

**Minutes of  
The Lehman College Senate Meeting  
Wednesday, February 11, 2015  
Senate Meeting**

**Senators Present:** Albab, A.; Bamshad, M.; Bayne, G.; Bergmann, R.; Budescu, M.; Calvet, L.; Cerrone, S.; Cheng, H.; Christian, M.; Cintrón, N.; Clark, V.; Conner, P.; Cordero, A.; DeJesús, M.; Escano, D.; Fayne, H.; Fera, J.; Fernández, R.; Garcia, S.; Gerry, C.; Hill, W.; Holloway, J.; Jafari, M.; Jervis, J.; Jordan, S.; Kremenitzer, J.; Larimer, A.; Latimer, W.; Machado, E.; Magdaleno, J.; Marianetti, M.; Markens, S.; Martín, O.; Mibenge, C.; Munoz, M.; Nguyen, R.; O'Connor, N; Philipp, M.; Prohaska, V.; Rachlin, J.; Ricourt, M.; Rodriguez, D.; Rodriguez, V.; Rupp, S.; Sailor, K.; Samuel, L.; Sarmiento, R.; Schlesinger, K.; Silverman, H.; Spence, N.; Stuckart, D.; Suero, R.; Tananbaum, D.; Tomey, S.; Valentine, R.; Varughese, N.; Waring, E.; Yang, L.; Yates, S.; Yavuz, D.; Yissi-Nintcheu, M.; Zucchetto, V.

**Senators Absent:** Aguilar, S; Akan, A; Alonso, O; Alvarez, J; Angeli, A; Ansari, W; Báez, A; Báez, R; Bediako, D; Barber, E; Barker, T; Blanco, W; Carey, R; Deas, M; Dellapina, M; Diallo, T; DiRaimo, S; Esteves, C; Feinerman, R; Georges , A; Haroon, A; Hurley, D; Juárez, R; Kowaleff, M; Mateo, K; Maybee, J; Medina, D; Mensah, A; Merkulyev-Arias, V; Morrobel-Sosa, A; Nadeem, S; Okoro, N; Peréz, M; Petkov, R; Pettipiece, D; Prince, P; Rahman, M; Rivera, A; Rivera-McCutchen, R; Saccomano, S; Saldana, E; Sen, G; Tidjani, M; Tolone, M.

The meeting was called to order by President Ricardo R. Fernández at 3:38 p.m.

## **Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the December 10, 2014 meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

## **Announcements and Communications—**

## **Report of the President**

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, President Fernández attended a meeting of the Bronx Assembly legislative delegation in Albany, along with the Acting Presidents of the two Bronx community colleges. The Bronx delegation is supportive of Lehman securing the \$20 million needed for the design of Phase II of the Science Facility and will send a letter to Assembly Speaker Heastie requesting that the request be part of the CUNY capital funds allocation for FY '16. The delegation is also supportive of increasing the funds allocated to CUNY for building infrastructure upgrading and maintenance (“State of Good Repair” funding).

39 Last year there was no State of Good Repair funding. The previous year, CUNY received an  
40 allocation of \$206 million and Lehman received roughly \$10 million dollars. This allocation helped  
41 the College to provide better facilities and services for students and the community. This year CUNY  
42 received only \$103 million in funding for the State of Good Repair.

43 The President reported that by mid-March, the State budget issues should be resolved so the budget  
44 can be released on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Overall, the meeting with legislators was a very supportive and positive  
45 one.

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47 In response to a question about Compact funding, the President noted that although the Compact was  
48 part of the Governor's budget last year, there was no funding for salary step increases and fringe  
49 benefits, so those funds must come from the CUNY Compact funds.

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51     **a. Student Legislative Assembly—**

52     There was no report. Daniel Rodriguez, the newly elected representative of the Student  
53     Legislative Assembly, announced that the previous SLA representative, Marcus Pérez, has  
54     resigned and that the SLA will be moving forward with its agenda.

