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**Minutes of
The Lehman College Senate Meeting
Wednesday, April 28, 2010**

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Senators Present: Adams, D.; Afrani, D.; Akan, A.; Alborn, T.; Amoama, C.;
Badru, L.; Barry, M.; Beard, C.; Bennett, M.; Boone, R.;
Bouzalakos, H.; Bryant, S.; Buckley, M.; Bullaro, G.; Carney, J.;
Cavallo, S.; Choudhary, A.; Delgado, M.; DellaPina, M.; DeSimone, S.;
Deveaux, F.; DiPaolo, M.; Esteves, C.; Farrell, R.; Feinerman, R.;
Fernández, R.; Fletcher, D.; Freedberg, S.; Gálvez, A.; Garçon, M.;
Gorokhovich, Y.; Greenberg, J.; Haghighat, E.; Harushimana, I.;
Hattori, T.; Holloway, J.; Jacobson, B.; Jafari, M.; Jervis, J.; Jitianu, A.;
Jones, L.; Kabat, D.; Kayaalp, O.; Kleiman, S.; Larimer, A.; Lertzundi, P.;
Levitt, J.; Lucente, J.; Magdaleno, J.; Marianetti, M.; Markens, S.;
Matthews, E.; Munch, J.; Nadeem, S.; O’Connor, N.; O’Hanlon, T.;
Olabode, A.; Papazian, M.; Philipp, M.; Prohaska, V.; Qian, G.;
Raaum, R.; Rachlin, J.; Rotolo, R.; Sailor, K.; Schlesinger, K.;
Seiger-Gardner, L.; Silverman, H.; Sloan, H.; Small, M.; Soto, M.;
Tananbaum, D.; Tilley, J.; Troy, R.; Villar, F.; Voge, S.; Warde, B.;
Wheeler, D.; Whittaker, R.; Wilder, I.; Wunder, A.; Zucchetto, V.

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Senators Absent: Artinian, A.; Bamshad, M.; Banoum, B.; Bard, A.; Barnard, J.;
Blas, L.; Blot, R.; Borrell, L.; Brooks, L.; Cabrera, A.; Calderon, K.;
Calvet, L.; Carey, R.; Cheng, T.; Eldridge, D.; Gilbert, F.; Graulau, J.;
Gross, C.; Handel, L.; Jarroll, E.; Kolb, P.; Maybee, J.; Miles, K.;
Mineka, J.; Ndukwe, C.; Onemola, O.; Peruyero, C.; Rice, A.;
Ricourt, M.; Schwartz, G.; Segura, Y.; Shiller, J.; Sibermintz, N.;
Sokol, M.; Tegeder, D.; Thompson, P.; Totti, X.; Twomey, R.;
Zermatt-Scutt, M.

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

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34 President Fernández made a motion to adopt the minutes of the Senate meeting of
35 April 7, 2010. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

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37 Announcements and Communication—

38 a. 1. President Fernández commented on the New York State budget negotiations in Albany,
39 noting that there are very few noteworthy developments to report. However, the president
40 remarked upon Governor Paterson’s use of the “F” word, “Furlough,” to express the seriousness

41 of the situation. So far though, the budgetary process has not been given the attention it
42 deserves. President Fernández hopes that there will be progress in the near future, and will keep
43 the campus community apprised, both in the Senate and on the College's website.

44 2. An upcoming event will be of particular interest to faculty and individuals who have served
45 at Lehman for many years. On May 6, at 11:00 a.m. in the East Dining Room, there will be a
46 memorial service for Senior Vice President Emeritus Glen Nygreen, who passed away a few
47 months ago. A memorial service was already held for Dr. Nygreen, but it was decided that for a
48 person who had done so much for Lehman, and over such a long and distinguished career, a truly
49 special event was merited. Dr. Nygreen was a highly respected administrator, and loved by
50 many. A few alumni, who worked very closely with him, will be speaking at the event, and there
51 will be a small reception.

52 3. The next meeting of the Senate will take place on May 12. The purpose of that meeting will
53 be to enable the president to share with the Senate the status of the College's plans to implement
54 the report produced by the Strategic Planning Council. There are a number of developments to
55 report, some the result of work undertaken by members of the President's Cabinet. At this
56 upcoming Senate meeting, Dr. Fernández will be able to furnish a progress report; more work is
57 needed on the report before it is widely disseminated. In addition to the Senate, he will also
58 report to the General Faculty Committee, and other groups over the next few weeks.

59 4. Dr. Fernández congratulated those students who are graduating, and especially those who are
60 being inducted into honor societies or who are going to be awarded special recognition. A
61 program honoring these outstanding students will take place on the evening of May 26, the day
62 before commencement. During Scholarship Day on May 12, students will be able to describe
63 their research to the campus community.

