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**Minutes of  
The Lehman College Senate Meeting  
Wednesday, December 15, 2010  
Senate Meeting**

7 **Senators Present:** Akan, A.; Almodovar-Salines, D.; Badru, L.; Bard, A.; Bayne, G.;  
8 Bennett, M.; Bergmann, R., Buckley, M.; Bullaro, G.; Carrellas, P.;  
9 Carey, R.; Carney, J.; Choudhary, A.; Clark, V.; Correa, D.;  
10 DellaPina, M.; DeSimone, F.; Deveaux, F.; Duhaney, C.; Eldridge, D.;  
11 Eleyinafe, O.; Esteves, C.; Feinerman, R.; Fernández, R.; Fletcher, D.;  
12 Freedberg, S.; Gálvez, A.; Greenberg, J.; Gross, C.; Haghghat, E.;  
13 Hattori, T.; Holloway, J.; Jacobson, B.; Jafari, M.; Jervis, J.; Jitianu, A.;  
14 Kabat, D.; Kayaalp, O.; Kolb, P.; Larimer, A.; Lizardi, H.; Lucente, J.;  
15 Marianetti, M.; Markens, S.; Martin, O.; Matthews, E; Mineka, J.;  
16 Munch, J.; O'Connor, N.; O'Hanlon, T.; Omare, D.; Onyedum, J.;  
17 Papazian, M.; Philipp, M.; Qian, G.; Raaum, R.; Rachlin, J.; Rice, A.;  
18 Rotolo, R.; Schlesinger, K.; Silverman, H.; Tananbaum, D.; Tilley, J.;  
19 Troy, R.; Voge, S.; Wilder, I.; Wunder, A.; Zermatt-Scutt, M.;  
20 Zucchetto, V.

23 **Senators Absent:** Alborn, T.; Amaoma, C.; Artinian, A.; Bamshad, M.; Banoum, B.;  
24 Barnard, J.; Beard, C.; Blot, R.; Borrell, L.; Brooks, O.; Calvet, L.;  
25 Cheng, T.; Di Paolo, M.; Dobson, C.; Farrell, R.; Fermin, A.;  
26 Garçon, M.; Gilbert, F.; Gorokhovich, Y.; Henry, P.; Howze, P.;  
27 Iddrisu, A.; Jarroll, E.; Jones, L.; Lawrence, A.; Levitt, J.;  
28 Magdaleno, J.; Maybee, J.; Nadeem, S.; Ndukwe, K.; Nyemba, T.;  
29 Olabode, A.; Peruyero, C.; Prohaska, V.; Ricourt, M.; Ross, S.;  
30 Samuels, Y.; Schwartz, G.; Sesay, F.; Sibermintz, N.; Sloan, H.;  
31 Sokol, M.; Soto, M.; Souare, I.; Thomas, G.; Thompson, P.; Totti, X.;  
32 Twomey, R.; Waldo, I.; Warde, B.; Whittaker, R.; Zapata, S.

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35 The meeting was called to order by President Ricardo R. Fernández at 3:43 p.m.

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37 President R. Fernández made a motion to adopt the minutes of the Senate meeting of  
38 November 17, 2010. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.

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40 **Announcements and Communications—**

41 **a. 1.** The President reported that Lehman is still in the same situation regarding budget. The  
42 governor elect will probably issue the budget in late January. CUNY is in close contact with  
43 both the incoming and the outgoing governors.

44 2. This past week Lehman had a very successful visit by His Royal Highness, the Duke of  
45 Gloucester and first cousin to the Queen of England. He is a royal patron of the St. George's  
46 Society. This organization, established in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, has been assisting people who hail  
47 from the British Commonwealth. For the last couple of years, Lehman has had a very good  
48 working relationship with this entity, which has provided scholarship funds for some of our  
49 British Commonwealth students, primarily from the Caribbean and Africa. Also present on  
50 this visit was the director of the Mountbatten Institute, a separate organization. The College  
51 has also entered into a relationship with this Institute. They have awarded a fellowship to one  
52 of our Business program graduates, who will be spending a year in London, all expenses  
53 covered, as well as an internship with a major corporation. If this is monetized, it's worth  
54 about \$42,000. We were pleased that our student was a recipient of the award, but we're even  
55 more pleased to learn that the awards will continue each year: the scholarship recipient will  
56 spend a year in London with the Mountbatten Institute. Dr. Fernández thanked everyone  
57 present who played a part in this successful visit.

