

LEHMAN COLLEGE
City University of New York
Minutes of Meeting
Senate Governance Committee
26 January 2009
Shuster 179, 4 pm

Present: Rosalind Carey, Jason Jeremias, Jim Jervis, Ayesha Lewis, Marie Marianetti, Justin Simmons, Duane Tananbaum, Vincent Zuchetto, and Esdras Tulier.

1. A motion to approve the minutes of November 26, 2008 (as amended) seconded and approved.
2. With college counsel Esdras Tulier representing the President's interests on the matter of how to address the rapidly increasing size of the Senate, the committee reviewed the various options it discussed at previous meetings, noting the general consensus in favor of maintaining the current proportion of faculty, students, and administrators but dropping the total number to 108 or perhaps to 96. It was decided that the committee ought to meet with the President to further discuss the matter.
3. The chair also reported to the college counsel the committee's desire to recommend aligning the Lehman College Governance documents with the CUNY Bylaws so as to allow no more than one untenured faculty member on departmental P&B committees, except in cases where the departments have insufficient numbers of tenured faculty. The chair then noted his intention of writing to departmental chairs to discover how different departments integrate students into their P&B committee.
4. The committee discussed the relationship between CASA and Student Conference, on which turns the relationship between Student Conference and the University Student Senate (USS), deciding that the language in CASA documents on this and related issues is inconsistent and/or unclear. No agreement was reached as to the role, if any, the Governance committee ought to play in the matter, but short term goals (having elections of members of USS come from the student body directly or adding a proviso to the governance documents that being on USS is a role for members of Student Conference) and long term goals (rewriting the CASA documents) were identified. Inviting CASA members to the governance committee for further discussion was also suggested.
5. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting of the Governance Committee: 2/24/09 at 4:45 in S336.