55     Mr. Rodriguez was elected to the Governance Committee by a unanimous voice vote.

56     The date and location of the next meeting is to be determined.

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58     **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES—**

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60     **1. Graduate Studies—**

61     Prof. Tananbaum announced on Prof. Desimone's behalf that there was no report.

62     The date and location of the next meeting is to be determined.

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64     **2. Governance Committee—**

65     Prof. Duane Tananbaum reported that the Governance Committee will be conducting elections this  
66     semester for Senators at Large and faculty representatives on Senate Committees. Prof.  
67     Tananbaum also mentioned that there is concern about the lack of quorum at committee meetings  
68     and the Governance Committee will consider possible solutions at its next meeting.

69     The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 p.m. in Carman 201.

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71 **Committee on Admissions, Evaluations and Academic Standards—**

72 There was no report. Prof. Penny Prince announced that the Committee met February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

73 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. The location is to be  
74 determined.

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76 **3. Undergraduate Curriculum---**

77 Prof. Vincent Prohaska presented the report. The Committee had one informational item regarding  
78 an experimental course.

79 See Attachment I.

80 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m., as opposed to 1:00  
81 a.m., in the Science Building, room 1405A.

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83 **Ad Hoc Committee on the Student Evaluation of Teaching—**

84 There was no report.

85 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. in Carman 201.

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87 **4. Academic Freedom—**

88 Prof. Robert Valentine presented the report. He announced that the academic freedom survey will  
89 be revised and the Committee will post the survey on the web.

90 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. in Carman 201.

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93 **5. Library, Technology, and Telecommunication—**

94 Stephen Castellano presented the report.

95 IT will introduce Lehman One Access, a password repository, available to faculty and staff within  
96 one week. Currently it is available to students. It provides for management of all passwords.

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98 There is also a new voicemail environment that allows accessing voicemail as an email, audio file,  
99 or by logging in to a web portal.

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101 Media Technology Services will soon be making equipment requests available via the web  
102 checkout system. Mr. Castellano also mentioned that a full copy of Microsoft Office will be made  
103 available to all students as a free download.

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105 From the Library, STEM proposals to support STEM initiatives have been approved by the  
106 Chancellor's Office with multi-year funding. These proposals will allow students to access six  
107 new databases to aid in their academic work.

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109 CUNY Institutional Repository, an open access resource for the promotion of faculty and student  
110 work, will be available on the web.

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112 Regarding online education, the December 29<sup>th</sup> and December 30th Blackboard upgrade was  
113 implemented with few issues and is equipped with new features.

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115 The date and location of the next meeting is to be determined.

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118 **6. Campus Life and Facilities —**

119 There was no report.

120 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 p.m. The location is to be  
121 determined.

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123 **7. Budget and Long Range Planning —**

124 Prof. Haiping Cheng presented the report. The Committee last met in December. Since the last  
125 presentation to the Senate, there have been changes to tuition revenue. Tuition was last reported as  
126 \$2 million, and now reflects a slight reduction to \$1.7 million but overall the budget remains the  
127 same.

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129 Prof. Cheng also explained that the CUNY Compact has been funded every year which has  
130 resulted in new faculty and administrative hires. The salary and benefits for the Compact hires  
131 then becomes part of the base budget for the next year.

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133 Prof. Cheng noted that aside from the operating budget the College received from CUNY Central,  
134 CUNY retains part of the budget for salary and benefits. Salaries and benefits account for \$44  
135 million of our budget this fiscal year. Accounting for these funds provides a more  
136 complete picture of how much money it takes to operate Lehman College.

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138 See Attachment II.

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140 The date and location of the next meeting is to be determined.

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142 **8. University Faculty Senate Report—**

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144 Prof. Manfred Philipp presented the report. He announced that the USF Plenary has reached an  
145 agreement with the University regarding CUNY retired faculty email addresses which will allow  
146 for the retention of the active faculty email address. This agreement has not yet been put into  
147 effect. There is also a tentative agreement to regularize the generation of emeritus status for the  
148 associate and assistant professor titles.

