

LEHMAN COLLEGE
The City University of New York

Minutes of the Stated Meeting of the General Faculty
September 22, 2004

CALL TO ORDER: Professor Robert Feinerman, chair of the Executive Committee of the Faculty, called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the May 12, 2004 meeting were approved as submitted. (The minutes are posted on the college's web site.) Prof. Feinerman expressed his thanks to Prof. Grace Bullaro for doing such a great job in preparing the minutes in consultation with her predecessor, Prof. Lynne Van Voorhis.

2. Communications:

A. Report of the President. 1. Enrollment: President Ricardo Fernandez said this has been a good year for enrollment; from 9,000 in 1991, we are now at 10,300. As has been publicized, the budget of the University has been approved, approximately \$62 million for the senior colleges. In addition, there are two significant items: (1) plans are being made for a retreat this weekend for 30 persons from a cross-section of the community to develop strategic goals and objectives which are intended to be an on-going process. (2) As indicated previously, a major fund raising drive, called the Campaign for the CUNY Colleges, has been initiated for the senior and

community colleges and will be announced in November. The bulk of the work will rest on the shoulders of Senior Colleges and the Graduate Center in a campaign which will run for eight or ten years and should be considered “as a long distance run.”

B. Report of Provost Garro: 1. Middle States

Report: On the Middle States Periodic Review Report, the mid-cycle accreditation document was filed last year while the full-cycle accreditation review was in 1999. The current document went out in June, 2004 and was reviewed by two external academics. Their report, received on August 30, commended our document as well put together and described the college as “an institution on the move.” They noted that concerns expressed in 1999 such as a stable budget had been addressed, and they further commended many exemplary activities and practices. **2. Planning Retreat:** As noted by the President, a planning retreat is being held to develop strategic plans for institutional and administrative advancement and student affairs.

3. Research Scholarship and Advisory Committee: Two

recommendations were made by this committee: (1) to create a program for faculty members to obtain grants to bridge the gap from one grant to another, and (2) to create a recognition award that would parallel the excellence in teaching awards. It would be called an excellence in research

scholarship and an artistic endeavors award and cover three categories: (1) arts and humanities; (2) the natural sciences, and (3) the social sciences including education. **4. Theater Program:** The Provost cited Bill Hoffman in the Journalism, Communication and Theater Program for having started a program called, “Conversations,” with notable people who are taped and subsequently heard on the air. **5. New Faculty:** Provost Garro commented on the growth of the faculty which last year reached a full-time total of 308.

The new faculty members welcomed include: **Arts and Humanities:**

Michael Ferraro, associate professor; Gail Ryder, lecturer; Marie Castro, substitute lecturer; Thomas Cerasulo, substitute asst. prof. **History:** Dina

LeGall, assistant professor. **Journalism, Communication and Theater:**

Nicholas Boston, substitute asst. professor; Yves H. Dossous, college

laboratory technician; Marjorie Rosen, associate professor; Susan L.

Soetaert, college laboratory technician; Marilyn Sokol, distinguished

lecturer. **Languages and Literature:** Concetta Filiti-Neset, lecturer; Maria

del Carmen Saen-De-Casas, substitute lecturer; Asako Tochika, substitute

lecturer. **Latin American and Puerto Rican Studies:** Claudia Caliman,

substitute asst. prof.; John Gutierrez, substitute lecturer. **Music:** Jacqueline,

