

**Minutes of
The Lehman College Senate Meeting
Wednesday, May 2, 2012
Senate Meeting**

Senators Present: Alborn, T.; Bamshad, M.; Bayne, G.; Becker, S.; Bergmann, R.; Boone, R.; Calvet, L.; Carey, O.; Carrellas, P.; Carty, S.; Choudhary, A.; Clark, V.; Delacruz, J.; Dellapina, M.; Eleyinafe, O.; Farrell, R.; Feinerman, R.; Fernández, R.; Francis, A.; Gálvez, A.; Greenberg, J.; Gross, C.; Haghighat, E.; Harcourt-Smith, W.; Hattori, T.; Holloway, J.; Hurley, D.; Huyhn, M.; Jacobson, B.; Jafari, M.; Jarroll, E.; Jervis, J.; Kabat, D.; Lora, J.; Magdaleno, J.; Marianetti, M.; Markens, S.; Matthews, E.; McMillian, C.; Morones, L.; Nadeem, S.; Olivencia, M.; Onyedum, J.; Pérez, R.; Philipp, M.; Prince, P.; Rachlin, J.; Rice, A.; Rondón, M.; Sailor, K.; Schlesinger, K.; Tananbaum, D.; Troy, R.; Uwaga, C.; Valentine, R.; Waring, E.; Washington, E.; Wilder, E.; Williams-Gray, B.; Zucchetto, V.

Senators Absent: Adebayo, A.; Adeyeye, A.; Alli, T.; Aquino, G.; Banoum, B.; Barry, M.; Buckley, M.; Carey, R.; Deas, M.; Deen, F.; Delevan, C.; Diaz, P.; Dobson, C.; Enama, F.; Fayne, H.; Fisher, W.; Gabig, C.; Georges, A.; Gómez, J.; Green, A.; Kayaalp, O.; Martín, O.; Mazza, C.; Morales, V.; O'Connor, N.; O'Hanlon, T.; Peralta, Y.; Polanco, J.; Quainoo, D.; Raynor, C.; Rivera-McCutchen, R.; Schwartz, G.; Sesay, F.; Shaw, S.; Varillas, R.; Walker, D.; Williams, T.; Williams-Wallen, D.; Zapata, S.; Zermatt-Scutt, M.

The meeting was called to order by President Ricardo R. Fernández at 3:40 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes of the Senate meeting of April 4, 2012. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Announcements and Communications—

- a. 1. President Ricardo R. Fernández reported that he attended the Feliks Gross Award Ceremony at the Graduate Center. Prof. Mine Doyran, of the Department of Economics and Business, was a recipient of the award. He announced the following events taking place on campus this month: May 4: The Annual Arthur Sweeny Lecture will feature Nobel Prize winner Sir Harold Kroto; May 10: The Center for Human Rights and Peace Studies will hold

its conference; May 11: The Mexican Studies Institute will hold its inaugural conference. Both conferences will have a variety of speakers from across the country. All are encouraged to attend. Scholarship Day is also scheduled this month. This all-day event highlights Undergraduate Research Projects. Honors Convocation will take place preceding Commencement Exercises on May 31. The president is pleased to announce that Chancellor Matthew Goldstein will attend Commencement this year.

2. The New York State legislature acted on the budget. New York City will release its budget tomorrow; followed by the City Council's vote. CUNY will be informed thereafter. As this is the last meeting of the academic year, there is nothing to report. However, it is a positive budget.

3. Dr. Fernández expressed his gratitude to the student government leaders for their involvement and support throughout the academic year. He congratulated them on completing their academic year and wished them well on their final exams.

b. Student Legislative Assembly—

1. Mr. Gozy Uwaga, Student Legislative Assembly vice-chair, reported once again on the New York State Dream Act Resolution. He expects the resolution will be ready for presentation to the Senate at the September meeting.

