

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

Minutes of a Stated Meeting of the

Senate of New York University

September 22, 2008

An organizational meeting of the Senate of New York University was held in Room 914 of the Kimmel Center for University Life at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2008. The meeting was convened with Ms. Yu in the chair, who had been designated President pro tem for this meeting by Dr. Sexton.

Ms. Yu welcomed members of the Senate to the organizational meeting and explained that today's meeting was being held in accordance with a decision reached last year to hold an organizational meeting, in addition to the six regularly scheduled Senate meetings, to allow the standing committees of the Senate to meet earlier in the academic year.

Present in addition to the Chief of Staff and Deputy to the President were members of the Faculty Senators Council Black, Bogart, Capan (for Young), Cappell, Goodman, Hammack, Hendin, Hutchins, Kinnally, Kovner, Lebowitz, Ling, Lowrie, Moran, Raiken, Ramsey, Rubin, Simon, Simonoff, Tannenbaum (for Economides), Thompson, Vernillo, White, and Zwanziger; members of the Student Senators Council Adorno, Alvarez, Ampaw, Boehne, Germosen, Jean, Justin Lee, Major, Malkis, Peterson, Reformat, Schmidt, Schoenerg, Singla, Sorenson, and Vir; members of the Deans Council Blount-Lyon, Brabeck, England, Farrington (for Santirocco), Foley, Hvala (for Cooley), Kersh (for Schall), Lapiner, O'Connor

(for Bertolami), Popik (for Stimpson), Scheeder (for Campbell), and Wofford; members of the Administrative Management Council Dwyer (for Moppett), Fauerbach, Pender, and Summers; and members of the University Administration Executive Vice President Alfano, Senior Vice President Berne, and Acting Secretary Chamberlin, constituting a quorum.

Roll Call

It has been the custom at the first meeting of the academic year for all Senators to identify their schools and/or departments as their names are called. The Senators responded as Acting Secretary Chamberlin called the roll.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the stated meeting of the Senate held on April 17, 2008, were approved.

Report of the Executive Committee

Election of Officers

Ms. Chamberlin explained that under the Senate Rules of Procedure, the vice presidency of the Senate rotates among the chairpersons of the four constituent Councils. This year the Faculty Senators Council is scheduled to have its chairperson serve as Vice President. Accordingly, Ms. Chamberlin nominated Sylvain Cappell, Chairperson of the Faculty Senators Council, as Vice President of the Senate for 2008-2009. The motion was seconded, and Professor Cappell was unanimously elected Vice President of the Senate. Professor Cappell then nominated Acting Secretary of the University Chamberlin for the position of Secretary of the Senate. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the election

of Acting Secretary Chamberlin as Secretary of the Senate was unanimously approved. A list of Senate officers for the 2008-2009 academic year is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A.

Committee Assignments

The list of Senators assigned by their constituent Councils to the Standing Committees of the Senate was circulated to the Senate prior to the meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, a revised list of Committee assignments reflecting a change submitted by Administrative Management Council Chairperson Summers, attached to these minutes as Exhibit B, was approved.

University Senate Schedule: 2009-2010

Professor Cappell moved that the 2009-2010 Senate meeting schedule circulated to the Senate prior to the meeting be adopted. Professor Cappell noted that an organizational meeting for 2009-2010 had not yet been scheduled and that the decision of whether to hold one would be determined at a later date. Ms. Yu explained that the uncertainty over whether to schedule an organizational meeting in 2009 was due to the fact that there might not be an available date for such a meeting sufficiently in advance of the Senate's regularly scheduled meeting on October 1, 2009. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the schedule, attached to these minutes as Exhibit C, was approved.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report of the Executive Committee was approved.

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Ms. Yu noted that a memorandum from Dr. Sexton, which is attached to these minutes as Exhibit D, that outlines some of the collective achievements at the University since the Senate's April meeting was at each Senator's place.

Ms. Yu noted that the membership of the Ad Hoc Committee to Develop a University Senate Website was still in formation.