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65 b. Student Conference—

66 Ms. Hyacinth Bouzalakos, Student Conference Chair— who mentioned that she had been
67 inducted into Phi Beta Kappa— reported that student government elections are under way, so it is
68 important for senators to help raise the number of students who participate. She noted that the
69 Student Conference is seeking to improve last year's dismal voter turnout: only about 1,000
70 students out of the 12,000 voted.

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72 REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES—

73 a. Committee on Governance—

74 1. Professor Duane Tananbaum reported on the Governance Committee’s concern with the
75 Divisional Curriculum Committees. The provost will be meeting in the fall to discuss this issue
76 with the Undergraduate Curriculum and the Graduate Studies Committees. Any proposed
77 changes in curriculum will now go to the chairs of these Senate Committees as well as the
78 Divisional Committees, so if something gets blocked at the divisional level—which is the
79 Governance Committee’s primary concern—the Undergraduate Curriculum and Graduate
80 Studies Committees will be aware of this and will be able to take appropriate action. To
81 reiterate: the chief concern is not that the Divisional Curriculum Committees will propose ideas
82 that they will try to implement without Senate approval, but rather that these divisional
83 committees might seek to block proposals favored by Senate Committees.

84 2. The Senate is required to play a role in the process of selecting an ombudsman. Therefore,
85 the Governance Committee presented a slate of four candidates to the Office of Ombudsman
86 for consideration by the Senate: Prof. Deena Bernstein, Department of Speech-Language and
87 Hearing Sciences; Distinguished Prof. Joseph Dauben, Department of History; Prof. Orhan
88 Kayaalp, Department of Economics and Business; and Prof. Fred Phelps, Department of
89 Psychology. Each of the candidates nominated, who must be tenured faculty members, was
90 contacted; each expressed a willingness to serve as ombudsman if selected. After a ballot vote,
91 the Senate selected Prof. Bernstein and Prof. Kayaalp as the final candidates to be presented to
92 President Fernández.

93 3. Professor Tananbaum next brought up the issue of nominations for faculty membership on
94 the Senate’s Standing Committees. The committees, and their proposed new faculty members
95 are:

- 96 • **Committee on Academic Freedom:** Prof. Michael Buckley, Department of Philosophy
97 and Prof. Naomi Spence, Department of Sociology.
- 98 • **Committee on Admissions, Evaluations, and Academic Standards:** Prof. Amanda
99 Gulla, Department of Middle and High School Education; Prof. Elin Waring,
100 Department of Sociology; and Mr. David Rothchild, Department of Mathematics and
101 Computer Science.

- 102 • **Committee on Budget and Long Range Planning:** Prof. Pamela Ginex, Department
103 of Nursing; Prof. Haiping Cheng, Department of Biological Sciences; and Prof.
104 Vassilios Gargalas, Department of Economics and Business.
- 105 • **Committee on the Library, Technology and Telecommunications:** Prof. Eleanor
106 Campbell, Department of Nursing; Prof. Kofi Benefo, Department of Sociology; and
107 Prof. Immaculee Harushimana, Department of Middle and High School Education.
- 108 • **Committee on Campus Life and Facilities:** Ms. Debra Faison, Department of
109 Economics and Business; Ms. Jacqueline Aquilino-Jirak, Department of Speech-
110 Language-Hearing Science), Prof. Carol Gross, Department of Early Childhood and
111 Childhood Education; and Prof. Wesley Pitts, Department of Middle and High School
112 Education, (who was nominated from the floor).
- 113 • **Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum:** Ms. Alice Akan, Department of Nursing;
114 Prof. Barbara Jacobson, Department of Sociology; Prof. Serigne Gningue, Department
115 of Middle and High School Education, and Prof. Yuri Gorokhovich, Department of
116 Environmental, Geographic; and Geological Sciences. Prof. Gorokhovich was
117 nominated to a one-year term, while the other nominees would serve for two years.
- 118 • **Committee on Graduate Studies:** Prof. Grace Bullaro, Department of English; Prof.
119 Angela Lebbon, Department of Economics and Business, and Prof. Angela Kelly,
120 Department of Middle and High School Education.

121 Professor Tananbaum then offered a motion that the Senate accept these nominees (with the
122 exception of the Campus Life and Facilities Committee). The motion was seconded, and
123 approved.

124 The Senate was asked to choose from three names out of the four nominees to the **Campus**
125 **Life and Facilities Committee**. The three individuals elected were: Ms. Debra Faison, Ms.
126 Jacqueline Aquilino-Jirak and Prof. Wesley Pitts.

