Minutes of
The Lehman College Senate Meeting
Wednesday, September 1, 2004


In the absence of President Fernández and Chairperson William Seraile, Student Conference President Gaurav Bawa called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Minutes Adopted
A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes of the May 5, 2004 meeting and it was approved.

Announcements and Communications

a. President Ricardo R. Fernández-
There was no report.

b. Student Conference –
1. Chair Gaurav Bawa of the Student Conference announced that all the positions held by the Steering Committee are interim until a special election is concluded. Election forms are being distributed for the special election, which will be held from September 21-23, and those elected will be invited to the Leadership Weekend October 1-3.
2. Over the summer, the Student Conference office had five additional C-1 lines installed and received five new computers.
REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

a. **Committee on Governance** –
There was no report.

b. **University Faculty Senate**-
1. Professor Manfred Philipp reported that there has been no activity during the summer but the Faculty Senate has been observing the Governor’s actions vis-à-vis the State budget. The budget was passed by the State Senate and Assembly but was vetoed in sections by the Governor. He did not veto the $36 million addition to the budgets of the senior colleges, but it is not clear how much will be impounded by the Governor later on. The Governor vetoed the legislature’s restoration of community college aid of $150 per FT student and restoration to SEEK, and College Discovery, $1 million for full-time faculty, and $2 million aid for part-time study program. The full story is not out yet but should be available by the time of the next General Faculty Meeting.

c. **Undergraduate Curriculum**-
1. Professor Barbara Jacobson announced proposals from two departments. The Department of Languages and Literatures proposed changes in course number, course title and course description for GLC 103 and GLC 104. Also, three experimental courses were submitted as items of information. In addition, 17 proposals were submitted from the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. The report was approved.

d. **Committee on Graduate Studies**-
There was no report.

e. **Committee on Budget and Long-Range Planning**-
There was no report.

f. **Committee on Academic Freedom**-
There was no report.

g. **Committee on Admissions, Evaluations and Academic Standards**-
There was no report.
Committee on the Library, Technology and Telecommunications-

1. Prof. Rona Ostrow announced that the library, along with 60 other libraries in the country, received a small grant for the purposes of involving the campus community and the neighboring community to celebrate Isaac Bashevis Singer’s 100th anniversary. She encouraged faculty to participate and for them to encourage students to do so as well. Details are on the college and library page.

2. A book discussion group will meeting for six consecutive weeks on Mondays at 2 p.m. that will be lead by Prof. Newman and Prof. Ostrow in the library conference room. She would like to recruit ten students who could read the short stories that will be discussed. Ten members from the community already have been recruited.

3. On October 20 at 2:30 p.m., Yiddish folk music specialist and musician Zalmen Mlotek will be on campus for an historical concert in the Lovinger Theater that will be free but tickets are required and can be obtained by e-mail or by a memo.

4. On November 22, Prof. Zelda Newman will deliver a lecture in the library atrium about Isaac Bashevis Singer as a writer. Already on display is an exhibit prepared by Prof. Janet Munch in the lobby of the library.

Committee on Campus Life and Facilities-

There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Election of the Committee on Governance: Nominations were invited for vacancies on the Governance Committee. Prof. Manfred Philipp and Prof. Rosalind Carey were nominated for the faculty vacancies. A motion was made and seconded and the nominations were closed. A vote was taken and the slate was elected. Students Guarav Bawa and Seka Mancliere were nominated and elected as student members of the Governance Committee.

b. Election of Chairperson to preside in absence of President: Nominations
were invited. Prof. William Seraile was nominated, seconded and elected.

c. Resolution on retention of Senate Minutes: Prof. Manfred Philipp submitted a
resolution that: 1) all past minutes of the Lehman College Senate be kept in paper
form in both publicly available and secure locations in the Lehman College Library,
and 2) that the Lehman College Web Site contain, as far as practicable, copies of all
past minutes of the Lehman College Senate. Following an extensive discussion, the
resolution concerning the retention of the minutes was moved, seconded and
approved.

d. Resolution regarding campus parking: Professors John Mineka and Manfred
Philipp submitted a resolution addressing the acute problem of faculty and student
parking. Three remedies were proposed: “(1) that the old arrangements for parking
be restored with a uniform higher parking fee imposed for faculty and staff to meet
the full cost of maintaining the lots and with the original fee maintained for
students; (2) that the Lehman College Association which sets, monitors and
collects parking fees publish the record of its recent deliberations, making
them available to the college community and hold hearings on parking open to the
college community, and (3) that the Lehman College Master Plan be revised to
include plans for increasing parking in accordance with current needs and to
accommodate future needs entailed by the growth of the college.” Extensive
discussion followed. A motion was made to refer the resolution to the
Committee on Campus and Life Facilities and report back to the Senate at the
October meeting. The motion was moved, seconded and approved.

d. A resolution regarding the bell schedule was withdrawn.

Mr. Frank Schonfeld was granted floor rights and he spoke concerning the Croton
Filtration Plant.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Esdras Tulier