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**Minutes of
The Lehman College Senate Meeting
Wednesday, October 12, 2011
Senate Meeting**

7 **Senators Present:** Adebayo, A.; Alborn, T.; Alli, T.; Bamshad, M.; Banoum, B.; Bayne, G.;
8 Becker, S.; Boone, R.; Buckley, M.; Carey, O.; Carrellas, P.; Choudhary, A.;
9 Deas, M.; Deen, F.; Delevan, C.; Díaz, P.; Eleyinafe, O.; Fayne, H.;
10 Fernández, R.; Francis, A.; Gálvez, A.; Gómez, J.; Green, A.; Greenberg, J.;
11 Gross, C.; Haghghat, E.; Harcourt-Smith, W.; Hattori, T.; Holloway, J.;
12 Hurley, D.; Huyhn, M.; Jacobson, B.; Jafari, M.; Jarroll, E.; Jervis, J.;
13 Kabat, D.; Magdaleno, J.; Marianetti, M.; Markens, S.; Martín, O.;
14 Matthews, E.; Morales, V.; Morones, L.; O'Connor, N.; O'Hanlon, T.;
15 Onyedum, J.; Papazian, M.; Pérez, R.; Philipp, M.; Prince, P.; Rachlin, J.;
16 Rice, A.; Rivera-McCutchen, R.; Rondon, M.; Sailor, K.; Schlesinger, K.;
17 Tananbaum, D.; Uwaga, C.; Valentine, R.; Varillas, R.; Washington, E.;
18 Wilder, E.; Williams-Gray, B.; Zucchetto, V.

21 **Senators Absent:** Almodovar-Salinas, D.; Aquino, G.; Bergmann, R.; Calvet, L.; Carey, R.;
22 Clark, V.; Delacruz, J.; Dellapina, M.; Dobson, C.; Enama, F.; Esteves, C.;
23 Farrell, R.; Feinerman, R.; Fisher, W.; Kayaalp, O.; Lora, J.; Mazza, C.;
24 Nadeem, S.; Olivencia, M.; Peralta, Y.; Sesay, F.; Troy, R.; Walker, D.;
25 Waring, E.; Williams, T.; Williams-Wallen, D.; Zapata, S.;
26 Zermatt-Scutt, M.

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30 The meeting was called to order by President Ricardo R. Fernández at 3:40 p.m.

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32 A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes of the Senate meeting of September 7,
33 2011. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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35 **a. Announcements and Communications—**

- 36 1. President Ricardo R. Fernández reported that in response to the Governance Committee's
37 concerns, he requested several administrators to address the Senate.
38 2. Floor rights were granted for Ms. Laurie Austin, director of the Office of Admissions. Ms.
39 Austin was asked to speak about the types of outreach to attract freshmen. She reported on
40 campus visits, recruitment fairs and other enrollment related activities. Ms. Austin pointed out that
41 recruitment is campus-wide effort. She thanked those who are involved and appealed to those not
42 yet involved. Discussion followed. See attachment I.

43 3. Dr. Fernández asked Provost Mary Papazian to address: lab fees, budget reductions, and the
44 student evaluation of teaching tool. Dr. Papazian stated that the lab fees, which had not been
45 collected in the past, are really materials fees. These fees were approved specifically for the
46 departments of Chemistry, Biological Sciences and Art. The fees are set aside to help those
47 departments with their needs for materials.

48 4. The provost also reported on the reduction in the adjunct budget. She stated that there is a
49 plan in place to increase winter and summer session courses which should provide additional
50 opportunities for adjunct employment. She added that there will be incentive funds for
51 departments offering courses during these periods.

52 5. Finally, Dr. Papazian reported on the new student of evaluation of teaching form for students.
53 The new instrument was approved by the College Committee on Faculty, Personnel and Budget
54 (FP&B) last spring. It was piloted in the summer sessions. She indicated that the overall return
55 rate is 54%. There will be a discussion in FP&B about implementation through paper or on-line.
56 She asked Assistant Vice President and Associate Provost Robert Whittaker to elaborate.
57 Discussion followed.

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59 **b. Student Legislative Assembly-**

60 Ms. Joanna Gómez, a representative of the Student Legislative Assembly, introduced the newly
61 elected student senators. She reported that the Student Legislative Assembly looks forward to
62 working with the Lehman College administration and faculty.

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64 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES-

65 **c. Governance Committee-**

66 1. Prof. Duane Tananbaum reported that he was re-elected as chair of the Committee and Prof.
67 Rosalind Carey as secretary.

68 2. Prof. Tananbaum presented the proposed governing bylaws and a resolution for a
69 Paleoanthropology Research Center at Lehman College (PARC-LC) for Senate approval. He
70 indicated that this governance document will be presented to the CUNY Board of Trustees for
71 approval. The proposed bylaws and resolution was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.
72 See attachment II.