127 4. The Governance Committee presented a slate of six nominees for the **Lehman College**
128 **Association for Campus Activities, Inc.:** Prof. Andrea Boyar, Department of Health Sciences,
129 Prof. Grace Bullaro, Department of English; Prof. David Manier, Department of Psychology;
130 Prof. Penny Prince, Department of Music; Mr. Xavier Totti, Department of Latin and Puerto
131 Rican Studies; and Prof. Joy Greenberg, Department Social Work. A motion was submitted
132 that this slate of nominees be accepted, and the motion was unanimously approved. The Senate

133 will forward these six names to the president; he will then choose three individuals to serve
134 one-year terms.

135 5. The Governance Committee presented the names of two nominees to the **Auxiliary**
136 **Enterprises Corporation**. The two nominees were Prof. Allan Hollander, Department of
137 Music and Prof. Carl Mazza of the Department of Social Work. There were no additional
138 nominations from the floor. A motion to confirm the slate was approved. The Senate will
139 forward these two names to the president; he will then choose one individual to serve a one-
140 year term.

141 6. The Governance Committee reviewed the proposed by-laws of the new Lehman College
142 Center for Human Rights and Peace Studies, set to commence its work in the fall. Prof.
143 Tomohisa Hattori, chair of the Political Science Department and chair of the Center's Acting
144 Steering Committee, met frequently with the Governance Committee. The Committee has gone
145 through the by-laws, and suggested various changes—which the Acting Steering Committee
146 accepted. The motion to approve the by-laws was approved.

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148 b. Committee on Admissions, Evaluations, and Academic Standards—

149 1. Mr. Ralph Boone presented a list of undergraduate and graduate candidates for May and
150 September 2010, subject to approval by the registrar. The motion to accept the list was
151 approved.

152 2. The Committee, responding to a request from the Governance Committee, examined the
153 numbers of appeals that had been submitted, and in what categories, and that list was submitted
154 to the Governance Committee.

155 3. The Governance Committee has also requested that data be collected detailing campus
156 programs that require more than a 2.0 grade point average. The Committee is compiling that
157 list.

158 4. The Committee also continues to examine the proposal that required SAT scores for in-
159 coming freshmen be raised. Mr. Boone then presented admission application data. Freshmen
160 Applications to Lehman College: 13% increase: from 16, 100 in 2009 to 18,100 in 2010.
161 Transfer Applications to Lehman College: 26% increase: 4,990 in 2009 to 6,390 in 2010.

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164 c. Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum—

165 1. Prof. Barbara Jacobson presented three proposals from the Departments of Latin American
166 and Puerto Rican Studies; the Department of Social Work; and the Department of Sociology,
167 which were moved, seconded and approved. There was also an informational item from the
168 Department of Sociology. Professor Jacobson then presented proposals for changes from the
169 Deans of Arts and Humanities; Natural and Social Sciences; and Education. These changes all
170 relate to the separation of Teacher Education components to specific departments in these
171 divisions and the continuation of academic majors in these departments. Discussion followed
172 and Prof. Jacobson removed the Chemistry Department from the group of changes proposed by
173 the deans; it will be voted upon at a later date. The motion to approve the changes was
174 approved.

175 2. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12 at 12:30 p.m.

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177 d. Committee on Graduate Studies—

178 1. Professor Janet DeSimone presented four proposals from the Department of Economics and
179 Business; the Department of Environmental, Geographic, and Geological Sciences; the
180 Department of Middle and High School Education; and the Department of Social
181 Work. In addition, she presented a Letter of Intent from the Department of Early Childhood and
182 Childhood Education. There are also changes from the Divisions of Arts and Sciences,
183 Education, and Natural and Social Sciences; these latter changes are the same proposed for
184 undergraduate curriculum; i.e., discontinuing the teacher education component of programs
185 while maintaining academic majors. There were also informational items from four
186 departments: Department of Environmental, Geographic, and Geological Sciences; the
187 Department of Middle and High School Education; the Department of Music; and the
188 Department of Social Work. All proposals were approved unanimously.

189 2. The next meeting will be sometime in September.

