

## Report to QCC Academic Senate re UFS Plenary Meeting

**DATE: 16 September 2014**

**TO: QCC Academic Senate**

**FROM: QCC Faculty Representative to CUNY UFS, Beth Counihan**

**SUBJECT:**

**The 382nd Plenary Session of The University Faculty Senate of  
The City University Of New York  
Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 6:30 p.m.**

UFS Chair Terrence Martell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in rooms 9204/5/6 at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center.

### **I. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

### **II. Approval of the Minutes of May 13, 2014**

The minutes were approved as distributed by voice vote.

### **III. Invited Guest, Chancellor James B. Milliken**

A 3 minute video about scientific research at SUNY and CUNY was first shown. The Chancellor then outlined his developing goals for CUNY: to continue broad quality access and high quality programs; improve retention and graduation rates; and focus on technology and funding for research and research facilities. He encouraged all to email him advice and concerns ([chancellor@cuny.edu](mailto:chancellor@cuny.edu)). The Chancellor also announced a search for a University Executive Provost and took questions from the campus representatives.

### **IV. Invitation to Join a UFS Standing Committee**

Committee chairs encouraged campus representatives to join the following committees: Status of the Faculty (to focus this academic year on adjunct faculty concerns, faculty quality of life issues, policy and transitional issues, intercampus communication); Academic Freedom (to revisit the issue of assessment); Libraries and Information Technology, and Student Affairs.

### **V. Reports:**

#### **A. Representatives to Board Committees (oral)**

The Facilities Committee reported that the CUNY real estate portfolio is estimated at fifteen billion dollars and that 80% of the physical plant of CUNY is 50 or more years old. The Student Affairs Committee and Committee on Faculty, Staff and Administration are both working on revisiting sexual harassment and misconduct policies.

#### **B. Chair**

Chair Martell is hopeful for the future: “we can look at things *de novo*” and announced 2 new UFS committees: Academic Affairs (by invitation) and Enrollment Management, to be chaired by KCC’s Mike Barnhardt. Chair Martell encouraged all to attend the UFS Fall Conference on 21 November with online education as the theme and Chancellor Milliken as featured speaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.