

Report to QCC Academic Senate re UFS Plenary Meeting

DATE: September 10, 2013

TO: QCC Academic Senate

FROM: QCC Faculty Representative to CUNY UFS, Barbara Rome

SUBJECT:

The 376th Plenary Session of The University Faculty Senate of The City University Of New York Tuesday, September 10, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

UFS Chair Terrence Martell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the Skylight Room at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center.

I. Approval of the Agenda for May 7, 2013

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

II. Approval of the Minutes of April 9, 2013

The minutes were approved as distributed by voice vote.

III Invited Quest Interim Chancellor William Kelly

Interim Chancellor William Kelly addressed the committee:

Met with UFS chairperson and executive committee over the summer and also traveled to Albany to meet state officials about audits on sabbaticals. He met with Dennis Walker at city hall about the outgoing chancellor of education and the NYC PTECH High School Partnerships. He attended a press conference at Jamaica Bay with Mayor Bloomberg to create a science resilience. He attended the University Student Summer Retreat at Hunter Mountain. Interim Chancellor William Kelly talked about the issues regarding President Obama's vision for Higher Education; metrics to be proclaimed in 2015, score card, criteria for scoring colleges, and graduation rates. He talked about ways we might position ourselves, funding bonuses for college enrollment and Pell grants, funding for performance, grants profited for innovations in technology, and collaboration with high schools such as PTECH. He talked about the year ahead with new leadership in CUNY: Rudy Crew President at Medger Evers, Dr. Ayman Mohandes Dean of Public Health, Chase Robinson Interim President of Graduate Center, Dr. Stuart Suss Interim President Kingsborough Community College. Two ongoing searches for the The School of Journalism, which is in the final stages with strong candidates, and Kingsborough Community College, which has not been, formerly launch yet. Interim Chancellor talked about enrollment numbers are steady, less than 1% increase but stable, graduate enrollment suffers from lack of diversity. The operating budget is steady. SUNY and CUNY need to align for mandated TAP report. He also talked about Pathways is in the midst of continuing litigation and the focus is on board resolution which provides that pathways be reviewed and evaluated after 3 years and modified accordingly. His goals: money under sourced; future enrollment, ratio of full time faculty versus part time faculty which is currently 42% of full time faculty teaching courses at this time, moving university forward digitally. He ended his report with concerns about the universities international profile, which is lagging behind, and how other institutions perceive us.

Question and Answer session with Interim Chancellor William Kelly

IV. New Business

A. Chair's Report, Terence Martell, Chair of UFS.

- Chair Terence Martell announced new faculty senators
- UFS Standing Committee Slate; All forms for committee choices were received motion to accept committed list seconded and approved. The four committees asking for more volunteers.
- Fiscal TAP Report was presented in the executive session, the final report to be presented at the end of the month.

B. Reports

- Faculty Staff and Administration: there will be a revised conflict of interest policy published on trustee website in the next couple of days. There are new faculty rankings at The School of Journalism and the MBA program at Baruch.
- Negotiate an appeal process for resolution of conflicts driven by rapidly changing policies at state and federal levels.
- Advisory Committee: met with Chase Robinson President of the Graduate Center regarding approach to doctoral education and is working with him on a conference in November. Met with Peter Knuepfer President of USF at SUNY on common interest, which includes CUNY 2020 issue of tax abatement.
- Met with Brian Cohen about technology and how it will change what we do. Computer advisory committee put together and will meet with Brian twice over the semester.
- Chancellor search is underway, the target is for the January Board Meeting. Isaac & Miller have been hired.
- Number of plenary meetings reduced from 8 to 6, the executive committees goal was to increase the work status of the four standing committees. Chairs have agreed to meet 3 times per semester, which is a change from meeting prior to the plenary meetings. Preliminary report will be given in December by chairs of committees and a final report in the spring. Terrance Martell met with chairs and developed a chart with specific goals and will be expanded upon over the course of the year.

Question and Answer Session followed

C. Proposed Amendment to the UFS Charter

- Present proposed amendment of the Charter Amendment would take out the clause that any amendment would have to be approved by faculty counsels that represent the aggregate faculty of CUNY. (See attached Amendment)

Question and Answer session followed

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.