees. Discussion was open for nominations from the floor. There were
 62 no additional nominations. The following individuals were elected to the Standing
 63 Committees to serve 2007-2009: **Academic Freedom:** Prof. Liesl Jones; Prof. David
 64 Manier; Prof. Heather Sloan. **Admissions, Evaluations, Academic Standards:** Prof.
 65 Joan Fleitas; Prof. Anne Rice; Prof. Kevin Sailor. **Budget and Long Range Planning:**
 66 Prof. Helene Silverman; Prof. Joyce West; Prof. John Mineka. **Library, Technology**
 67 **and Telecommunications:** Prof. James Carney; Prof. Esther Wilder; Prof. Patricia
 68 Cockram. **Campus Life and Facilities:** Prof. Christy Folsom; Prof. Janette Tilley and
 69 Prof. Maryam Bamshadalavi. **Undergraduate Curriculum:** Prof. Victoria Sanford;
 70 Prof. Robert Feinerman and Prof. Bertrade Banoum. **Graduate Studies:** Prof. Sharon
 71 Freedberg; Prof. Dwight Kincaid; and Prof. Margo Dellicarpini. In addition, student

72 nominee Ms. Simone Brookes was elected to serve on the Undergraduate Curriculum
73 Committee to May 2008.

74 2. Prof. Prohaska also submitted the nominations for the Faculty membership of the
75 Lehman College Association for Campus Activities as well as the Auxiliary Enterprise
76 Corporation. Discussion was open for nominations from the floor. There were no
77 additional nominations. The following nominees were approved for the Lehman College
78 Association for Campus Activities: Prof. Andrea Boyar; Prof. Grace Bullaro; Prof.
79 David Manier; Prof. Margot Mifflin; Prof. Xavier Totti and Prof. Elin Waring. The
80 President will select three of the six nominees. The following nominees were approved
81 for the Auxiliary Enterprise Corporation: Prof. Diana Battipaglia and Prof. Richard Blot.
82 The President will select one of the two nominees.

83 3. The next Governance Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 3 at 2:30 p.m.
84 in Shuster 179.

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86 **b. Committee on Admissions, Evaluations and Academic Standards-**

87 Committee Chair, Prof. Kevin Sailor presented a list of the graduates for May 31 and
88 September 1, 2007, pending final review by the Registrar's office. The list was approved.
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91 **c. Undergraduate Curriculum -**

92 1. Prof. Barbara Jacobson presented proposals from two departments: the Department of
93 Journalism, Communication & Theatre, and the Department of Languages and
94 Literatures. Also included were several informational items. The report was approved.

95 2. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 07, 2007 at 9 a.m.

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97 **d. Committee on Graduate Studies-**

98 Prof. Kunstler presented two experimental courses from Music, minor course changes
99 from the Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences and a minor course change
from the Department of History. The report was approved.

100 **e. Committee on Academic Freedom-**

101 There was no report.

102 **f. Committee on the Library, Technology and Telecommunications-**

103 1. Prof. Esther Wilder reported on a discussion, at a recent meeting, concerning the 2005
104 Faculty Technology Survey. Also reviewed were the results of the technology questions
105 from the 2006 Student Experience Survey. The results of the Faculty Technology Survey
106 revealed the need for more Smart Classrooms, more lab assistants, and a variety of
107 different kinds of software. The survey also revealed areas where faculty want training,
108 such as in digitizing reserve readings into Blackboard, advanced Blackboard techniques,
109 Web page design, and statistical software packages. The results pointed to a strong desire
110 among Lehman faculty for IT and library users' guides for students, faculty and staff. In
111 spite of what appears to be a compelling need, these guides do not exist. As a result,
112 many faculty and students are unaware of the kinds of resources and facilities available.
113 For example, in the 2005 Faculty Technology Survey, several faculty members expressed
114 a desire for certain kinds of hardware and software that were already available on
115 campus. In addition, one area in particular where a users' guide is needed relates to the
116 new print/copy management system. Presently, library faculty are spending numerous
117 hours providing help to students with the new print/copy management system rather than
118 doing reference work. The Committee is exploring strategies to ensure that both IT and
119 library users' guides are developed. The Committee also believes that it would be helpful
120 to undertake a regular faculty and student technology survey at Lehman. It is the
121 Committee's hope that such surveys would be used to assess student and faculty needs
122 and to develop effective responses. The Committee is discussing ways in which regular
123 student and faculty surveys might become institutionalized at Lehman. If any one would
124 like to see the committee's analyses of the surveys, Prof. Wilder invites such requests.

