

Yeshiva University Manhattan Campuses Faculty Council
Beren Campus, Gottesman Boardroom
September 14, 2012
Minutes

Present: Joan Beder, Gabriel Cwilich, Carl Feit, Jeffrey Freedman, Anatoly Frenkel, Malvina Halberstam, Miriam Hirsch, Dennis Hoover, Arthur Hyman, Jesse Itzkowitz, Will Lee, Nora Nachumi, Aliza Rotenstein, Daniel Rynhold, William Stenhouse, Charles Swencionis, Melanie Wadkins, Lynn Wishart, Marnin Young; Provost Mort Lowengrub; Vice Provost Larry Schiffman, guest; Director of Faculty Development, Office of the Provost and Professor Nancy Beckerman, guest

In the absence of Speaker Jacobson, Vice Speaker Beder opened the meeting.

Moved by C. Feit and seconded that nominations for officers would be accepted from the floor. Motion carried. The following officers for 2012-13 were elected by unanimous consent: J. Beder, Speaker; W. Stenhouse, Vice Speaker, L. Wishart, Secretary. N. Nachumi continued in her three-year term as Parliamentarian.

Provost Lowengrub introduced topics that he would like to see addressed by the Faculty Council. A summary list of those items follows:

- Representation from the Faculty Council at undergraduate and graduate Deans' Councils
- Tenure and promotion standards and criteria
- Retirement planning
- Undergraduate divisions
- Faculty involvement in institutional advancement
- Online education
- Faculty involvement in the budget planning process
- Integration of programs at the graduate level
- Common policies among the undergraduate schools; centering tenure and promotion at the department level; working together

Discussion ensued regarding the need for common policies among the undergraduate schools, a unified governance structure, working and growing together as faculty, advocating for departmental level budgets, and the Faculty Council's serving an important advisory role with the university administration. Provost Lowengrub expressed his desire to meet regularly with the Executive Committee.

Provost Lowengrub reported that Board approval of the Faculty Handbook is imminent and that he is acting as if it were approved.

N. Beckerman spoke to a need for a response to the Middle States review in developing a unified statement of tenure and promotion criteria.

The Faculty Council moved to an executive session beginning at 1:25 pm.

Moved by M. Halberstam and seconded to accept the Faculty Council minutes from the meeting of April 27, 2012. Motion carried.

Moved by N. Nachumi and seconded to approve the by-laws as revised by the By-laws Committee. Motion carried.

The Faculty Council web page located at www.yu.edu/provost/faculty-council was viewed. It provides the minutes, bylaws, list of ad hoc committee memberships, officers, and a list of Representatives to the Faculty Council.

Moved by A. Frenkel and seconded that while G. Cwilich inquires about the most effective way to communicate to all Manhattan campuses faculty, other than using the public part of the web, the Faculty Council circulate its letter regarding faculty salaries and retirement benefit contribution levels previously sent to President Joel and the Board of Trustees via the YU faculty email list. Motion carried.

J. Beder will invite Vice President Dan Forman to the next Faculty Council meeting to speak about fund raising. She will also ask Scott Goldberg to give a 20-minute presentation on online education.

J. Beder asked that the Benefits Committee meet with Provost Lowengrub to talk about details of retirement incentives.

J. Beder volunteered to attend the meetings of the graduate Deans' Council. G. Cwilich volunteered to attend meetings of the undergraduate Deans' Council.

J. Itzkowitz, A. Rotenstein and C. Feit will contact the Provost about interfacing with various budget planning committees.

Moved by M. Halberstam and seconded that Representatives to the Faculty Council from the undergraduate programs and any other Representative expressing interest should form a sub-committee to discuss matters only of interest to the undergraduate faculty bodies. Motion carried.

M. Young reminded the Council of its need to elect five faculty members to the Faculty Review Committee for tenure and promotion appeals.

The next meeting will be held on November 2 at 11 am at Cardozo.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Minutes submitted by Lynn Wishart, Secretary