

# The Lehman College Senate

A Brief Overview



# Functions of The Lehman College Senate

- Responsible for the formulation of academic policy and for legislative and advisory functions related to the programs, standards, and goals of the College.
- Has the power to make policy recommendations, and to review the implementation of policy concerning:
  - Academic Affairs
  - Long-range planning
  - Campus Life and Activities
  - Academic Freedom
- Subject to the Authority and ByLaws of the CUNY Board of Trustees



# We Are A College Senate

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SHARED  
Governance

The Senate Has A Total of  
102 Members:

- Students (34)
- Faculty (51)
- Non-Instructional Staff (5)
- Administrators (12)

We Need 52 Members Present To  
Transact Business. This is  
quorum.

All Meetings Are Open  
Subject To NYS OML

# The Senate Works Through Committee

- **Most** Senate work is done through committee. Working through committee allows for a thorough investigation of matters and an informed discussion on the floor.
- The Senate has **10** Standing Committees:

Governance	Budget & Long-Range Planning
Admissions, Evaluations, Academic Standards (CAEAS)	Library, Technology, and Telecommunications
Graduate Studies	Campus Life & Facilities
Undergraduate Curriculum	Academic Freedom
Assessment	Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility Anti-Racism



- There May Also Be Ad Hoc Committees

## The Senate Is NOT A Rubber Stamp

# Senate Meetings

- Senate Meets Once Per Month
- President Presides Over Meetings
- Agenda Includes Communications and Committee Reports
- Meeting Materials Available One Week Before Meeting
- **READ MATERIALS BEFOREHAND**



# Rules of Order

- Governed by Senate ByLaws and College Governance Documents
- Defer to Robert's Rules of Order
- Parliamentarian Available
- Common Sense & An Informed, Engaged, Open Conversation Has Been Priority
- Ask Questions!





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