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**Minutes of
The Lehman College Senate Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2011
Senate Meeting**

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Senators Present: Alborn, T.; Alli, T.; Bamshad, M.; Banoum, B.; Barry, M.; Bayne, G.; Becker, S.; Boone, R.; Buckley, M.; Carey, O.; Carey, R.; Carrellas, P.; Carty, S.; Clark, V.; Deas, M.; Delacruz, J.; Delevan, C.; Dellapina, M.; Eleyinafe, O.; Fayne, H.; Feinerman, R.; Fernández, R.; Francis, A.; Gálvez, A.; Gomez, J.; Green, A.; Greenberg, J.; Haghighat, E.; Harcourt-Smith, W.; Hattori, T.; Holloway, J.; Huyhn, M.; Jacobson, B.; Jafari, M.; Jarroll, E.; Jervis, J.; Kabat, D.; Magdaleno, J.; Marianetti, M.; Markens, S.; Martín, O.; Matthews, E.; O'Connor, N.; O'Hanlon, T.; Papazian, M.; Pérez, R.; Philipp, M.; Polanco, J.; Quainoo, D.; Rachlin, J.; Raynor, C.; Rice, A.; Rivera-McCutchen, R.; Rondón, M.; Sailor, K.; Schlesinger, K.; Tananbaum, D.; Troy, R.; Uwaga, C.; Valentine, R.; Varillas, R.; Waring, E.; Wilder, E.; Williams-Gray, B.; Zucchetto, V.

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Senators Absent: Adebayo, A.; Almodovar-Salinas, D.; Aquino, G.; Bergmann, R.; Calvet, L.; Choudhary, A.; Deen, F.; Díaz, P.; Dobson, C.; Enama, F.; Esteves, C.; Farrell, R.; Fisher, W.; Gross, C.; Hurley, D.; Kayaalp, O.; Lora, J.; Mazza, C.; Morales, V.; Morones, L.; Nadeem, S.; Olivia, M.; Onyedum, J.; Peralta, Y.; Prince, P.; Sesay, F.; Walker, D.; Washington, E.; Williams, T.; Williams-Wallen, D.; Zapata, S.; Zermatt-Scutt, M.

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

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes of the Senate meeting of November 16, 2011. The minutes were approved unanimously.

a. Announcements and Communications—

1. President Ricardo R. Fernández wished the students well in their final exams and everyone happy holidays. He announced that Provost Mary Papazian has been appointed as the new president of Southern Connecticut State University. Shortly, there will be an announcement concerning the transition plan for the position of the provost, including a farewell to Dr. Papazian and the appointment of an interim provost.

41 **b. Student Legislative Assembly-**

42 Mr. Anthony Green reported that the Student Legislative Assembly met and formed various
43 committees. He added that student representatives to the standing committees were nominated.

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45 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES-

46 **a. Governance Committee-**

47 1. Prof. Duane Tananbaum presented the Student Legislative Assembly's slate of student
48 nominees for membership in the **Academic Freedom Committee**: Ms. Aminat Adebayo; Mr.
49 Frantz Enama and Ms. Vanessa Morales. In addition, he presented one nominee for membership in
50 the **Committee on Campus Life and Facilities**: Mr. Taofeqat Alli. There were no additional
51 nominations from the floor. The nominees for both committees were approved by acclamation.

52 2. The Governance Committee presented a proposal for a Mexican Studies Institute at Lehman
53 College. (The supporting documentation is in the Senate materials for this meeting.) The proposal
54 was moved, seconded and approved with one abstention.

55 3. The next meeting is on January 23 at 11:00 a.m. in Carman 201.

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57 **b. Committee on Admissions, Evaluations and Academic Standards—**

58 1. Prof. Anne Rice presented the list of undergraduate and graduate candidates for January 2012
59 graduation. The list was approved unanimously, subject to final verification by the registrar.

60 2. The next meeting will be on February 1 at 2 p.m. at a location to be determined.