Organizational Time for Senate Committees

Ms. Chamberlin read the names of the standing committees of the Senate and identified the locations assigned for the organizational meetings of these committees, which were to be held immediately after the Senate meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Leona S. Chamberlin
Secretary

SENATE OFFICERS

2008-2009

UNIVERSITY SENATE

John Sexton	President
Sylvain Cappell	Vice President*
Leona Chamberlin	Secretary*

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ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Michael Summers	Chairperson
Neptali Martinez	Vice Chairperson

DEANS COUNCIL

Mary Brabeck	Chairperson
Ellen Schall	Vice Chairperson

FACULTY SENATORS COUNCIL

Sylvain Cappell	Chairperson
Floyd Hammack	Vice Chairperson
Paul Thompson	Secretary

STUDENT SENATORS COUNCIL

Justin Lee	Chairperson
Michael Peaden	Vice Chairperson

* Requires action by the Senate.

COMPOSITION OF SENATE COMMITTEES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2008-2009

(Names of Alternate Senators Appear in *ITALICS*)

COMMITTEES	STUDENTS	FACULTY	AMC	DEANS	UNIV ADMIN
Academic Affairs	Alvarez Justin Lee Vir	Cappell Hammack Hendin Hutchins	Summers	Blount-Lyon Wofford	<i>Tylus</i> <i>Yu***</i>
Executive	Justin Lee	Cappell	Summers	Brabeck	Chamberlin** Sexton*
Financial Affairs	Ampaw Boehne Peaden Peterson Williams	Economides Goodman Hinojosa Meruelo Ramsey Thompson	<i>DeSantis</i> Pender	Revesz Schall	Alfano Berne*** <i>Dorph***</i> <i>Jiga</i> <i>L Mills***</i> Sexton*
Organization and Governance	Adorno Desouki Jean Petrie	Black Gans Lebowitz Ling Zwanziger	Fauerbach Moppett	Bertolami Mandel	Chamberlin <i>Yu</i>
Public Affairs	Eugenia Lee Malkis Schmidt	Moran Rosenberg Simonoff <i>Tannenbaum</i>	<i>Longarino</i> McIntyre	Cooley Lapiner	<i>Brown</i> <i>LaMorte</i>
University Judicial Board	Fitzgerald Germosen Reformat Schoenberg Singla Sorenson	Cusick Dent Raiken Reiss Vernillo White	<i>Amparado</i> <i>Dwyer</i> <i>Martinez</i> <i>Orangers</i>	<i>Cameron</i> England Foley <i>Robin</i> Santirocco Stimpson	

*Chair **ex-officio ***Advisor

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University Senate

Meeting Dates

2009-2010

Organizational Meeting*

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Thursday, November 5, 2009

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Thursday, February 4, 2010

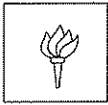
Thursday, March 4, 2010

Thursday, April 29, 2010

*To be determined at a later date.

NOTE: All meetings are scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. in Room 914 of the Kimmel Center for University Life, 60 Washington Square South.

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UPDATES FROM PRESIDENT JOHN SEXTON University Senate Meeting Monday, September 22, 2008

As we begin a new academic year, I am pleased to update you on several announcements, awards, and news since we last convened in April.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As New York City welcomes international guests for the United Nations General Assembly, NYU will host several foreign dignitaries on campus this week.

- **Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan, Rabbi Irwin Kula, and the Sakyong, Jamgön Mipham Rinpoche**, one of Tibet's highest incarnate lamas, will hold a discussion on **Compassionate Leadership: Cultivating the Leaders of Tomorrow**. The event will take place on Wednesday, September 24 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM in the Skirball Center for the Performing Arts, 566 LaGuardia Place. More information is online at: www.nyu.edu/rsvp/event.php?e_id=874.
- The **President of Albania Bamir Topi** will deliver remarks in the Hamilton Annual Lecture: Distinguished Leaders Forum hosted by the Department of Politics on Thursday, September 25 from 12:30 - 2:30 PM in the Jurow Lecture Hall, Silver Center for Arts and Science, 100 Washington Square East. For more information, please contact carlos.rios@nyu.edu.
- **David Miliband, Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom**, will be joined by Law Professor Norman Dorsen for a discussion about the top foreign relations issues that will face the next U.S. President. The event will take place on Thursday, September 25 from 3:00 - 4:30 PM in Greenberg Lounge, Vanderbilt Hall, 40 Washington Square South. For more information, please visit: www.nyu.edu/rsvp/event.php?a=RSVP&e_id=1031.
- The Taub Center for Israel Studies will host **Shimon Peres, President of Israel**, as he delivers an address on "The Globalization of Peace" on Thursday, September 25 at 6:00 PM in Tishman Auditorium, Vanderbilt Hall, 40 Washington Square South. To RSVP, please visit: www.nyu.edu/rsvp/peres.