73 3. Professor Tananbaum reported that the Committee on Academic Structure will meet on
74 October 18 at 2 p.m. in Carman 201.

75 4. There is no date for the next Governance Committee meeting.

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77 **d. Committee on Admissions, Evaluations and Academic Standards—**

78 1. Prof. Anne Rice presented, for Senate approval, a resolution on Admissions Standards for Fall
79 2012 Regularly Admitted Students:

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81 **Resolved**, that the admissions standards for Fall 2012 regularly admitted freshman students,
82 currently set at a minimum SAT score of 940, be modified to a minimum SAT score of 950, with
83 all other admissions requirements remaining the same as those for Fall 2011.

84 After discussion, the resolution was moved, seconded and approved with one “no” vote and
85 several abstentions. Professor Rice asked that concerned individuals e-mail their questions to her
86 for reporting at the next Senate meeting.

87 2. The next meeting will be on October 19 at 2:45 p.m. meeting place to be determined.

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89 **e. Graduate Studies—**

90 1. Prof. Janet DeSimone presented proposals from the Department of Middle and High School
91 Education, the Department of Health Sciences and from the Office of Graduate Studies. The
92 proposals were moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

93 2. Professor DeSimone announced that the next Graduate Studies Committee meeting on
94 November 16 is the last meeting to submit items for approval in time for the December Senate
95 meeting.

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97 **f. Undergraduate Curriculum—**

98 1. Prof. Jacobson presented reports from the Department of Health Sciences and the Department
99 of Journalism, Communication and Theatre. In particular, the Department of Journalism,
100 Communication and Theatre is proposing a new major in Multi-Media Studies. The reports were
101 moved, seconded and approved.

102 2. Professor Jacobson reported that the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and the Ad Hoc
103 Committee on General Education will meet jointly on several dates. On October 19 at 12:30 p.m.,

104 in Carman C-263, the Pathways Steering and Working Committees will both report on the status of
105 the Pathways initiative, since the Pathways draft is due by November 15th. The Undergraduate
106 Curriculum and Ad Hoc Committees will meet again on November 2, at 3:30 p.m. in C-242 to
107 strategize about how to respond and to prepare a response in a week. Finally, the Committees will
108 meet again on November 9, at 2 p.m. in the Recital Hall (M-306.) to present a draft of their
109 response.

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111 **g. Academic Freedom—**

- 112 1. Prof. Mario González-Corzo announced that there is no report.
- 113 2. The next meeting is on October 26 at 3:30 p.m. at a location to be determined.

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115 **h. Library and Communications—**

- 116 1. In the absence of Mr. James Carney, Professor Tananbaum announced that there is no report.
- 117 2. The next meeting is on October 24 at 3:30 p.m. at a place to be determined.

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119 **i. Campus Life—**No report.

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121 **j. Budget and Long Range Planning—**

122 Prof. Manfred Philipp reviewed the expenditures and resources reports which can be found at:
123 <http://cunyufs.org/LEH/Oct2011/budgetreport-6-resources.jpg>
124 and <http://cunyufs.org/LEH/Oct2011/budgetreport-6-expenses.jpg>.

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126 **k. University Faculty Senate Report—** See attachment III. Professor Manfred Philipp made the
127 correction in the report to reflect “Governor’s Island” instead of “Roosevelt Island.”

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129 **Old Business—**None.

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131 **New Business—**

132 1. Professor Esther Wilder and Professor Dene Hurley reported on developments in CUNY’s
133 Pathways to Success Initiative. The Pathways Initiative has three elements:

134 a. General Education Framework made up of 2 components – (i) a “*Common Core*” (30
135 credits) which is common to all CUNY schools, and (ii) “*College Option*” (12 credits) which is
136 specific to each CUNY senior college.

137 b. Pathways to Largest Transfer Majors: To establish clear pathways for the largest transfer
138 majors (identified as Accounting, Criminal Justice, Psychology, Business, Finance, Education,
139 Biology, English Language and Literature, and Nursing), 3 to 6 courses in major or related fields
140 will be identified and accepted as pre-requisites in all colleges that offer these majors.

141 c. Full Course Transferability: “All courses taken for credit at an undergraduate CUNY
142 college to be accepted for credit at every other CUNY college (though not necessarily as Gen Ed
143 or major credit) regardless of whether a specific equivalency exists at the transfer college”

144 2. A task force is charged with creating a 30 credit “Common Core” “by establishing learning
145 outcomes in multidisciplinary areas.” The task force is composed of 55 individuals: 16 steering
146 committee members, who will “initiate and direct the process,” and 39 working committee
147 members, whose functions are to “advise on learning outcomes” and “communicate information
148 to and from the campuses.”

149 3. The next Pathways Retreat will take place on October 14. The Pathways Committee will
150 also present at the Professional Staff Congress on October 26. Discussion followed. See attached
151 Power Point presentation (attachment IV.)

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153 ADJOURNMENT

154 President Fernández adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

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156 Respectfully submitted,

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