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62 **c. Graduate Studies—**

63 1. Prof. Janet DeSimone presented proposals from the Department of Health Sciences; from the
64 Department of Counseling, Leadership, Literacy and Special Education; from the Department of
65 Music; from the Department of Early Childhood and Childhood Education; from the Department
66 of Speech-Language and Hearing Sciences; from the Department of Mathematics and Computer
67 Science; from the Department of Economics and Business; and from the Interdisciplinary Program
68 in Liberal Studies (a rejuvenated M.A. proposal.) Prof. DeSimone also reported on discontinued
69 programs in the Department of Economics and Business and the Department of Counseling,
70 Leadership, Literacy and Special Education as information items. The proposals were moved and
71 approved.

72 2. The next meeting is on February 1 at 11 a.m. in Carman B-33A.

73 **d. Undergraduate Curriculum—**

74 1. Prof. Jacobson presented a proposal from the Department of Art and from the Department of
75 Music. She also presented a Letter of Intent for a new bachelor of arts in Irish from the
76 Department of Languages and Literatures. She noted that this will be the only B.A. in Irish in
77 North America. The proposals were moved and approved.

78 2. Prof. Jacobson announced that a meeting of the ad hoc committee to address the 12 local
79 credits for Pathways will take place this afternoon and again in the second week of February.

80 3. The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee meeting will take place on February 1 at 1 p.m. in
81 C-263.

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83 **e. Academic Freedom—**

84 Prof. Mario González-Corzo stated that there is no report but the next meeting of the Academic
85 Freedom Committee is on February 1, time and place to be determined.

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87 **f. Library and Communications—**

88 Mr. James Carney presented the report. See attachment I.

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90 **g. Campus Life and Facilities —No report.**

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92 **h. Budget and Long Range Planning—**

93 1. Prof. Hai-Ping Cheng reported that during the Committee's meeting last week, he was elected
94 chair. Also at that meeting, the college savings report was presented. The largest savings resulted
95 from a reduction of OTPS funds which will have an impact on teaching. Other issues were
96 discussed at the meeting.

97 2. The next Committee meeting is on February 29 at 3:30 p.m. in Shuster 336.

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99 **i. University Faculty Senate Report—** Professor Manfred Philipp presented the report. See
100 attachment II.

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102 **New Business—**None.

103 **Old Business—**None.

104 ADJOURNMENT

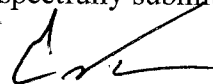
105 President Fernández adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT I

Report to Lehman College Senate Library, Technology & Telecommunication Committee December 14, 2011

Informational report – no items requiring votes.

1. Committee Meeting Postponed.
I would like to at least meet with the Student Gov't members of the committee before the beginning of classes. Next Scheduled meeting: Wednesday Feb. 15th at 3:30PM in JCT Conference Room Ca B37b. But earlier meeting should be scheduled for the first week in Feb.
2. Discussions are ongoing between the Library and student government regarding the Library Hours.
3. CUNY IT Conference Report
On December 1 & 2, the 10th annual CUNY IT Conference was held with large attendance. Four sessions were presented by Lehman faculty & Staff
 1. Library – IT Partnership; Sharepoint master Thesis Plan
 2. Steve Castellano: New tools for use with Online learning
 3. Michael Bacon: Using Audio & Video Technology for Teaching Scoring
 4. Joe Middleton Team: Keeping Admin. & Faculty Informed – Reports & DashboardsI sat in on preview of Blackboard 9.0. Launch date of Summer 2012.
Different interface and additional functions
4. Tech Fee Due Dates and Criteria
Proposals due to Chairs on Feb 5th or earlier
Due to Dean's by February 14th
Due to tech fee committee by Feb. 27th
Presidential review on March 19th and to CUNY by March 30th.
New element – requests must be directly tied to one or more Goal or Objective in the Lehman College Strategic plan.

Respectfully Submitted: Jim Carney, Committee Chair; Dec. 14, 2011.

