

NOTES FROM LEHMAN COLLEGE GENERAL FACULTY MEETING, 10/4/17

The meeting was called to order by Prof. Prohaska at 3:38

President Cruz reported on Lehman's increased visibility, especially the *New York Times* article on Lehman as an engine for social mobility, as well as other recognition that has come in the last year for CUNY's fastest improving senior college. He hopes to increase Lehman's capacity, noting the need for increased faculty officers and classroom space, some of which would come with the second phase of the Science Building. President Cruz hopes to increase faculty next year by 10 net new fulltime positions.

Provost Fayne reported on professional development opportunities for online course design and discussed 90 x 30, The Path Forward. This is the critical launch year for this initiative. She emphasized the need for a student ambassador program and a high tech advisement system that takes into account scheduling, financial aid, and counseling. There is also a need for faculty ambassadors to increase the quality and quantity of Lehman students.

Vice President Sarmiento reported on enrollment, which she will also be discussing with the Lehman College Senate and its Committee on Admissions, Evaluation, and Academic Standards.

Professor Prohaska reported on the new CUNY deadline for submission of final grades to 3 business days after the end of the final exam period. This means all Lehman grades are due no later than December 26. Discussion followed.

Robert Ferrell, Chair of the Lehman College PSC-CUNY chapter, reported on the upcoming Supreme Court case which threatens to end the practice of non-members of the union having to pay agency fees. He also reported that a grievance has been filed and gone to arbitration on the issue of adjuncts being denied eligibility for 3-year contracts on the basis of their being hired by programs rather than departments.

Prof. David Hyman reported on the recent meeting of the University Faculty Senate and the upcoming UFS Conference on "Innovations and Disruptions in American Higher Education: Views from the Professoriate," which will take place Friday, November 3 at the Graduate Center.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45.

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