58 3. The president also reported that he had a request from the Governance Committee to  
59 provide data regarding expenditures and budgets. The College has been doing a lot of  
60 thinking and planning about how it shares information. All are familiar with the Performance  
61 Management Process (PMP) that the university has had over the last several years. And every  
62 year on the CUNY website, interested parties can access the PMP Report. Every institution in  
63 CUNY is listed there. Every year, Lehman, as every other campus, is given a set of goals and  
64 objectives, and we respond with our own goals and objectives. Lehman has been doing this  
65 for several years, and the information is available on the web not only for the current year, but  
66 also data that goes back several years. All of that data is available, but beyond that, from time  
67 to time, there are requests for other specific data. Dr. Fernández asked Provost Mary Papazian  
68 to address this issue.

69 4. Dr. Papazian reported that data needs have continued to grow, not only with regard to the  
70 standard self-studies and the PMP process, but also with regard for the needs for assessment,  
71 external accreditations and just good planning. Coupled with the resources that we currently  
72 have, is the transition from the Legacy Systems to the CUNY First system. Some of the data  
73 will be available in different forms, others will need to be maintained through other systems  
74 that are created. So to respond to these issues, questions and concerns, we're putting together

75 an ad hoc committee, which will be co-chaired by Vice President Ronald Bergman, Chief  
76 Information Officer, and Dr. Susanne Tumelty, director of the Office of Institutional  
77 Research, Planning and Assessment. They will gather a group of people with knowledge of  
78 the different kinds of data, to really start to address, in a global way, how we should handle  
79 data on campus, and how we can make it most available and most useful. As part of that  
80 process, Information Technology Resources is working with a team to provide an  
81 “information dashboard.” This doesn’t create data, but simply makes it available and more  
82 user-friendly. We also need to make sure we understand what that data represents; that it is  
83 accurate data, and that it is used in a way that is actually going to produce an analysis that is  
84 legitimate and not something that is missing key components. The Office of the Provost is  
85 very much aware that there are questions that have emerged in the course of people’s work on  
86 assessment. So clearly, the Office of Institutional Research is going to guide that. To put all  
87 of this together, a fundamental charge of the ad hoc committee is to develop a set of protocols,  
88 guidelines, and information so that people know what kinds of data are available, where it’s  
89 available, what kind of questions it can ask, and where people go for other kinds of  
90 information, etc. Some of the information can be retrieved through the CUNY Office of  
91 Institutional Research, and our office has a close relationship with them. So we’re really  
92 working to put this together in a way that can be shared with everyone. This is an ongoing  
93 process. It will take time for some of this to evolve. And this office will be reaching out to  
94 many constituents on campus to ensure what we come up with is something that really does  
95 address the concerns and the interests that many have. Discussion followed.

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97 **b. Student Conference—**

98 See attached report by Mr. Marvin Bennett. Attachment I.  
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100 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES—

101 **Governance Committee—**

102 1. Professor Duane Tananbaum presented two resolutions from the Committee. The first  
103 reads as follows:

104                   RESOLVED that in the interests of the fullest participation and communication  
105                   across various constituencies, the Lehman College Senate requests that the Faculty

106 Personnel and Budget Committee elect a faculty representative to serve on the ad hoc  
107 Committee on Structure. The resolution was unanimously passed.

108 2. The second resolution reads as follows:

109 RESOLVED that in the interests of saving money and the environment, agendas,  
110 minutes, committee reports, and any other materials for the meetings of the Lehman  
111 College Senate will henceforth be made available on the college website at least one  
112 week prior to the meeting, with notice of their availability sent to each senator, and  
113 displayed at meetings, rather than distributed in paper form, except that those members  
114 of the Senate wishing to receive paper copies of such materials may request to do so.  
115 Paper copies will continue to be distributed to the Library, and included with all  
116 permanent records of the Lehman College Senate.