Next month marks the 50th anniversary of the NYU in Madrid program. The occasion will be celebrated with a series of events from October 9th to 11th in Madrid, including a lecture by the current holder of NYU's King Juan Carlos I of Spain Chair, author Antonio Muñoz Molina, and a dinner hosted by the president of Madrid's regional government. Thousands of undergraduate and graduate students, including several past and current NYU faculty, have been educated through the Madrid program over the previous half-century.

Seventeen men and women have been named as the inaugural class of the "Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed University Scholars Program," a major initiative of the NYU Abu Dhabi Institute. The Scholars Program – named after His Highness, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi – recognizes outstanding students in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and provides them with special academic and leadership opportunities. The NYU Abu Dhabi Institute will be established this fall to jump-start academic and intellectual activities while the NYU Abu Dhabi campus is being developed.

The Scholars Program, created in conjunction with the Abu Dhabi Education Council, draws on students in their third and fourth years of study in the UAE's national institutions of higher learning. As part of the program, the inaugural class will:

- Participate in a course in fall 2008 taught by John Sexton on religion and government, the first NYU course to be taught in Abu Dhabi
- Participate in special English language training and enrichment programs
- Travel to the U.S. to visit the Supreme Court and NYU's Washington Square Campus
- Attend selected programs, lectures, and conferences sponsored by the NYU Abu Dhabi Institute, and meet and converse with noteworthy leaders
- Scholarship students will also receive preparation for graduate and professional study, and those demonstrating the highest merit and motivation who are accepted at NYU graduate or professional schools will be offered full scholarships.

The Faculty of Arts and Science has re-designated its Department of Journalism the Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute, in recognition of NYU trustee Arthur Carter's long-time support of journalism education at NYU. Carter is founder of the *New York Observer* and the *Litchfield County Times*, and has supported the department with fellowships and scholarships and served as an adjunct professor of philosophy and journalism. An accomplished artist, Carter has given two of his works to be installed in the Institute's new space on the occasion of the Institute's naming.

The School of Law has launched the Institute for the Study of Regulation (ISR), a nonpartisan advocacy organization and think tank dedicated to improving the quality of governmental decisionmaking in environmental, public health, and safety regulation. ISR will be composed of law school faculty, a board of advisors of academic and public policy experts, and fellows; Dean Richard Revesz will serve as the institute's faculty director.

Philippe de Montebello, the long-time director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, will join the faculty of NYU's Institute of Fine Arts. Montebello (GSAS '76) will be the first Fiske Kimball Professor in the History and Culture of Museums at IFA. His appointment will be effective as of January 2009 or upon the arrival of his successor as director of the Metropolitan Museum. He will also act as a special advisor for NYU's Abu Dhabi campus on visual arts programming and the development of arts curricula.

Ambassador Richard Butler has joined the faculty of the NYU Center for Global Affairs at the School of Continuing and Professional Studies. An Australian diplomat who served as the United Nations' chief weapons inspector in Iraq during the 1990s, he has been appointed as NYU's first "Global Diplomat in Residence." An expert in nuclear arms control, disarmament, international security, and the United Nations, he will teach these and other topics in the graduate global affairs program and play an active part in the Center's public events programs beginning this fall.

