

Report to QCC Academic Senate re UFS Plenary Meeting

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TO: QCC Academic Senate

FROM: QCC Faculty Representative to CUNY UFS, Beth Counihan

SUBJECT:

The 384th Plenary Session of The University Faculty Senate of The City University Of New York Tuesday, December 9, 2014, 6:45 p.m.

UFS Chair Terrence Martell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:45 p.m. in Room 9204/5/6 at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center.

I. Approval of the Agenda for December 9, 2014

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

II. Approval of the Minutes of October 28, 2014

The minutes were approved as distributed by voice vote.

II. Reports

A. Standing Committees

- **Academic Freedom, Prof. Peter Alexanderson**

Working on the issue of faculty role in assessment, the need for a formalized policy of faculty-elected university-wide assessment committees

- **Libraries and Information Technology, Prof. Jochen Albrecht**

Working on difficulty of communications issues; hybrid and online instruction; institutional repository. Creating faculty guidance document for use of non-CUNY sites with students.

- **Status of the Faculty, Prof. Jason Young**

Concerned with quality of life issues, particularly for adjuncts, and seeking parity for large-size classes. Shared link for draft of PMP (on cunyufs.org site) and recommended standardization of PMPs with faculty satisfaction given more weight in evaluation of college presidents, for PMPs to be an “accountability tool.” Advised those who receive request to participate in COCHE survey to **do it**

- **Student Affairs, Prof. Laroi Lawton**

Examining CUNY bylaws in regards to Title IX; working on a student survey regarding transfer, arising out of concern about “dwindling of certain minority student enrollment”; reviewing new BOT’s Sexual Violence Policy

B. Representatives to Board Committees

- **Student Affairs, Prof. Manfred Phillip**

Reviewing Sexual Violence (Misconduct?) Policy and Research Misconduct Policy

C. Budget Advisory Committee, Prof. Kay Conway

CUNY Compact is expiring in 15/16-Conway’s research shows since 2010 “net number of increase in faculty is 2. Net number of increase in administrative hires (HEOs, etc) is 500.” Opening of Advanced Science Research Center brings \$29 million for economic/workforce development. Single Stop is to be expanded; there has been an increase in retention thanks to Single Stop services on campuses.

D. Success of Fall Conference on Online Education

- Chair Martell thanked all responsible and attending for the success of the Fall UFS Conference on Online Education
- E. Chair's Report**, Terence Martell, Chair of UFS
Chair Martell called attention to some basic changes to UFS bylaws to be voted on next meeting and was glad to report that retired faculty members are now allowed to retain their CUNY email addresses.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.