

**General Faculty Meeting  
Lehman College  
March 1, 2017**

The meeting promptly started at 3:30 in the East Dining Room.

Prof. Vincent Prohaska, Chair of the Executive Committee, opened the meeting with several announcements. He said that there will be an open meeting for comments on the proposed Student Evaluation of Instruction Form on Wednesday, March 15, 3:30-5 in CA B04. He also commented on the upcoming University Faculty Senate program on Shared Governance on April 28 for which the registration is open. He announced that a CUNY report on Faculty Diversity is posted on the General Faculty Meeting webpage. He also reminded that nominations for University Faculty Senate representatives ended on March 1. Finally, he let faculty know that the elections for faculty at-large members of the Lehman College Senate will start soon.

President Jose Luis Cruz reported on the possibility of a 1-2% budget cut for next year. He also announced that Lehman received \$12 million dollars for the new Nursing Building. President Cruz reminded faculty that the State of the College Address will be on March 27.

Interim Provost Harriet Fayne reported status updates on Academic Affairs processes including workflow, using data, curated email. She also talked about activities to address institutional needs including draft student evaluation form, department scholarship standards, ending the prioritization process. She revealed plans to improve campus climate primarily by increasing agency.

Vice President Reine Sarmiento reported on enrollment increases of 4.5% fall, 7.6% winter and tentative 4% spring. She spoke about an intrusive advising program that has increased 4 year graduate rate by 9.1%, 5-year rate by 21.6% and 6-year rate by 1.9%. However, our current overall graduation rate of 37.8% is still below the national average of 58%. She explained that the next Title V grant will focus on advising.

Dean Deirdre Pettipiece reported that Middle States process is continuing and going well.

Prof. Robert Farrell, PSC-CUNY Chapter Chair, reported that the next chapter meeting on March 22, 3-5 pm, location TBA. He also mentioned that the Chapter has formed Social Justice Committee working primarily on immigration issues. He announced that the meeting on security issues, especially concerning data in CUNYFirst. He said that there will be upcoming meetings on teaching load reduction. Finally, he states that the Union is working to resolve issues concerning 3-year adjunct appointments.

Prof. Dana Fenton, Chair of the PSC-Welfare Fund, provided information on new benefits available for eyeglasses, dental, and hearing aids. She informed faculty that the Union is building list of recommended dentists.

Prof. David Manier, Chair of the Academic Freedom Committee of the University Faculty Senate, reported on the current status of the CUNY policy on expressive freedom. He

informed faculty that a proposed Lehman statement on academic freedom that can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/jeyoym6>.

Prof. Anne Rice, University Faculty Senate, reported on recent UFS meetings including the Chancellor's public support for immigrant students and a national report on CUNY's strong role in students' economic mobility.

Last item on the agenda was Ms. Leslie Grubler's report on the facilities and programs available at the Speech and Hearing Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, April 26th, 2017 at 3:30 pm (reception at 3 pm) in the East Dining Room.