

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes from September 27, 2018

- The meeting began at 1pm with the following committee members in attendance: President Jose Cruz (by phone), Joseph Fera, Marie Marianetti, Susan Markens, Kiana Registe, Amanda Sisselman-Borgia, and Duane Tananbaum.
- Duane Tananbaum was elected as committee chair.
- Joseph Fera was elected as committee secretary.
- The committee nominated Professor Amod Choudhary to replace Professor Vincent Prohaska on the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. Professor Prohaska will continue on this committee as the administrative representative.
- The committee nominated Professor Liat Seiger-Gardiner to fill a faculty vacancy on the Graduate Studies Committee.
- Professor Tananbaum reported that he is in the process of reviewing governance documents including senate by-laws and faculty by-laws. He will report findings, recommendations, and proposed changes to the Governance Committee and to the Senate.
- President Cruz updated the committee on the current status of Lehman's Middle States review. The committee then discussed the role of the Senate and its standing committees in the Middle States process. The current idea is to charge senate standing committees to review areas of the Middle States self-study that address standards which link to their committee's function. The committee will discuss this issue further at its next meeting.
- The committee asked President Cruz if he or VP Reine Sarmiento could prepare a (preliminary) report on Lehman's enrollment for the next Senate meeting.
- The committee discussed the role of school curriculum committees in the governance process. Such committees have no veto power, nor do they have the authority to prevent department curriculum changes from going to the Undergraduate/Graduate Curriculum Committees for review.
- Kiana Registe discussed having students review and revise their governance documents. Professor Tananbaum suggested that students reach out to Mike Sullivan for support and guidance.
- The committee scheduled its Fall semester meetings on October 25th and November 29th, both at 1pm. Meeting locations are TBD.
- The meeting adjourned at 2pm.

Prepared by Joseph Fera
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