ATTACHMENT II

UFS Report to the Lehman College Senate, December 14, 2011

At last night's UFS Plenary, VC Schaffer discussed the proposed **revisions to CUNY's computer use policy**. There was an extensive and productive discussion and several changes were suggested and accepted. The draft is posted at <http://www.cunyufs.org/ProposedRevisedComputerUsePolicy.pdf>

The plenary passed a statement regarding **security at Board of Trustees meetings**. This is a result of the problems at the Board's public hearing and the full Board meeting this last month when students and others protested the imposition of \$300 increases in tuition as called for by the CUNY Compact. See <http://www.cunyufs.org/STATEMENT%20REGARDING%20SECURITY%20AT%20BOARD%20OF%20TRUSTEE%20MEETINGS.pdf>

The Plenary also endorsed a John Jay College resolution on the **selection of CUNY Trustees**. It supports a NYS Senate and Assembly bill that would create commissions to interview and recommend trustee candidates to SUNY, CUNY and the community colleges. See <http://www.cunyufs.org/CUNY%20Trustee%20Selection.pdf>

The Chancellor addressed the UFS plenary last night. He has accepted the core curricular recommendations transmitted to him by Dean Anderson of CUNY Law as part of the **Pathways process**. Among other things, these recommendations significantly reduce the number of credits in most CUNY senior college core curricula and have no provision for foreign language requirements. Elected representatives of the faculty had been able to comment but had no role in deciding the nature of the final proposal. The UFS has been told that there is *no record of how each member of the Pathways committees voted*. The chancellery maintains that the open meetings law does not apply, since the recommendations are made to the chancellor and not to the board.

The colleges have until April 1st to submit their **proposed Pathways implementation plans**. Vice Chancellor Logue yesterday wrote the presidents describing the steps needed to prepare the April 1 submissions. Presidents are being asked to submit nominations to the Pathways curricular review committee. See <http://cunyufs.org/LEH/Presidents12-13-11.pdf>

Legal action by the PSC has yet to be filed.

The Chancellery is reported to be planning to again pilot the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA) at Brooklyn, CCNY, LaGuardia & Bronx community colleges. The CLA had earlier been piloted at Lehman. This follows a recommendation of the CUNY Assessment Task Force appointed by the Chancellery.

The Hunter College Senate meets today and will consider a motion to **maintain the SEEK department at Hunter**. There is an administration proposal to abolish the department and to distribute its functions to other departments.

Calendar Items:

The **UFS Conference** on *The Fall of the Faculty - The Rise of the All-Administrative University*, took place last Friday. Speakers and panelists included Benjamin Ginsberg of Johns Hopkins, Baruch College Provost James McCarthy, SUNY UFS President Ken O'Brien, Tina Good, President of the Faculty Council of SUNY Community Colleges, and Francisco Soto, Former Dean of Humanities, College of Staten Island, currently Professor of World Languages and Literatures at CSI and the Graduate Center. Manfred Philipp moderated.

The Executive Committee of the UFS had a joint meeting with the Executive Committee of the **SUNY UFS** yesterday morning. Also participating was the leadership of the SUNY Faculty Council for the Community Colleges.

The **UFS Plenary** met last night and was attended by Chancellor Goldstein as well as by Vice Chancellors Logue and Vice Chancellor Schaffer (see above.) SUNY UFS President Ken O'Brien also attended, as well as other SUNY UFS members.

The CUNY Academy's Annual Seminar on the Modern Greek State: ***The Greek Crisis Revisited: Will the Euro zone Survive?*** will take place at 7PM in Room C198 of the CUNY Graduate Center on December 15.

Panelists will be: Hugo Kaufmann, Director, the GC European Union Studies Center, Constantine Alexandrakis of Hofstra University, & Aris Christodoulou: Former CEO. The moderator is Christos Ioannides, Director, Center for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, Queens College.

The next **Public Hearing of the Board** is scheduled for 5 PM on January 17 at Baruch College in the 14th floor of the Vertical Campus (Newman Building). Since this is a Borough Hearing, there are no restrictions on the topics that can be addressed by people wanting to testify.

Applications for the CUNY Academy of the Humanities and the Sciences' **Stewart Travel Awards** are due on February 1. This award, for up to \$500, is for full-time faculty in the first three years of CUNY college service. Travel must take place from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. See <http://cunyufs.org/academy/awards/Stewart2012.pdf>