

LEHMAN COLLEGE
ACADEMIC FREEDOM COMMITTEE

Minutes of the committee meeting
24 April 2026

Present: Diane Auslander, Duran Fiack, Brianna Grant, Kevin Johnson, David Manier (chair), Richard Relkin. Guests: Gabriella Kohler, Benazir Meera.

1. A quorum having been established, and minutes of the preceding meeting having been previously approved via email, the (online) meeting was called to order by Prof. Manier at 4:00 p.m.
2. Following up on our previous meeting, we further discussed CUNY's compliance with ADA, which allows some students to record classes, at least whenever other students are permitted to take notes, and discussed whether such recordings might violate the academic freedom of professors. Gabriella Kohler clarified that new guidelines for this will be issued in the coming academic year by the CUNY Accommodate system.
4. Again, following up on a previous meeting, we discussed CUNY's Title VI training, which continues to concern professors because it permits anonymous reporting through the CUNY portal in a way that might be used to violate academic freedom. Prof. Manier reported that University Faculty Senate committees will be working with EVC Alvero to revise the Title VI training during the coming academic year.
5. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David Manier, Assoc. Professor
Chair and Secretary Pro Tempore

Cc: Sophia Diamantis-Fry