117 An amendment was proposed that a small number of hard copies be available on the table  
118 before the meeting. Discussion followed. The amendment failed to carry. Discussion  
119 then followed on the original resolution. The resolution carried with one abstention.

120 3. The students have recommended that the student representatives now be called The  
121 Student Legislative Assembly. This change will be on the February Senate agenda as Old  
122 Business for a vote.

123 4. Regarding the Committee on Structure, most of the members have been appointed. They  
124 are: Prof. Tananbaum, Governance Committee; Ms. Jacqueline Aquilino-Jirak, Campus Life  
125 and Facilities; Prof. Cheryl Smith Gabig, Graduate Studies Committee; Ms. Alice Akan,  
126 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee; Prof. Penny Prince, Committee on Admissions,  
127 Evaluation and Academic Standards; Mr. James Carney, Library, Technology and  
128 Telecommunications Committee; Associate Provost Robert Whittaker as Administrator; and  
129 Prof. Manfred Philipp as the Faculty Executive Committee representative. There is still a  
130 need for representatives from two committees, and the student representatives are listed  
131 above.

132 5. Also if there are any Senators who are resigning or retiring please let Prof. Tananbaum  
133 know. All seats must be filled. Please send an email.

134 6. The next meeting of the Governance Committee will be January 19<sup>th</sup> at Carman Hall,  
135 room 201.

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137 **b. Committee on Admissions, Evaluations and Academic Standards—**  
138 Professor Anne Rice reported that the committee met on December 8, and the first order of  
139 business was the election of Prof. Penny Prince to the ad hoc Committee on Structure. After a  
140 brief discussion the committee deferred discussion on the standards for probation until the  
141 February meeting.

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143 **c. Undergraduate Curriculum—**  
144 Professor Barbara Jacobson presented proposals from three departments: the Department  
145 of Journalism, Communication and Theatre; the Department of Environmental,  
146 Geographic and Geological Sciences, and the Department of Political Science. The  
147 proposals were unanimously approved. The Committee will meet again in February  
148 2011.

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150 **d. Graduate Studies—**  
151 Prof. Janet DeSimone reported proposals from the Department of Early Childhood and  
152 Childhood Education and the Department of Middle and High School Education. The  
153 proposals were unanimously approved. The next meeting will be held February 9, 2011.

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155 **e. Academic Freedom—**  
156 There was no report.

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158 **f. Library, Technology and Telecommunications—**  
159 1. Mr. James Carney reported that the Committee met this past Monday. The first order  
160 of business was his re-election as chair.  
161 2. Vice President Ronald Bergmann discussed a better way of handling data on campus;  
162 however, this is only at the draft stage. It is an ongoing process. Prof. Kenneth  
163 Schlesinger, chief librarian, just returned from the Council of Chief Librarians where it was  
164 reported that the Pharos printing system, that we adapted, has also been adapted by a  
165 number of other schools, including the other two Bronx CUNY campuses.

- 166 3. His Royal Highness, the Duke of Gloucester, was given a tour of the Multi-Media  
167 Center and was interviewed by one of our students. He was very pleased and  
168 impressed.
- 169 4. At the recommendation of Prof. Schlesinger, we are going to continue to have informal  
170 meetings with the student members of the committee, because we understand they can't  
171 make all the meetings. In the past, these meetings have been very informative. The  
172 next meeting is February 8<sup>th</sup>.

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174 **g. Campus Life and Facilities—**

175 See attached report by Prof. Wesley Pitts. Attachment II.

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177 **h. Budget and Long Range Planning—**

178 See attached report by Prof. John Mineka. Attachment III.

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180 **i. University Faculty Senate—**

181 See attached report by Prof. Manfred Philipp. Attachment IV.

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183 Old Business—

184 There was none.

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186 New Business—

187 There was none.

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189 ADJOURNMENT

190 President Fernández adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

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192 Respectfully submitted,

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194 Esdras Tulier

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