GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes from November 29, 2018

- The meeting began at 1pm with the following committee members in attendance: President Jose Cruz, Joseph Fera, Marie Marianetti, Susan Markens, and Duane Tananbaum.

- Duane Tananbaum relayed information from VP Ron Bergmann that there is no official policy regarding faculty access to electronic communications. However, VP Bergmann indicated that listservs are typically provided to committees and departments upon request.

- After discussion, the Governance Committee decided to ask the Library, Technology, and Telecommunications Committee to codify in writing a policy on faculty access to the Lehman College listserv along the lines of the practices currently in use as indicated by VP Bergmann.

- Duane Tananbaum reported that there is one part-time faculty Senate seat vacant. He will work with IT to fill this seat through special election by the beginning of the Spring term.

- Duane Tananbaum announced his plan to take travia leave before the start of the Spring term. This will leave the following vacancies: Chair of Senate, Chair of Governance Committee, one faculty Governance Committee seat, and one faculty Senate seat.

- Joe Fera was nominated and elected as Chair of the Governance Committee to begin on January 1, 2019.

- The committee discussed that it is often difficult to follow lengthy committee reports when given on the Senate floor and unaccompanied by a written report. Duane Tananbaum will urge all committee chairs to send Sophia a written report before Senate meetings.

- President Cruz discussed Lehman's establishing an Academic Assessment Council (AAC). The council's main objective is to support a culture of assessment and evidence-based decision making. President Cruz asked the Governance Committee to suggest a slate of faculty to serve as AAC members.

- Governance Committee members (except President Cruz) will discuss potential AAC faculty nominations through email. The nominations will then be sent to President Cruz.

- The next meeting of the Governance Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 1pm.

- The meeting adjourned at 2pm.