

LEHMAN COLLEGE
City University of New York
Minutes of Meeting
Senate Governance Committee
24 February 2009
Shuster 336, 4:45 pm

Present: Rosalind Carey, President Fernandez, Jason Jeremias, Jim Jervis, Ayesha Lewis, Marie Marianetti, Justin Simmons, Duane Tananbaum, Esdras Tulier, and Vincent Zuchetto.

1. The committee met with President Fernandez and College Counsel Esdras Tulier to discuss how to address the increasing size of the Senate and arrived at the general consensus in favor of maintaining the current proportion of faculty, students, and administrators but dropping the total number to 102.
2. The committee also discussed proposing an amendment to the Governance documents that would allow the Governance committee to propose amendments to the Governance documents. This proposal would not replace the current method whereby proposed amendments require 25 faculty signatures to appear before the Senate. On analogy with the signature requirement, which places modest constraints on Governance document amendment proposals that appear before the Senate, it was suggested that any such amendments proposed by the Governance committee should require a 2/3 majority vote of the members of that committee in order to appear before the Senate.
3. On the relationship between CASA and Student Conference and whether the language in student governance documents ought to be clarified or the documents rewritten, the president recommended inviting CASA and Student Conference members to meet with the Vice President of Student Affairs to further discuss these issues.
4. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting of the Governance Committee: 3/25/09 at 3:30 in S179.