

March 21, 2012

From: Dr. Edward Volchok

To: Dr. Emily Tai, Chairperson
Dr. Peter Bales, Vice-Chairperson
Dr. Lana Zinger, Secretary

**The 365th Plenary Session of The University Faculty Senate
of The City University Of New York
Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 6:30 p.m.**

Chair Sandi Cooper called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in Room 9204/05 at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center.

I. Approval of the Agenda for February 28, 2012

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

II. Approval of the Minutes of February 28, 2012

The minutes were approved as distributed by voice vote

II. Reports

A. Chair Sandi Cooper's Report

- Chancellor Goldstein will not be attending tonight's meeting.
- Dr. Cooper reported that she sent a letter to faculty responsible for the Pro-Pathways "Reform and Rigor" brochure indicating that there is an alternate point of view.
- An Associate Secretary of American Association of University Professors was promised follow-up letter from CUNY on Pathways. This letter was never received and a second request was made.
- The New York City Council held hearings on the Dream Act. UFS sent a letter in support of the Dream Act.
- Next month officials concerned with IT and educational technology will address the plenary session.
- CUNY's new sexual harassment policy: The new policy will prohibit sexual/romantic relationships between faculty and students as well as relationships between people with authority and subordinates. Punishment for violating the new policy is not yet clear.
- CUNY's new Affirmative Action policy: A new policy on affirmative action is being prepared. Details regarding this policy are unknown.
- A short video on the PSC's 3/8/12 meeting was presented.

B. Prof. Jane Katz, UFS Representative to the CUNY Athletic Conference

- Prof. Katz spoke briefly about the CUNY Athletic Conference.
- Prof. Katz had members of the UFS stretch.

C. Michael Fabricant and Barbara Bowen from the PSC

- Dr. Fabricant announced that the PSC/UFS lawsuit against Pathways was filed this evening.
- Dr. Fabricant and Dr. Bowen informed the UFS that more faculty signatures against Pathways need to be collected before the April 30th CUNY Board of Trustees meeting.

IV. New Business

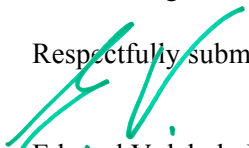
A. Pathways Implementation: Campus Updates

The following college reported on the implementation of Pathways: Baruch College, BMCC, Brooklyn College, City College, Hostos College, Hunter College, John Jay College, Kingsborough Community College, LaGuardia Community College, Lehman College, NYC College of Technology, Queens College, Queensborough Community College, College of Staten Island, and York College.

Each college reported similar concerns, procedures, and progress.

The meeting was adjourned at around 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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