2. Mr. Uwaga presented Mr. Michael Olivencia, the new president of the Student Legislative Assembly. Mr. Olivencia discussed the Student Legislative Assembly goals for the next academic year.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

c. Graduate Studies—

1. Prof. Janet DeSimone presented proposals from the Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences; from the Department of Health Sciences; from the Department of Music; from the Department of Middle and High School Education; from the Department of Earth, Environmental and Geospatial Sciences; and from the Office of Graduate Studies.

2. The next meeting of the Graduate Studies Committee will be in September.

d. Governance Committee—

1. Professor Duane Tananbaum recommended that any resolution to be presented to the Senate be first submitted to the Governance Committee in draft form.
2. He also presented the resolution on Climate Change, as an informational item. Prof. Tananbaum recommended that the College take action in form of instruction. See Attachment I.
3. Prof. Tananbaum reported on the role of the Council of Faculty Governance Leaders. He stated that the Council hears issues such as Pathways; various initiatives from the Central Office, including computer use policy and the availability of funds to ensure that a search pool is as wide as possible, etc.
4. The next Committee meeting will be held in September.

e. Committee on Admissions, Evaluations and Academic Standards—

Prof. Anne Rice presented the list of undergraduate and graduate candidates for graduation in May and September 2012. The list was moved and approved subject to approval by the registrar.

f. Undergraduate Curriculum—

1. Prof. Jacobson presented proposals from the Department of Earth, Environmental and Geospatial Sciences; from the Department of English; from the Department of Journalism, Communication and Theatre; from the Department of Languages and Literatures; from the Department of Philosophy; from the Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences; and a cross-listed course from the Department of Sociology and the Department of Political Science. The proposals were moved and approved.
2. The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee meeting will take place on May 9 at 1 p.m. in Carman 263. Any proposals need to be submitted the Committee by May 3.

g. Academic Freedom—

1. Prof. Mario González-Corzo thanked the members of the Academic Freedom Committee for their work on the two projects during the academic year: the content of the Academic

Freedom website and the Faculty Survey. The Committee will have more information in the fall.

2. The next meeting of the Academic Freedom Committee will be in December 2012.

h. Library and Communications—

1. Prof. James Carney presented the report. Discussion followed. See Attachment II.

2. The next meeting is on April 18, at 3 p.m. in Carman B37B.

i. Campus Life and Facilities—

1. Prof. Deborah Sanders presented the report. See Attachment III

2. The next meeting is on May 10 for a tour of the Science Facility, time and place to be determined.

j. Budget and Long Range Planning—

1. Prof. Hai-Ping Cheng presented the report. See Attachment IV.

2. The next Committee meeting is in September.

k. University Faculty Senate Report—

Prof. Manfred Philipp presented the report. See Attachment V.

New Business—None.

Old Business—None.

ADJOURNMENT

President Fernández adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Esdras Tulier

Attachment I

Senate Meeting of May 2, 2012

Senate Governance Committee Report

The Senate Governance Committee forwards to the Senate the following as an information item:

At the Lehman College General Faculty meeting on February 15, 2012, the General Faculty passed a resolution recommending that Lehman College make a public statement about climate change. The following text was proposed, in which all assertions after the introductory paragraph are directly quoted from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC, 2007: Summary for Policymakers. In: *Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science Basis. Contribution of Working Group I to the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change* [Solomon, S., D. Qin, M. Manning, Z. Chen, M. Marquis, K.B. Averyt, M. Tignor, and H.L. Miller, eds. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press. Online at <http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/assessment-report/ar4/wg1ar4-wg1-spm.pc10>.

"Climate change is a question of fundamental importance about which many contradictory statements are made. One hears about the increasing frequency and gravity of extreme weather events (droughts, floods, storms) causing worldwide mass homelessness and famines, together with the danger of large parts of the Earth becoming uninhabitable. One also hears that these changes and dangers are non-existent, or not human-caused, or easy to adapt to, or relevant only for the distant future. Therefore it is important for the welfare of the Lehman community as well as the general public to present a brief summary of what science knows about the subject. The following statements are based on science rather than opinion and have been endorsed by the overwhelming majority of experts.

