

**LEHMAN COLLEGE**  
City University of New York  
Minutes of Meeting  
Senate Governance Committee  
1 March 2010  
Library Tree House, 3:30 pm

Present: Duane Adams, Ralph William Boone (guest), Rosalind Carey, Jim Carney (guest), Juan de la Cruz (guest), Jim Jervis, Marie Marianetti, Manfred Philipp, Joann Ruiz, Duane Tananbaum (chair), Janette Tilley (guest), and Vincent Zucchetto.

1. The minutes of 9 December 2009 and 18 February 2010 were approved with the following corrections to the latter: 1) Professor ~~Angelo~~ Angela Lebbon, and 2) "... description, forwarded by Prof. Feinerman used in an ad ....".
2. On the premise that better communication between the governance committee and the various standing committees benefits the Senate, Professor Tananbaum asked the committee chairs if they would be willing to send draft copies of their minutes to the governance committee. The governance committee then agreed to share its minutes with the various committees of the Senate. Committee chairs were reminded that they must also submit approved minutes to the College Counsel, Esdras Tulier. Committees are free to approve minutes by email. The group also considered several related proposals, such as having a few senate committee reports at each meeting of the general faculty.
3. At this point, Professors Boone, Carney, de la Cruz, and Tilley left the meeting and Professors Marilyn Aguirre-Molina (guest), Louise Burrell (guest), and Jane Levitt (guest) joined the meeting to discuss the governance structure of the proposed CUNY School of Public Health in the current draft document. Though the current document integrates some of the changes requested by the Provost, it now allows the Dean of the proposed school to designate appointments and to do so on a yearly basis. The group discussed the document's implications for those Lehman College faculty members expected to be part of the new College as well as its implications for principles of shared governance. The Governance Committee then voted unanimously in support of the following statement, to be read to the Chancellor's Legal Counsel, Rick Shaffer:

The Governance Committee of the Lehman College Senate, after examination of the CUNY School of Public Health governance plan, dated 29 January 2010, finds the plan seriously deficient in shared governance and does not recommend that the Lehman College Senate support the plan in its present form. The Governance Committee strongly urges that the document be revised to incorporate the principles of shared faculty governance and will revisit the issue when that revision has occurred.

4. Next meeting: 9:00 am on 25 March 2010 in the Provost's office.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalind Carey