

Yeshiva University Manhattan Campuses Faculty Council  
Wilf Campus, Room 1214  
September 19, 2014, 11 A.M.  
Minutes

Present: Neer Asherie, Josh Bacon, Joan Beder, David Carlson (by conference call), Archishman Chakraborty, Gabriel Cwilich, Paula Geyh, Marina Holz, Joanne Jacobson, Joseph Kerstein, Nora Nachumi, Abraham Ravid, Leslie Salzman, Ezra Schwartz, William Stenhouse, Charles Swencionis, Lynn Wishart; Pearl Berger, Selma Botman, Alex Citanna, Rona Novick, Moses Pava, Jade Docherty, Gillian Steinberg, guests

C. Swencionis was elected Vice-Speaker by acclamation. No one stood for the office of Secretary.

Provost Botman updated the Council and responded to questions regarding the university's current financial situation, on-going restructuring efforts and faculty participation in planning processes.

Moved by N. Nachumi and seconded to extend the discussion with Provost Botman by 15 minutes. Motion carried.

The Council moved into executive session at 12:35 PM.

Moved by G. Cwilich and seconded to accept the Faculty Council minutes from the meeting of April 4, 2014. Motion carried.

W. Stenhouse summarized the meeting he attended with YU administrators, deans and a consultant from Noel Levitz on September 16 regarding undergraduate net tuition revenue.

P. Geyh solicited discussion on the Council's immediate priorities. There was agreement that full faculty participation in university committees, particularly the Benefits Committee, is critical. J. Jacobson agreed to head a group to meet with the Provost to continue discussion on the undergraduate tenure and promotion document. The Council will form a second group to participate in a re-articulation of the mission of the university. P. Geyh will invite the consultants A&M, unable to join the September Council meeting, to the next meeting. Other prospective invitees to future Council meetings include CFO J. Harman and staff from YU Global.

N. Asherie, J. Kerstein, and A. Ravid will serve as the Council's Financial Committee. A. Ravid will be the Council's representative to the YU Benefits Committee.

P. Geyh will circulate proposed dates for Council meetings throughout academic year 2014-15. P. Geyh introduced the topic of proposed by-laws changes relating to the functioning of the Council. Modifying the role of Secretary was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Minutes submitted by L. Wishart, Acting Secretary