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**Minutes of  
The Lehman College Senate Meeting  
Wednesday, February 2, 2011  
Senate Meeting**

**Senators Present:** Alborn, T.; Badru, L.; Bayne, G.; Bennett, M.; Bergmann, R.;  
Borrell, L.; Carrellas, P.; Carey, R.; Carney, J.; Clark, V.; Correa, D.;  
DellaPina, M.; DeSimone, F.; Eleyinafe, O.; Farrell, R.;  
Fernández, R.; Fletcher, D.; Freedberg, S.; Gálvez, A.;  
Gorokhovich, Y.; Greenberg, J.; Gross, C.; Haghighat, E.;  
Holloway, J.; Jacobson, B.; Jitianu, A.; Kabat, D.; Kolb, P.;  
Larimer, A.; Lawrence, A.; Lizardi, H.; Magdaleno, J.;  
Marianetti, M.; Matthews, E.; O'Connor, N.; O'Hanlon, T.;  
Onyedum, J.; Papazian, M.; Peruyero, C.; Philipp, M.; Raaum, R.;  
Rachlin, J.; Rotolo, R.; Tananbaum, D.; Troy, R Warde, B.;  
Wilder, I.; Wunder, A.; Zucchetto, V.

**Senators Absent:** Akan, A.; Almodovar-Salinas, D.; Amaoma, C.; Artinian, A.;  
Bamshad, M.; Banoum, B.; Bard, A.; Barnard, J.; Beard, C.; Blot, R.;  
Brooks, O.; Buckley, M.; Bullaro, G.; Calvet, L.; Cheng, T.;  
Choudhary, A.; Deveaux, F.; Di Paolo, M.; Dobson, C.; Duhaney, C.;  
Eldridge, D.; Esteves, C.; Feinerman, R.; Fermín, A.; Garçon, M.;  
Gilbert, F.; Hattori, T.; Henry, P.; Howze, P.; Iddrisu, A.; Jafari, M.;  
Jarroll, E.; Jervis, J.; Jones, L.; Kayaalp, O.; Levitt, J.; Lucente, J.;  
Markens, S.; Martin, O.; Maybee, J.; Mineka, J.; Munch, J.;  
Nadeem, S.; Ndukwe, K.; Nyemba, T.; Olabode, A.; Omare, D.;  
Prohaska, V.; Qian, G.; Rice, A.; Ricourt, M.; Ross, S.; Samuels, Y.;  
Schlesinger, K.; Schwartz, G.; Sesay, F.; Sibermintz, N.;  
Silverman, H.; Sloan, H.; Sokol, M.; Soto, M.; Souare, I.;  
Thomas, G.; Thompson, P.; Tilley, J.; Totti, X.; Twomey, R.;  
Voge, S.; Waldo, I.; Whittaker, R.; Zapata, S.; Zermatt-Scutt, M.

The meeting was called to order by President Ricardo R. Fernández at 3:42 p.m.

President Fernández made a motion to adopt the minutes of the Senate Meeting of  
December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Professor Duane Tananbaum asked that since the minutes now  
includes appendixes, they should read “see appendix,” not “listed above” as in line 131.

The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.

43 **Announcements and Communications–**

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- 45 a. 1. The President reported that the implications of the governor’s budget are being
- 46 analyzed at the Central Office. A thorough briefing will be provided by CUNY at the
- 47 Council of Presidents meeting next Monday. The State legislature is promising a timely
- 48 (April 1) budget. The impact of the \$100 million reduction that the governor proposes for
- 49 CUNY, (and a proportional amount for SUNY) over four fifths, will fall on senior
- 50 colleges. There may be other implications. Capital projects are affected. The president is
- 51 keeping an eye on this, and will be organizing the visits to our elected officials in Albany.
- 52 2. Dr. Fernández also reported that compared to last spring, enrollment is flat. He expects
- 53 to get final figures in a few weeks.
- 54 3. Finally, the president noted that the Buildings and Grounds staff had done an excellent
- 55 job of keeping the campus safe with snow and ice removal.