Filmmaker Oliver Stone (TSOA '71) has been named Artistic Director of NYU Tisch School of the Arts Asia. Stone, a three-time Academy-Award winning filmmaker, will serve as artistic advisor of graduate programs at the Tisch Asia campus in Singapore, and may also teach courses and conduct workshops.

FACULTY HONORS

University Professor Thomas Nagel has been awarded two major prizes for his work in the field of philosophy. In May, he received the **Rolf Schock Prize** from the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, for his scholarship in logic and philosophy. This month he also received the **Balzan Prize** for his work in

moral philosophy. The prize is one of four given annually by the International Balzan Prize Foundation to international leaders in the humanities and sciences, and carries a cash award of \$885,000. Nagel, whose research centers on political philosophy, ethics, and philosophy of mind, holds appointments at the School of Law and in the Department of Philosophy (Faculty of Arts and Science).

Assaf Naor, Associate Professor of Mathematics in the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, has been awarded a Packard Fellowship for Science and Engineering. The Fellowship, awarded by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, recognizes 20 young promising scientific researchers and includes a research grant of \$875,000 over five years. Professor Naor's research focuses on analysis, probability, and convex geometry and their applications to combinatorics, mathematical physics and theoretical computer science.

University Professor and Professor of Sociology Richard Sennett has been named the winner of the 2008 Gerda Henkel Prize, which recognizes outstanding scholarly achievement in the historical humanities. The prize includes a significant cash award and is given every two years by the Gerda Henkel Foundation in Düsseldorf, Germany. In announcing the award, the selection jury saluted Sennett for "effortlessly transcend[ing] the boundaries of the humanities, in particular the disciplines of sociology and history, psychology and philosophy."

The College of Arts and Science presented its annual Golden Dozen teaching awards at its baccalaureate ceremony this past May. The awards recognize faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in teaching and service to undergraduates. Winners are selected by a CAS Faculty Committee from nominations made by their colleagues and students. This year's award winners are:

- **Susan Anton** (Associate Professor of Anthropology)
- **Andrea Dortmann** (Language Lecturer of German)
- **Thomas Ertman** (Associate Professor of Sociology)
- **Darlene Forrest** (Director of Faculty Development in Expository Writing)
- **Ruth Horowitz** (Professor of Sociology)
- **Xiaoxiao Jiao** (Senior Language Lecturer of East Asian Studies)
- **Laurence Lockridge** (Professor of English)
- **Michael (Mick) Moloney** (Global Distinguished Professor of Irish Studies and Music)
- **John Moran** (Clinical Assistant Professor of French)
- **Anne Rademacher** (Assistant Professor of Social & Cultural Analysis/Environmental Studies)
- **Shanker Satyanath** (Associate Professor of Politics)
- **Tyler Volk** (Associate Professor of Biology and Science Director of Environmental Studies)

CAS's Outstanding Teaching Award for adjunct professors, graduate instructors, and part-time or new faculty was given to: **Kristina Harris** (Adjunct Instructor of Chemistry); **Betty Ming Liu** (Adjunct Professor of Journalism); **Jonathan Mischkot** (Language Lecturer of Expository Writing); **Peter Rajsingh** (Adjunct Instructor of Politics); **Seema Srivastava** (Adjunct Professor of Art History); and **Fran Stern** (Adjunct Assistant Professor of Journalism).

Two NYU professors, Helmut Hofer and Anthony Movshon, were elected to the National Academy of Sciences in late April. Hofer, who has been a professor of mathematics at the Courant Institute for Mathematical Sciences since 1997, focuses on symplectic geometry, dynamical systems, and partial differential equations. Movshon, a faculty member in NYU's Center for Neural Science and in the Department of Psychology, is best known for his work on how the brain encodes and decodes visual information and in the mechanisms that put that information to use in the control of behavior. They were

among nearly 90 new members and associates who were elected in recognition of their distinguished and continuing achievements in original research.