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150 Prof. Philipp noted that the Governor's proposed Executive Budget aims to compel the CUNY  
151 Board of Trustees to pass a resolution requiring an experiential or applied learning activity as a  
152 degree requirement. The USF Plenary passed a resolution authorizing the Executive Committee to  
153 object should this become part of the final budget.

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155 The next meeting of the CUNY Faculty Governance Leaders is scheduled for Friday, February 20,  
156 2015.

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158 Prof. Phillips underscored the availability of both the William Stewart Travel Award and the Feliks  
159 Gross Award. He encouraged nominations and applications for these awards, the details of which  
160 can be found on the UFS website, cunyuufs.org.

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162 Old Business----None.

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164 New Business----None.

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168 **ADJOURNMENT**

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170 President Fernández adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

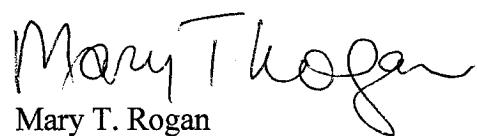
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**Senate Meeting – February 11, 2015**  
**Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC) Report**

Informational Item:

The following experimental course was approved by the UCC via email with a quorum responding:

*Department of Biological Sciences*

- Bio 452

The next UCC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18 at 1 pm, location TBA.

**LEHMAN COLLEGE  
OF THE  
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

**DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

**CURRICULUM CHANGE**

**1. Type of change: Experimental Course**

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Department(s)	Biological Sciences
Career	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate
Academic Level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Compensatory <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental <input type="checkbox"/> Remedial
Subject Area	Biotechnology
Course Prefix & Number	BIO 452
Course Title	<b>Applied Techniques in Biotechnology</b>
Description	In this course, students will learn fundamental concepts and methods in molecular biotechnologies and the application of those technologies. The course will use current research techniques which give students the opportunity to gain practical laboratory skills that are in much demand in a variety of academic and corporate biotechnology sectors involved in improving human and animal health, agriculture, and the environment.
Pre/ Co Requisites	<b>Course Prerequisites:</b> BIO 166 and 167, 238, 331 and 420.
Credits	4 credits
Hours	6 hours (2 lecture, 4 lab)
Liberal Arts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Course Attribute (e.g. Writing Intensive, WAC, etc)	
General Education Component	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> English Composition <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics <input type="checkbox"/> Science  <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible <input type="checkbox"/> World Cultures

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|  | <input type="checkbox"/> US Experience in its Diversity<br><input type="checkbox"/> Creative Expression<br><input type="checkbox"/> Individual and Society<br><input type="checkbox"/> Scientific World |
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3. **Rationale:** Biotechnology is a field in which elements of bioinformatics, molecular and cell biology, genetics, immunology, and microbiology combine into an interdisciplinary science. Molecular biotechnology involves the use of laboratory techniques to study and manipulate nucleic acids and proteins, and these tools can be applied to develop and improve drugs, vaccines, diagnostic tests, and therapies aimed at improving human and animal health. In addition, biotechnology has applications in agriculture, aquaculture, and the renewable energy and biofuels industries, and will play a pivotal role in research aimed at addressing growing concerns regarding food security in the face of global climate change. The field of Biotechnology provides excellent employment opportunities in both academia and industry. Biotechnology and biomedicine have been identified as leading growth sectors of the world economies in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and it has been predicted that within the next decade, the biotech sector will add over 100,000 new jobs. The need for individuals with the knowledge base and skill sets required for these positions is expected to grow.

4. **Learning Outcomes (By the end of the course students will be expected to):**

- Have gained a theoretical knowledge of biotechnology, as well as practical experience of applications in this field
- Formulate and test a hypothesis and evaluate results of experiments designed to test the hypothesis
- Describe current or future experimental approaches aimed at facilitating the transfer of genetic information between organisms and how this may advance an understanding of important biological processes or lead to the creation of a novel and/or useful product
- Use appropriate biotechnological terms during written and oral communication
- Organize ideas for written and oral communication

5. **Date of Departmental Approval:** November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014

# Lehman Budget Committee Report

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