



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2026

In attendance: Joe Fera, Susan Markens, Amy White, David Manier, Joseph Quiñones, Sarah Ohmer, Jermaine Wright, Mariama Barry, Oluwabusayomi Owoaje

1. Approved Minutes from January 15, 2026
2. Discussed the Brightspace Default Grading Policy
 - a. Voted to ask formally to Technology Committee to look into default grading scheme in Bright Space:
 - i. Can it be turned off?
 - ii. Informational materials on how to change grading scheme and how to turn it off
3. Reviewed Electronic Election Solicitation Ballot
4. Started to review Governance Structure of Lehman College document
 - a. Focused on “Composition of the Senate”
 - i. Total membership of 102 senators –with number of departments increasing, department representatives at Senate are increasing as well. This affects the number of seats left for at-Large senators

Suggestions:

 - o Present to Senate how departments have expanded and how this has affected number of at-large seats, and points of discussion we will be discussing in governance structure in next Governance meeting
 - ii. Discussed possibly including a review timeframe, ie. every x amount of years, to review Governance documents.