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences has elected three NYU faculty as fellows: Richard Pildes, Sudler Family Professor of Constitutional Law and co-director of the School of Law's Center on Law and Security; **Elliot Wolfson**, the Abraham Lieberman Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies; and **Jorge Castañeda**, a Distinguished Global Professor of Politics who holds an appointment in the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, who was elected as a foreign honorary member of the Academy. Founded in 1780, the Academy's elected members include over 4,000 leaders in the academic disciplines, the arts, business, and public affairs.

NYU faculty Ann Morning and Jacqueline Bishop have received Fulbright Fellowships for the 2008-09 academic year. Morning, an assistant professor of sociology, will spend this year in Milan to explore how authoritative institutions in Italy depict immigrants in their public communications. Bishop (GSAS '98, '00), a master teacher in the Faculty of Arts and Science's Liberal Studies program, will spend the year in Morocco, studying the country's magazine industry.

NYU School of Law's Randy Hertz was named chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. Hertz, director of clinical and advocacy programs and professor of clinical law at the Law School, will serve a one-year term as chair of the section, which provides leadership and services to the legal education community.

Professor Ken Perlin was recognized by the Association for Computing Machinery's Special Interest Group on Graphics and Interactive Techniques for his "broad contributions and impact across computer graphics" in August. Professor Perlin, the founding director of NYU's Media Research Lab and a professor of computer science at the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, has produced a variety of innovations in rendering, modeling, animation, and user interfaces.

STUDENT HONORS

At its baccalaureate ceremony in May, the **College of Arts and Science** also honored the following graduate students with **Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards: Lydia Butt** (German); **Forest Hylton** (History); **Shira Kohn** (History); **Albert Laguna** (English); **Suzanne Price** (Anthropology); **Sandra Rozentel** (Anthropology); and **Brett Wisniewski** (Classics).

Graduate student Robert Chang has received a Canada-U.S. Fulbright Student Award. As part of his ethnographic study of a Vancouver Buddhist temple, Chang, a student in the Anthropology Department, will analyze the role of religion as new immigrants become transnational Canadians and place it within a broader study of cultural citizenship.

ALUMNI HONORS

Alumnus Tony Kushner has been named the inaugural recipient of the Steinberg Distinguished Playwright Award. The award is issued by the Harold and Mimi Steinberg Charitable Trust and carries with it a \$200,000 prize, making it the largest theater award in the nation and one of the biggest cash awards in the arts. Kushner (TSOA '84) is the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of plays including *Angels in America* and *Homebody/Kabul*.

GRANTS AND GIFTS

The Graduate School of Arts and Science and the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development will receive a grant of \$4.96 million over six years for scholarships to support masters and doctoral students in Jewish education. The grant was awarded by the Jim Joseph Foundation, which invests in training the next generation of Jewish educational leaders. Jim Joseph Foundation Fellows will be selected from Steinhardt's doctoral program in education and Jewish studies as well as from a new double masters program in education and Jewish studies and Hebrew and Judaic studies, beginning next fall.

NYU's Center for Genomics and Systems Biology and the American Museum of Natural History have received a \$1.6 million grant from the National Science Foundation to explore plant evolution and to create a public database that provides information about the structure and inferred function of proteins found in two plant genomes. The three-year grant will allow the researchers at both institutions – including NYU's **Richard Bonneau**, Assistant Professor of Biology and Computer Science, and **Michael Purugganan**, Professor of Biology and Dorothy Schiff Professor of Genomics – to investigate groundbreaking methods for exploring the evolution, structure, and function of proteomes—the entire array of proteins expressed by a genome.

The NYU Schack Real Estate Institute has received a \$1 million gift from James and Marjorie Kuhn, one of the largest gifts ever received by the Institute, to fund a permanent initiative to promote greater diversity in the real estate industry. The gift from Mr. Kuhn (President of Newmark Knight Frank) and his wife kicks off a larger campaign to raise and build an endowment in support of the Institute, which is housed within the School of Continuing and Professional Studies.

New York University has received a \$490,000, three-year grant from the National Science Foundation to promote women in the sciences. The grant will bolster NYU's existing campus-wide initiative to promote the representation of women and minorities in the sciences by providing support for female faculty at all levels, and through research, workshops, and training seminars.