Warming of the climate system is unequivocal, as is now evident from observations of increases in global average air and ocean temperatures, widespread melting of snow and ice and rising global average sea level.

Changes in atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases (GHGs) and aerosols, land cover and solar radiation alter the energy balance of the climate system.

Global GHG emissions due to human activities have grown since pre-industrial times, with an increase of 70% between 1970 and 2004

Most of the observed increase in global average temperatures since the mid-20th century is very likely due to the observed increase in anthropogenic GHG concentrations. Observational evidence from all continents and most oceans shows that many natural systems are being affected by regional climate changes, particularly temperature increases.

There is high agreement and much evidence that with current climate change mitigation policies and related sustainable development practices, global GHG emissions will continue to

grow over the next few decades. Continued GHG emissions at or above current rates would cause further warming and induce many changes in the global climate system during the 21st century that would very likely be larger than those observed during the 20th century.

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Altered frequencies and intensities of extreme weather, together with sea level rise, are expected to have mostly adverse effects on natural and human systems. Anthropogenic warming could lead to some impacts that are abrupt or irreversible, depending upon the rate and magnitude of the climate change."

Stefan Becker, Jason Behrstock, Andrea Boyar, Melvin Fitting, Michael Handel, Nicholas Hanges, Linda Keen, Adam Koranyi, Jane Levitt, Andrew Maroko, Hari Pant, Christina Sormani, Zoltan Szabo.

Attachment II

Lehman College Library Information Technology Committee Minutes - April 18, 2012

Committee on Library, Technology and Telecommunications

In attendance: Jim Carney (chair), Joe Middleton, Kenneth Schlesinger, Kofi Benefo, Susan Markens, Stephanie Havelka

I. Chair's Report — J. Carney

- a. CUNY Committee on Academic Technology (CAT) recap
Philosophical differences between academics and IT steering committee on the process of decision making in Academic Technology. There was also widespread disappointment that the final drafts of the new CUNY 5 Year Strategic Plan. The committee leadership will make recommendations on the technology section.

- b. CUNY First Rollout

While numerous minor issues have occurred, the roll-out is proceeding as smoothly as can be hoped. Training according to roles is continuing with training for dept. Advisors, Chairs and administrative staff have been taking place. Summer session registration under CUNYFirst is next Monday. The Walk-In center is open for students. Two lines one for students and one for faculty

Separate phone line for faculty

Not many problems with MS email system

2k students, 17% of students have claimed their CUNY First account

Concerns re: outreach; need to be more proactive

Signs, postcards, outreach to Departments & Schools to use Facebook pages through School Deans.

Committee should reach out to depts. that have social media outlets

Investigate using a blast this through BBoard.

- c. Blackboard Upgrade

Questions about conversion from version 8.0 to 9.1 and links not carrying over. Training sessions are being planned.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHOULD CONSULT AND PROMOTE USING THE NEW BB9.1 TAB AVAILABLE ON THE CURRENT BLACKBOARD SITE. TUTORIALS AND DEMOS ARE AVAILABLE THERE.

II. Updates

b. Print Policy Draft

Policy was put together by IT & sustainability group.
ITR will retire personal printers as they die or new people come on faculty/staff.
Distribute to SenlibIT Committee
Make policy more compact (no table of contents)

III. Tech Fee 2012 recap Thanks to Joe Middleton and his team for an extremely smooth Tech Fee process.

IV. CUNY Computer Usage Policy

There is widespread dissatisfaction with the new CUNY Computer Usage Policy Draft. There was no proper consultation with stockholders or necessary parties. The policy draft was presented to the CUNY IT Steering Committee however the process was not consultative or transparent. The policy appears to be unnecessarily restrictive and inhibits web based research inquiry.

Bonnie Nelson, Associate Librarian and Professor at John Jay has voiced specific concerns regarding the policy. Her comments (added below) were endorsed by the CUNY Council of Chief Librarians. This committee is on record as supporting Professor Nelson's concerns as well.

