

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

Present: Duane Adams, Hyacinth Bouzalakos, Rosalind Carey, Janet Desimone (guest), Barbara Jacobsen (guest), Jim Jervis, Marie Marianetti, Provost Papazian (guest) Manfred Philipp, Joanne Ruiz (guest), Duane Tananbaum, and Vincent Zucchetto.

1. The Governance Committee met with the chairs of the Undergraduate and Graduate Curriculum Committees and the Provost to discuss the role of the administration's recently introduced Arts and Humanities divisional curriculum committee. The Provost explained that it was introduced to ensure that implications for resources would be considered when changes are made to the curriculum, to relieve her Assistant from the work of correcting errors on the forms, and to involve faculty in curricular decisions. The Provost agreed that the committee is advisory only and that they do not have veto power. The discussion centered on whether the new committee diminishes the role of the Senate Curricular Committees, whether it contributes to a pattern of ad hoc committees becoming more important than standing committees, and whether the new committee's rules, e.g., concerning membership, ought to be codified. There was also some discussion of how curriculum proposals would flow to the divisional committee and the appropriate Senate Committee (e.g. independently or simultaneously).
2. Next meeting: Wednesday, 11/23 in the Library Tree House.