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**Minutes of
The Lehman College Senate Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 2016
Senate Meeting**

Senators Present: Alonso, O.; Amend, A.; Bamshad, M.; Benalcazar, D.; Bergmann, R.; Bewry, S.; Budescu, M.; Campeanu, S.; Chawla, J.; Cheng, H.; Choudhury, Z.; Christian, M.; Clark, V.; Conner, P.; Dellapina, M.; Doyran, M.; Eleyinate, O.; Fera, J.; Fernández, R.; Georges, C. A.; Gerry, C.; Gomez, P.; Hassan, M.; Hernandez, M.; Hussen, N.; Jervis, J.; Jordan, S.; Kremenitzer, J.; Li, S.; Machado, E.; Magdaleno, J.; Mak W.; Marianetti, M.; Matty, T.; Mazza, C.; McCabe J.; Mindanao, F.; Muñiz, B.; Munoz, M.; Morrobel-Sosa, A.; Muallem, J.; Nadeem, S.; Oh, H.; Peguero, E.; Pettipiece, D.; Prince, P.; Prohaska, V.; Ramsundar, S.; Rivera, A.; Rivera, C.; Rivera-McCutchen, R.; Rosario, Y.; Roush, K.; Rupp, S.; Sailor, K.; Samuel, L.; Sanchez, A.; Santiago, M.; Sarmiento, R.; Schlesinger, K.; Spence, N.; Tananbaum, D.; Valentine, R.; Waring, E.; Yang, L.; Yates, S.; Zucchetto, V.

Senators Absent: Blackman, A.; Carey, R.; Choudhury, E.; DeJesús, M.; Fayne, H.; Finger, R.; Glover, B.; Gorokhovich, Y.; Grullon, S.; Hmady, A.; Holloway, J.; Kaid, G.; Lara, L.; Latimer, W.; Levi, N.; Markens, S.; Martín, O.; Maybee, J.; McKensie, O.; Medina, G.; Nelson, D.; O'Connor, N.; Perkins, M.; Petkov, R.; Polanco, M.; Poon, L.; Porter, K.; Ricourt, M.; Sanchez, A.; Sen, G.; Spencer, R.; Vidal-Castillo, D.; Williams, H.

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

1. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the December 9, 2015 meeting was approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. Announcements and Communications—

a. Report of the President

President Ricardo Fernández reported a successful meeting with the Bronx delegation to the Assembly in the Bronx office of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, the head of the delegation, and last month there was a meeting in Albany of the three CUNY Bronx campuses with the State Assembly and Senator Jeffrey Klein, head of the Senate's Independent Democratic Caucus. The meeting included a discussion of the additional capital funding needed to complete the Nursing Building.

40 The President announced that the Board of Trustees has approved the Doctorate of Nursing
41 Practice (DNP). In addition, the Masters in Public Health Program will no longer be based
42 at Lehman, Hunter, and Brooklyn Colleges but will be operate centrally under the CUNY
43 Graduate School of Public Health. The College is seeking clarification on funding for the
44 recently approved Bachelor’s in Public Health Program. Additional information on the
45 transition of the School of Public Health and the Bachelor’s Program should be available
46 later in the spring. Overall the College is in doing well with stable enrollment for the spring
47 2016 semester.

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49 **b. Student Legislative Assembly—**

50 Ms. Lilian Yang welcomed all back from the winter break and announced that a number of
51 students resigned from the committees as a result of class conflicts. The Student Legislative
52 Assembly (SLA) hopes to address the need to elect new students at their next meeting.

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54 Ms. Yang also announced that the SLA and the Student Government Association (SGA) are
55 making internal changes to ensure that there is an easy flow of information from the Senate
56 committees to SLA and SGA. There will also be club recognition at the end of the year and
57 there proposals will be considered to combine SGA and SLA.

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59 University Student Senate (USS) is collecting signatures for a petition to save CUNY. They
60 are advocating for a TAP increase, a tuition freeze, and full state funding to cover the costs
61 of tuition and fees. In addition, USS, SGA, and SLA are advocating for a fair contract for
62 faculty, which will protect worker’s rights, improve working conditions, and pay parity for
63 CUNY adjuncts. Ms. Yang urged that everyone wishing to support the petition sign and
64 contact her for more information.

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66 **3. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES—**

67 **1. Graduate Studies—**

68 Prof. Janet DeSimone presented a proposal from the History department that was approved by
69 unanimous voice vote.

70 See Attachment I.

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72 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9th at 11:00 a.m. in Carman, B33A.

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74 **2. Governance Committee—**

75 There was no report.

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77 Prof. Duane Tananbaum announced that the Governance Committee had not yet met. However, he
78 announced that the committee needs a replacement for Prof. Manfred Philipp, who is on Travia
79 Leave.

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81 Prof. Prohaska nominated Prof. Susan Yates, of the Psychology Department, to replace Prof.
82 Philipp for the remainder of the term. Prof. Yates accepted and was elected by unanimous voice
83 vote.

84 The committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 1st at 1:00 p.m. in Carman 201.

85 **3. Committee on Admissions, Evaluations and Academic Standards--**

86 There was no report.

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88 Prof. Penny Prince announced that the committee met today and will be bringing two proposals
89 next month.

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91 The Committee will convene after the Senate to schedule the next meeting.

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93 **4. Undergraduate Curriculum---**

94 There was no report.

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96 Prof. Vincent Prohaska presented a reminder regarding the withdrawal of inactive programs.

97 See Attachment II

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99 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th at 1:00 p.m., in the Science Building,
100 room 1405A.

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102 **5. Academic Freedom—**

103 There was no report.

104 The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2016.

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6. Ad Hoc Committee on the Student Evaluation of Teaching—

There was no report.

Prof. Robert Valentine announced that the committee reached a consensus: the committee's resolutions will be given to the Governance Committee for review and recommendation to the Senate.

Future meetings have not been scheduled.

7. Library, Technology, and Telecommunication—

Steve Castellano presented the report.

See Attachment III

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2nd at 11:00 a.m. in the Library Treehouse.

8. Campus Life and Facilities —

There was no report.

9. Budget and Long Range Planning —

There was no report.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2nd at 3:30 in Shuster 336.

10. University Faculty Senate Report—

There was no report.

Old Business----None.

New Business

140 Prof. Peggy Connor, of the Speech-Language-Hearing-Sciences Department, brought to
141 everyone's attention the additional costs incurred by students enrolled in courses that meet for
142 extra hours beyond the number of credits. President Fernandez suggested that a report be prepared
143 to better address the issue at the next meeting.
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146 **ADJOURNMENT**

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148 The President wished everyone a happy holiday.

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150 President Fernández adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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154 Mary T. Rogan