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57 **b. Student Conference–**

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- 59 1. Mr. Marvin Bennett reported that on February 16<sup>th</sup>, CASA and Student Conference
- 60 will host “Student Government Intersession.” This event will inform Lehman College
- 61 students what student government does and how to be a part of it. Also, special
- 62 elections are to be held in mid-March, the date is not yet finalized. The election ballot
- 63 will include the proposed Student Government Association Constitution, provided
- 64 there are enough signatures on the petition.
- 65 2. This semester, Student Conference is working on developing a proposal, in
- 66 consultation with various deans and departments, for the implementation of a new
- 67 major in Urban Community Development. The proposal is now in its final stages.
- 68 Student Conference continues to believe that Lehman College can lead the charge in
- 69 developing our urban communities.
- 70 3. Mr. Bennett asked Mr. Christian Peruyero, Student Conference treasurer, to address
- 71 the Senate on a lawsuit against the CUNY Board of Trustees. Mr. Peruyero reported
- 72 that he, student senator Lamont Badru, and students from three other CUNY schools
- 73 are suing the CUNY Board of Trustees. He indicated that the New York State
- 74 Education Law states that the right to raise tuition rests only with the CUNY Board of

75 Trustees. They question and challenge Chancellor Matthew Goldstein's right to raise  
76 tuition on an incremental basis every semester, in contradiction to the law.

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78 President Fernández took this opportunity to remind the Senate that Chancellor Goldstein  
79 will be visiting Lehman on February 9. He also announced that Prof. Deena Bernstein,  
80 chair of the Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences Department, was elected as the College  
81 Committee on Faculty Personnel and Budget representative to the ad hoc Senate  
82 Committee on Structure.

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85 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES-

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87 **c. Governance Committee-**

- 88 1. Professor Duane Tananbaum announced that due to the January 27 snow day, the  
89 Governance Committee was unable to meet. The Committee on Structure will be  
90 holding its first meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in Carman 201. He sent out an e-  
91 mail to all members. The Provost will join this meeting and update everyone on the  
92 status of all the proposals. She is very interested in receiving input.
- 93 2. The Governance Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, February 14 at  
94 3:30 p.m. in Carman 201.

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96 **d. Committee on Admissions, Evaluations and Academic Standards-**

97 There was no report.

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99 **e. Undergraduate Curriculum-**

- 100 1. Professor Barbara Jacobson presented proposals from the Department of English;  
101 including two new courses from the interdisciplinary program in Linguistics. Due to the  
102 absence of a quorum, the proposal was tabled until the next Senate meeting.
- 103 2. The next committee meeting is next Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> in Carman 263.

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105 **f. Committee on Graduate Studies-**

106 There was no report.

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108 **g. Academic Freedom--**

109 In the absence of Professor Mario González-Corzo, Professor Duane Tananbaum reported  
110 that the first spring meeting will be held in early February; topics to be covered include  
111 developing an online academic freedom source repository, general academic freedom  
112 topics and developing an academic freedom survey.

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114 **h. Library, Technology and Telecommunications--**

115 Mr. James Carney reported that there was no report but the first meeting will be held on  
116 February 7 in The Library Conference Room.

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118 **i. Campus Life and Facilities--**

119 There was no report.

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122 **j. Budget and Long Range Planning--**

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126 **k. University Faculty Senate---**

127 See attached report. Discussion followed.

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130 Old Business--

131 Due to absence of a quorum, the resolution Amendments to Governance Documents and  
132 Bylaws changing "Student Conference" to "Student Government Assembly" was tabled  
133 until the next Senate meeting.

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136 New Business--

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140 ADJOURNMENT

141 President Fernández adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

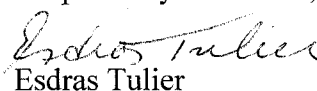
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Respectfully submitted,

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