

LEHMAN COLLEGE
City University of New York
Minutes of Meeting
Senate Governance Committee
4 November 2009
Library, Tree House, 1:45 pm

Present: Hyacinth Bouzalakos, Rosalind Carey, Jim Jervis, Marie Marianetti, Manfred Philipp, Duane Tananbaum, Vincent Zucchetto.

1. Minutes from the Governance Committee meetings of September 30, 2009 and October 14, 2009 were approved.
2. Given the need to add new faculty members to the Senate, and after reviewing the results from last spring's election, it was determined (by coin flip between Liesl Jones and Evelyn Ackerman, who had an equal number of votes) that Evelyn Ackerman be elected to the Senate. Two more senators are needed from Category B; Professor Tananbaum and Mr. Zucchetto will send out a new nomination letter so as to arrive at names from which to elect these Senators.
3. The Governance Committee decided to meet with legal counsel Es Tulier on the issue of obtaining access to agenda and minutes of meetings of the Faculty Personnel and Budget Committee, with the understanding that confidential material would be removed.
4. The Governance Committee nominated Professor Cheryl Smith Gabig of the Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences to fill a vacancy on the Committee on Graduate Studies.
5. The Governance Committee proposed the following resolution for Senate approval:

The Lehman College Senate resolves that the College's Legal Counsel inform the Senate, through the Governance Committee, when any request is made to examine the written ballots or the list of yeas and nays on any votes in the Senate. The name of the person making the request shall not be included in the legal counsel's report of this request to the Governance Committee.
6. The Governance Committee decided to meet to discuss the strategic plan.
7. The Governance Committee returned to its discussion, begun last year, of student representation on departmental P&B committees.
8. On the proposed revisions to the Lehman College Governance documents and Senate by-laws concerning the number of Senators, the Governance Committee agreed to forward its proposals to the Senate for discussion at the November meeting.
9. Next meeting: Wednesday, November 11, at 1:45.