V. New Business

None

VI. Adjourn

Addendum:

Professor Nelson response to Computer Use Policy Draft (with email information redacted):

Colleagues,

Upon further reflection, I decided to forward my comments on the proposed revisions to the CUNY Computer Use Policy to CULIBS because I think that two of the proposed changes are more than problematic; they are alarming and a direct assault on freedom of information, and I think I was much too mild in my original comments.

The proposed new section IV.8.a.iv specifically **prohibits the "streaming of large videos, films or similar media files for personal use."** Many streaming video (and other media) files are library materials (often databases for which we are paying hefty licensing fees). How dare the central office decide what purposes library materials can be used for! And how do they propose(d) to find out what is being viewed for personal use and what for research or educational use? Are they going to demand

library records to find out who is using what? That actually would be a violation of the NYS Law on Confidentiality of Library Records (cited earlier in the document). Are they next going to tell us who can read electronic books and for what purposes because the books are going over "their" networks?

The second major problem is with section IV.11, which currently (after much lobbying by the library and general faculty) prohibits filtering of web sites. Now it explicitly allows this.

So much for the highfalutin words about freedom of inquiry in the Introduction.

I hope that library faculty will discuss this in department meetings and that the Council of Chief Librarians will take this up.

Thanks,
Bonnie

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In addition to my old objections to the 2007 version of this policy (detailed below), some very problematic new language has been inserted into this new update. Specifically:

- Elevating IT Security Policies and Procedures to the role of "law" is a problem throughout the document. For example, Section IV.6.b now specifically mandates that all IT Security Policies and Procedures must be followed "to protect the confidentiality of Non-Public University Information," but isn't the important thing the protection of the Non-Public University Information? If the User is, in fact, using some more robust protection system that the CUNY IT Security Policies and Procedures have not yet caught up with, the User would be in violation, although the User might be doing a better job of protecting the data.

New section IV.8 a.iv prohibits the "streaming of large videos, films or similar media files for personal use." The Office of Legal Council must not be aware that a number of CUNY Libraries now subscribe (often with Student Technology Fee money) to streaming video databases, which we are

encouraging our students and faculty to use. These databases consist entirely of large video files that are intended to be streamed. I am sure that all faculty, not just the Library faculty, would object to the idea that students (and faculty) can only view great films and instructive media if they are assigned for a class or are necessary for research. Shouldn't we feel we've accomplished some of our educational mission if our students decide to view a film of Hamlet for their personal enjoyment?

- Section IV.10b seeks to make us all into snitches for any minor incident of noncompliance with CUNY IT Security Policies and Procedures even when these policies and procedures have been shown to be dysfunctional.

The meaning and intention of Section IV.11 has been completely turned upside down, from a statement that prohibits filtering to one that encourages it. You either filter or you don't. If you are filtering "illegal" sites, then you are relying on a third party to define illegality, and those companies are notoriously wrong, and usually filter much more broadly than that. CUNY is not a K-12 educational institution, or a children's library where filtering can be justified.

Section IV.13.a. There were many objections to this section at the Fall UFS Plenary where VC Schaffer answered questions about an earlier draft of this policy. I thought that it was agreed at that meeting that the word "prior" would be inserted before "notice" so that the sentence would read "CUNY may copy....at any time for preservation of evidence without prior notice to the User." I can understand the need to act in haste to sometimes preserve evidence, but should CUNY be **required** to tell a User that they have copied their files?

My objections to part of the 2007 version of this document, which remain, or are even more pronounced, in the current draft include:

The elevation of the CUNY IT Security Policies and Procedures in section IV.3.c and elsewhere to the status of law or policy passed by the Board. Laws and Board of Trustee policies are carefully reviewed in an open process and voted on in an open forum. CUNY IT Security Policies and Procedures are determined by a small group of people in the central CIS office who are using their best (though possibly flawed) judgment in developing the rules. These policies and procedures may be reviewed by other groups (such as the IT Steering Committee) but there are no open hearings, no votes, and no way to overrule the decisions of these individuals, even if research, scholarship or the judgment of other knowledgeable individuals disagrees.

