

Report to QCC Academic Senate re: UFS Plenary Meeting

DATE: May 16, 2016

TO: QCC Academic Senate

FROM: QCC Faculty Representative to CUNY UFS, Jean Murley

SUBJECT:

**The 393rd Plenary Session
of The University Faculty Senate
of The City University Of New York
Eighth Floor, Room 0818, 205 E. 42nd Street
Tuesday, May 17, 2016
6:30 p.m.**

UFS Chair Terrence Martell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:40 p.m.

I. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

II. Approval of the Minutes for March 29, 2016

The minutes were approved by voice vote.

III. Election of New Chair, Vice Chair, and 7 Members-At-Large

- A.** Each candidate was given 2 minutes to state their position and summarize their views. There were two candidates each for Chair and Vice-Chair, and 10 candidates for 7 positions as Members-At-Large. Results below:

Chair: Kay Conway (62 votes)

Vice-Chair: Kathleen Barker (62 votes)

Members-At-Large:

Jay Weiser (61 votes)

Emily Tai (60 votes)

Huge Fernandez (61 votes)

Phil Pecorino (57 votes)

Martin Burke (55 votes)

Michael Barnhart (49 votes)

Karen Kaplowitz (49 votes)

- B.** A Resolution was introduced to honor the outgoing Chair, Terrence Martell. It was passed and approved. Terrence Martell thanked specific people and the body at large for a wonderful experience as Chairperson

IV. New Business

- A. A question was asked from the floor: “Is there any insight about the election of a new President at Lehman?” Chairperson Martell cannot comment about the search because it is closed and confidential.

V. Reports

- A. Read the attached minutes for full reports. The Student Affairs Committee reported 5 action items, including a new one, “Action 0,” which is to read the newly-released Master Plan and review in particular the parts that concern Student Affairs.

B. Chair’s Report

Chair Martell’s report included the following:

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- He made the following comments on the newly-released Master Plan: Normally, UFS is consulted before the plan is released; this time, UFS WAS NOT CONSULTED in advance. The plan was simply released and posted online. The Master Plan has traditionally been a “blueprint” for the future of the University; we don’t know what it is at this time, as it’s being handled differently. We simply do not know. Send any comments on the Master Plan to Karen Kaplowitz by mid-June; the Board of Trustees meets on the last Monday in June.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30 pm.