

LEHMAN COLLEGE SENATE
RESOLUTION ON PATHWAYS, NOVEMBER, 2011

Whereas the CUNY Chancellery and the Board of Trustees have established Pathways committees that are proposing a new core curriculum for CUNY; and

Whereas these committees are composed of persons who were appointed by the university administration rather than elected by the faculty or duly constituted governance bodies of the colleges and the university; and

Whereas these committees are operating inside the inadequate, arbitrary and capricious constraint of a 30 credit Common Core and a 12 credit College Option for the baccalaureate curriculum; and

Whereas the prohibition of required prerequisites for core courses may result in a lowering of academic standards in General Education courses; and

Whereas the proposed curriculum is deficient in failing to include sufficient instruction in numerous areas, including but not limited to mathematics, foreign language, natural science, historical studies, philosophy, and political science; and

Whereas Lehman and the other colleges were given only two weeks to respond to the draft Common Core proposal;

Be it Resolved that the Lehman College Senate, comprised of faculty, students, and administrators, condemns the Pathways process that is damaging to the academic reputation of Lehman College and the City University of New York and the careers of our graduates.

Be it further Resolved that the Lehman College Senate recommends that the Pathways program be scrapped and that colleges be assisted in establishing collaborations to enhance articulation and the academic quality of CUNY baccalaureate degrees.

Passed on November 16, 2011, with all students and faculty members voting in favor.