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191 e. Committee on Academic Freedom—

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- 196 f. Committee on Library, Technology, and Telecommunications—
- 197 1. Mr. James Carney reported that the Committee met with Associate Provost Robert
- 198 Whittaker. The focus was online education. The Committee agreed to maintain a dialogue
- 199 with Dr. Whittaker so it can continue to inform the Senate and student body on this topic.
- 200 2. Mr. Carney also reported that Prof. Janette Tilley, chair of the Committee on Campus Life
- 201 and Facilities, approached the Committee regarding the layout of computers in the library. The
- 202 Committee agreed to examine this topic.
- 203 3. The Committee received a proposal to examine how e-books are used by faculty: their
- 204 frequency of use, what faculty members like and dislike about them, and student reactions to
- 205 their usage (as well as similar classroom technologies). This subject will be examined by the
- 206 Committee.
- 207 4. The next meeting will be on May 6 in the Multi-Media Center. The initial meeting time of
- 208 12 p.m. will change to accommodate the students' schedules.
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- 210 g. Committee on Campus Life and Facilities—
- 211 There was no report.
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- 213 h. Committee on Budget and Long Range Planning—
- 214 There was no report.
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- 216 i. Committee on the University Faculty Senate—
- 217 1. Professor Manfred Philipp spoke on a number of topics, the first of which was the difference
- 218 of opinion concerning Governor Paterson's proposed Public Higher Education Empowerment
- 219 and Innovation Act. The Professional Staff Congress (PSC) and the United University
- 220 Professions (the SUNY counterpart) have come out against it. Both groups oppose the Act's
- 221 proposed tuition increases as well as differential tuition increases—both by campus and
- 222 program. (The SUNY University Faculty Senate has expressed favor with the proposed
- 223 legislation; the CUNY's University Faculty Senate has not taken a stand.) The CUNY
- 224 Chancellery opposes differential tuition by campus while supporting differential tuition by
- 225 academic program.
- 226 2. Professor Philipp cited the Faculty Experience Survey and noted that it is available online.
- 227 Specific data on Lehman College will be presented at the next General Faculty meeting.

- 228 3. The topic at the University Faculty Senate Spring Conference, to be held April 30, is
229 “Middle States Review —Opportunities and Pitfalls.” The meeting is full; CUNY Executive
230 Vice Chancellor and University Provost Alexandra W. Logue will be making a presentation.
231 Two faculty members at Lehman College—Prof. Rosalind Carey, Department of Philosophy
232 and Prof. Anne Humpherys, Department of English—will serve as discussants.
- 233 4. Noting that his term as chair of the University Faculty Senate is soon to end, Professor
234 Philipp said that he will continue to play a role in the organization by serving as an *ex-officio*
235 member of the University Faculty Senate Executive Committee.
- 236 5. Among the issues to be discussed at the University Faculty Senate May Plenary Session is a
237 proposal to allow community college students to acquire their associate degrees *after* they
238 transfer to a senior college; many community college students transfer prior to receiving their
239 degrees. This would boost the degree-completion rate of community colleges, which has been
240 criticized. Two community colleges already are utilizing this approach, and it positively effects
241 their graduation rate by between five and ten percent.
- 242 6. The University Faculty Senate believes that the misrepresentation of academic degrees
243 amounts to academic misconduct—even if this misrepresentation is not a requirement for a
244 specific academic position.
- 245 7. The CUNY Board of Trustees has endorsed governance plans for the School of Professional
246 Studies and the Macaulay Honors College. The University Faculty Senate remains in contact
247 with the Dean of the College, given that College’s Senate did not have a chance to review the
248 governance documents prior to Trustee approval. It should be noted that the Chancellor
249 commented: “This is a living document and can be changed.”
- 250 8. Work continues on CUNY’s new community college; an interim founding president
251 will be named soon.
- 252 9. CUNY is helping to fund a Nursing Simulation Center at New York University. CUNY
253 will provide the funds to construct the facility, while NYU will be responsible for
254 operating expenses. The facility will be available to all CUNY students.
- 255 10. City College has a new president: Dr. Lisa Staiano-Coico. At Bronx Community College,
256 President Carolyn Williams has announced her plan to retire in June 2011.
- 257 11. The dispute concerning the PSC-CUNY Awards continues. However, as agreed to by
258 the University Faculty Senate, the Professional Staff Congress, the University Committee

259 on Research Awards, and the Chancellery, the issue has been moved into labor-
260 management negotiations.
261 12. There is a controversy brewing over the use of e-mails in legal discovery proceedings.
262 The Chancellery has issued a document providing guidelines for “e-discovery,” and the
263 University Faculty Senate is discussing it. The concern is over the possibility that in a law suit
264 against CUNY, that might include a CUNY faculty member, that instructor’s e-mail would be
265 subject to inclusion in the “discovery process” and removed from that faculty member’s
266 computer.
267 At John Jay College, where this policy already has been implemented, the Faculty Senate is
268 advocating that the procedure be modified so that only the dates under consideration, as well as
269 only the material deemed “relevant” to the suit be part of discovery, therefore limiting any
270 potential seizures. This is an issue that will be coming up for discussion with the Chancellery.
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272 j. Old Business-
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276 k. New Business-
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280 ADJOURNMENT

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282 President Fernández adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

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286 Esdras Tulier