substitute lecturer; Penny Prince, lecturer; Robert Steward, distinguished

lecturer; Janette Tilley, assistant professor. **Philosophy:** Brian Madden,

substitute lecturer. **Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences:** Stephen A. Cavallo, associate professor; Nadine Kelly, lecturer; Jim Tsiamtsiouris, substitute lecturer. **Education:** Amanda Gulla, assist. prof.; Immaculee Harushimana, assistant professor; David Hyman, instructor; Limor Pinhasi-Vittorio, instructor. **Natural and Social Sciences:** Christa Salamandra, assist. prof.; Victoria Sanford, assist. prof.; Tushini V. DeSoyza, substitute assistant professor; Sharif Elhakem, college laboratory technician; Vassilios Gargalas, assist. Prof.; Mario Gonzalez Corzo, assist. prof.; William Swenson, lecturer. **Environmental Geographic and Geological Sciences:** Hari K. Pant, substitute assist. prof. **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calin Diaconu, assist. Prof.; Yves Jean, associate professor; William Quattromani, substitute professor. **Nursing:** Eleanor Campbell, assist. prof.; Joan Fleitas, associate professor. **Political Science:** Kevin Pirch, assistant professor. **Sociology and Social Work:** Jonathan Alex, substitute lecturer; Christopher Bonastia, assist. prof. Thomas Conroy, lecturer; Dana Fenton, substitute lecturer; Bernadette Garam, substitute lecturer; **Library:** Galina Letnikova, assist. prof., and **SEEK:** Dorothy Arthur, lecturer.

C. Report of Prof. Manfred Philipp, University Faculty Senate: 1.

American Association of University Professors: This organization is investigating CUNY for violations of academic freedom in the case of an

adjunct who was suspended for a number of issues which has resulted in a Federal indictment. The Senate is attempting to head off this censure. **2. The School of Professional Studies:** Prof. Philipp explained that this is a school, independent of any CUNY college, that offers continuing education courses. **3. IT Steering Committee:** As a result of his activities in the Senate, Prof. Philipp is also a member of the IT Steering Committee. Issues discussed during the last several months are e-mail and Enterprise Resource Planning. **New Facilities Committee:** The committee will be looking at new construction issues to make sure the faculty has a direct view of all proposals for new constructions on all the campuses. **5. Capital Campaign:** As pre-announced by the Chancellor and discussed today by President Fernandez, the former said he would not make a formal announcement until he has a significant amount of money in hand.

D. Report of Vice President Wheeler: **1. New Business Manager:** Mr. Wheeler introduced the new business manager, Marjorie Blum. **2. College Budget-- 2004-2005:** A few weeks ago Mr. Wheeler received the first look at the budget from the University budget office. In essence, he said, it looks as if we have just what we had last year, given several nuances. **2. Parking:** Mr. Wheeler pointed to the efforts to redefine and update our parking program. It was recognized that the college was subsidizing parking by

\$87,000 a year, so fees had to be increased to cover those costs. One underlying problem is the continuing growth of Lehman College in faculty, staff, and students. Two concerns remain: visitors and how they will be accommodated and that the reserved parking at different times in the day still leaves a number of spaces unoccupied. Representatives of Mr. Wheeler's department are meeting with the Senate Committee on Campus Life to further consider these problems. **3. Food Service:** Cozy Corner food service was replaced during the summer by Panda House, which has operated at Queens College for a number of years.

E. Report of the Provost on Enrollment Management: 1. Student

Enrollment: Provost Garro distributed a flash enrollment report for fall 2004 with two components. Four year comparisons are given from fall '01 to fall '04. With last minute information, the total headcount was actually 10,219. The increase in our revenue target is 11 percent, which we are well on our way to achieving. **2. Master Plan:** Provost Garro reminded the faculty that the first phase of the Master Plan is the new science building that will be attached to Gillet. The advertising for the architects for that building is now out, and a faculty committee is being appointed to work with the successful organization.

F. Report of J. Middleton on New E-mail System: 1. OCS System:

In collaboration with Bronx and Hostos Community Colleges, we agreed to work collectively to find a new e-mail system that the three campuses could use. By August 23, Oracle Collaboration Suite, the chosen system, began to fall into place. The major remaining issues are (1) the reliability of the web client, and 2) how to send bulk mail to all students. **G. Report of J.**

Bernard: 1. The Blackboard System: The previous system was licensed for a limited edition. The system at Lehman is no longer licensed. The new system requires everybody to go into the CUNY portal. Prof. Whittaker, the faculty liaison for Blackboard, can be contacted on many of the existing issues. The web site for CUNY is: www.CUNY.edu. He explained that after some initial difficulties, the system is now relatively stabilized.

H. New Business

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, November 17, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Russo Bullaro