- Section IV.13.F uses a criterion to allow "monitoring without notice"—"when an account appears to be engaged in unusual or unusually excessive

activity"—that is so vague as to be meaningless. Watching a video apparently can be considered excessive activity and would leave most of us open to monitoring.

B. Nelson

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Attachment III

Senate Meeting – Campus Life and Facilities Report

First, Professor Teresita Levy from Latin American Studies who represents our committee on the Bookstore Committee, sent in a report that the Bookstore renovations are complete. It appears to be doing well financially and has plans to expand its inventory to include e-readers. Second, John Holoway from Student Affairs shared with us that the Childcare Center which has been serving Lehman Students will have nearly double the capacity in its new facility scheduled to open in the Fall. There are plans to make a percentage of space available to faculty members. A strong response in favor of offering childcare for faculty was received from survey that was distributed few days ago. The department will make a final decision about the particulars once survey is closed and we can expect announcements later in the month. The Sustainability council hosted a very successful Earth Day Celebration Wednesday April 25th in the Music Building. It featured a documentary about life Nobel Peace Prize recipient of Dr. Wangari Maathai, who founded the Green Belt Movement which was followed by a lively discussion of her work. There was healthy vegetarian food served. In addition, students, lead by the student senator committee member, Mr. Troy Thompson held a read-in for children at the Daycare center where the students helped the children plant plants in honor of Dr. Maathai.

Lastly, the Sustainability council has signed an agreement with Corbin Hill Farms which is a Food/farm coop. The agreement provides for the farm to offer locally grown fresh produce to the Lehman college community beginning in June. Faculty, staff and students will be able to buy a small container for \$15/week or a large container for \$25/week with no long-term contract. We can expect to hear more about this in the next few weeks probably via email.

Attachment IV

Report to Lehman College Senate From the Joint committee of Senate and FP&B Long-Range Plan and Budget April 25, 2012

Persons in attendance:

Flavia Bacarella	Haiping Cheng	Joseph Rachlin	-----
Margo Dellicarpini	Vassilios Gargalas	Vincent Clark	
<u>Dimitra Karabali</u>	<u>Carmen Saen-de-Casas</u>	<u>Bethania Ortega</u>	

The meeting was called to order at 3:40pm by Chair Haiping Cheng in Library 317. The Minutes of Feb 29, 2012 meeting was approved unanimously.

VP Clark presented a report on current College Budget and a draft projection of the budget for next year:

For the current year, very little has changed since the beginning of the Spring semester. The College will end the year with a required small saving.

For the coming year, the actual budget allocation for Lehman has not been received from CUNY. So a project was made based on the current year. What is already clear is that next year's base budget is similar to this year. This means the budge for adjuncts and OTPS will be the same. It is possible that the College's base budget will be increased especially with the increase in tuition and state allocation.

Other issues discussed:

- 1) Adjunct budget and its impact on class offering
- 2) New Science Building will have no impact on College budget

The committee adjourned at 4:15 PM

Attachment V

UFS Report to the Lehman College Senate, May 2, 2012, prepared by Manfred Philipp

Vice Chancellor Logue will present the CUNY Academy's **Feliks Gross Awards** to Esther Allen of the Baruch College Department of Modern Languages & Comparative Literature, Mande Holford of the Hunter College Chemistry Department, **Mine Aysen Doyran of the Lehman College Department of Economics and Business**, and Zachary Shirkey of the Hunter College Political Science Department. As President of the CUNY Academy, I will be at this function and may not be able to get to this Senate meeting.

