

**LEHMAN COLLEGE**  
City University of New York  
Minutes of Meeting  
Senate Governance Committee  
25 March 2010  
Carman 201, 9:00 am

Present: Duane Adams, Julissa Alvarez (guest), Lamont Badru, Rosalind Carey, Steven Cavallo (guest), Janet DeSimone (guest), Sharon Freedberg (guest), Barbara Jacobson (guest), Jim Jervis, Marie Marianetti, Mary Papazian (guest), Manfred Philipp, Duane Tananbaum (chair), Rob Whittaker (guest), and Vincent Zucchetto.

1. The Governance committee met with the provost, associate provost, associate dean, chairs of the Senate graduate and undergraduate curriculum committees and others to discuss the provost's plan to introduce divisional curriculum committees. The provost defended the idea of having divisional committees and circulated a flowchart detailing how curricular materials would move from a department to a divisional committee and the Senate curriculum committees. Subsequent discussion concerned whether the role of the proposed committees is merely to ensure correct formatting or is more substantive, and if the former, whether there are more efficient ways of ensuring that end, and if the latter, whether the new committees are compatible with college governance documents. The absence of students on the proposed committees was also discussed.

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2. After the first set of guests left, the Governance committee discussed its effort to complete the nominations for Senate committees, the process of nominating and electing a college Ombudsman, and the vacancies in the Senate that still need to be filled by category B faculty. When Prof. Hattori (Political Science) joined the group, conversation turned to the current draft of bylaws for the Center for Human Rights and Peace Studies. A recommendation was made to reduce the steering committee from 15 to 12 and stagger the elections. On how to best make membership in the Center open to the community, various options were discussed, such as requiring holding elections at annual meetings, requiring statements of interest, and distinguishing between voting and non-voting membership.

3. The discussion of SGA was postponed till the next meeting.

4. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is 4/8/10 at 9:15 am in CA 201.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalind Carey