125 2. In other news, the Committee has been keeping an eye on technology on campus as
126 well as in the library. To highlight a few developments: the college has set aside about
127 \$400,000 to replace old computers. In addition, this year Lehman has about 10 new
128 Smart Classrooms, 17 mobile presentations systems (with laptops, projectors and so on),
129 and 450 new internet connections (this supplements the 2,600 existing connections).
130 Meanwhile, CUNY Central is still negotiating the possibility of getting Hotmail to
131 supplement the existing Mirapoint email system. An important development at the
132 Leonard Lief Library is that the Education Library has moved to the third floor, where
133 there is additional space for a number of computers and a seminar room.

134 3. The next Committee meeting will be held from 11 to 12:30 p.m. on May 22 in the
135 Library Conference Room.

136 **g. Committee on Campus Life and Facilities-**

137 There was no report.

138 **h. Committee on Budget and Long-Range Planning-**

139 There was no report.

140 **i. University Faculty Senate-**

141 1. Prof. Manfred Phillip reported that Vice Chancellor Frederick Schaffer's proposed
142 procedure on Student Complaints and the proposed policy on Acceptable Use of
143 Computer Resources both came before the Board of Trustees on January 29 and passed.

144 2. The Multiple Position Policy Proposal was passed by the Board Committee on Faculty
145 Staff, and Administration on February 5. The proposal was subject to criticism that
146 resulted in a revision, which took place after the committee meeting. The Policy was
147 passed by the full board on February 26.

148 3. The proposed Research Misconduct Policy is expected to go to a Board Committee on
149 June 4.

150 4. The proposed Conflict of Interest Policy is also expected to go to a Board Committee
151 on June 4. The University Faculty Senate and its Executive Committee have taken no
152 positions on these two items. The University Faculty Senate Executive Committee
153 solicits input on both draft policies.

154 5. The reports on the disposition of faculty grant-generated overhead recovery funds,
155 which are mandated by CUNY Board of Trustees Resolution, have not been delivered to
156 the Board of Trustees. They have as far as we know, never been delivered. The
157 University Faculty Senate demands that these reports be submitted to the Board of
158 Trustees and become public documents.

159 6. The University Faculty Senate is holding discussions with the University Director of
160 Technology Commercialization on the activity and status of the University Patent
161 Committee.

162 7. The Chancellery has proposed that the School of Professional Studies be allowed to
163 offer on-line degree programs in direct competition with programs at the colleges. This is
164 not allowed by the current School of Professional Studies Governance Plan and is in

165 contradiction to the promises made when School of Professional Studies was established.
166 Members of the University Faculty Senate Executive Committee have discussed these
167 plans with the Chancellery and have provided counter-proposals that are consistent with
168 normal considerations of university governance. It was passed by the School of
169 Professional Studies Governing Board on April 18 and is expected to go the Board of
170 Trustees in June.

171 8. The School of Professional Studies Governing Board has approved a Letter of Intent
172 for an online BS in Business. This will be the second School of Professional Studies on-
173 line program and the first intended degree program in competition with the colleges. This
174 will be a baccalaureate degree in business administration. The financial and other reports
175 on School of Professional Studies that were mandated in the current governance plan
176 have not been delivered to the Board.

177 9. Members of the University Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the counterpart
178 from the SUNY Community Colleges met on March 16 at the University Faculty Senate
179 Office at 80th Street. Topics on the agenda included joint lobbying efforts in Albany and a
180 proposal to allow state funding for higher education in prisons.

181 10. The 10th annual Feliks Gross Endowment Award will be presented to Prof. Katherine
182 Pence of Baruch College and Prof. Barbara Montero of the College of Staten Island. The
183 award presentation and luncheon will take place on Tuesday, May 8 at the Graduate
184 Center, from 12 to 2 p.m. in the Skylight Conference Room. Another presentation will be
185 the annual Abe Eisenstadt lecture in American History which will be delivered by
186 Professor Joshua Freeman on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 12 noon in Room 8402 at the
187 Graduate Center. He will speak on "The Persistence and Demise of Ethnic Union Locals
188 in New York City after World War II."

189 11. At the plenary on May 15, the University Faculty Senate will conduct elections for
190 the at-large positions on the University Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Service as
191 an at-large member brings with it released time from teaching one course per semester.
192 The position of University Faculty Senate Chair is full-time and gets complete release
193 from teaching.

194 **OLD BUSINESS**

195 There was no old business.

196 **NEW BUSINESS**

197 Acting Provost William A. Tramontano opened the discussion on “The Mission, Vision, and
198 Values Statements”. He noted that it has been on the web for a while, and comments were asked
199 to be submitted by April 30. He sees this as an ideal time for such a project since we are
200 simultaneously preparing for our Middle States review. A short discussion, which ensued, will
201 be broadened at the Senate meeting on May 16. At that time, President Fernández will be calling
202 the question for a formal Senate approval of the revised Mission statement.

203 **ADJOURNMENT**

204 The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.
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