The **UFS Senate Digest** now has an expanded on-line version, which gives more material than that given in the print version that still is sent to all faculty members. See <http://cunyufs.org/SD/spring%202012%20hybrid.pdf>

Faculty resolutions against the Pathways project continue. The latest is from Bronx Community College. Departmental resolutions also continue to arrive at the UFS office. The latest is from the English Department at John Jay College. While only one community college faculty governance body opposed Pathways before its implementation, ***now all of them do.***

The **Petition Drive against Pathways conducted by the PSC** has ended with 5,673 signers. The goal was 5,000. **A majority of all CUNY Distinguished Professors** signed: 77 signed, 59 did not sign. **A majority of all CUNY department chairs** signed: 205 signed, 167 did not sign. *These numbers are preliminary and subject to revision.* The Chancellery sent out an expensive, first-class full-color brochure quoting *three* Distinguished Professors in favor of Pathways.

For the first time in memory, **the UFS chair, who is a CUNY Trustee herself, walked out of a Board of Trustees meeting** on Monday in order to protest the anti-faculty statements made by a member of the Board. A group of faculty led by the PSC also walked out of the spectators' section.

The CUNY and SUNY chancellors and CUNY Vice Chancellor Eduardo Martí will take part in the governor's **"Education Reform Commission"** led by Richard Parsons, former chair of Citigroup and Time Warner. The Executive Order creating the Commission aims to *"ensure New York is implementing one of the strongest [teacher] evaluation systems in the country."* It also states that *"New York's education system is organized into 700 school districts, more than half of which educate fewer than 2,000 students."*

Each of the 700 school districts has its own administration and back office functions, creating duplication, waste, and inefficiencies in the way school

districts deliver education."

Vice Chancellor Allan Dobrin and CUNY CIO Brian Cohen spoke at the April 17 University Faculty Senate Plenary. CIO Cohen spoke about the Blackboard upgrade (see www.cuny.edu/blackboard) and spoke about BB Collaborate. E-portfolio products were discussed as were the problems created when the SPSS license lapsed. There is now a contract in place for several years. CUNYfirst security was discussed, as was the need to train adjuncts in CUNYfirst; The CIO reported that the New York State Controller's office had **objected to retirees continuing to have access to CUNY email resources.**

The debate about the proposed revision in the CUNY Computer policies continues. Some faculty have asked that CUNY adopt the SUNY language **allowing introduction of malicious programs into the network or server** (e.g., viruses, worms, Trojan horses, e-mail bombs, etc.), **when this activity is a part of the user's normal job/duty** and occurs within a research lab as part of an authorized procedure within that lab.

(http://www.cs.sunysb.edu/files/policies/Acceptable_Use_Policy.pdf) As an example, this would be done as part of instruction into the defense against malicious programs.

The discussion about the **revised sexual harassment policy** continues. The UFS continues to submit suggested modifications. The **CUNY Diversity Action Plan** was issued around April 15. Planning continues for the **move of the CUNY Central Office to the Pfizer Building on 42nd Street.**

Calendar:

Feliks Gross Award Ceremony, 1 PM, May 2, GC Skylight Room, Graduate Center,

CUNY Construction Fund, 10 AM, May 3, 555 West 57th Street, 11th Floor Conference Room

UFS Transfer and Articulation Committee, May 4, 9 AM, John Jay College

UFS Executive Committee, May 8, The CUNY Central Office

CUNY-BA Governance Committee, 2 PM, May 9, Graduate Center

UFS Screening of the Film for the Conference on Higher Education in the Prisons,
May 11

UFS Plenary with Vice Chancellor Schaffer on the Computer Use Policy, 6:30 PM, May 15, Graduate Center. *This Plenary includes elections for UFS officers, including the Chair, and members of the UFS Executive Committee.*

Faculty Advisory Council for the Research Foundation with Vice Chancellor Small, 10 AM, May 18 at the RF.

UFS Executive Committee, 9:30 AM, May 22, CUNY Central Office

SPS Governing Council, 3 PM, May 24, Graduate Center

UFS Budget Advisory Committee, with VC's Sapienza and Shaw, May

25th at 41st Street Board of Trustees Committees, 4 PM, June 4,

CUNY Central Office

Board of Trustees Public Hearing, 4 PM, June 18.

Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:30 PM, June 25, Baruch College

Board of Trustees Committees, 4 PM, September 3, CUNY Central Office