

YU Faculty Council Meeting
24 April 2015
Minutes

Present: Joe Kerstein, Avri Ravid (Syms), Joanne Jacobson, Paula Geyh, Neer Asherie, Gabriel Cwilich, William Stenhouse (YC), Marina Holz, Marnin Young, Nora Nachumi (SCW), Abe Givner, Charles Swencionis (Ferkauf), Joan Beder (Wurzweiler), David Carlson, Leslie Salzman, Lynn Wishart (Cardozo), Moshe Krakowski (Azrieli)

Will Stenhouse agreed to take the minutes.

The minutes of the March 13 meeting were approved.

The Faculty Council elected 3 new members to the Faculty Review Committee: Arthur Jacobson, Richard Nochimson, and Gary Stein.

The FC voted to write to the Provost stating the FC's belief that proper procedures had not been followed in the cases of the two tenure-track faculty members denied reappointment and asking that procedures be observed in these two ongoing and future faculty governance actions.

The FC Executive Committee reported on its meeting with the Provost regarding multiple matters of faculty governance on 31 March.

Neer Asherie reported on the activities of the FC Health Care Committee (Neer Asherie, Lauren Fitzgerald, and Charles Swencionis), which worked with Yvonne Ramirez to change the university's recent health care benefit proposals.

The FC reviewed the "Recommendations on Emeritus Appointment Policy and Benefits" prepared by Abe Givner and Joan Beder in response to the Provost's new "Emeritus Policy." The FC asked for minor changes and additions to the document, and voted to submit the revised document to the Provost.

Chief Investment Officer Ahron Herring agreed to meet with members of the Council to discuss the university's endowment. The FC decided that members of the finance committee and Gabriel Cwilich should meet with him, and that questions be sent to Avri Ravid in advance.

The Council reviewed portions of the *Faculty Handbook* and discussed some inconsistencies in its wording. The FC voted not to recommend revisions to the *Handbook* at this time.

The speaker reminded members that units must hold elections for new representatives to the FC.

The FC voted to issue a year-end report of activities to our faculties.

The FC set priorities for next year, including the resumption of faculty raises and restoration of the retirement benefit match by the university, the request for a faculty representative on the Board of Trustees, monitoring the progress of shared governance at the university, urging the administration to develop a long-term strategic plan for the university with appropriate faculty involvement, and increasing communication with the faculty regarding FC activities.