MINUTES FROM THE AMC GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 2nd, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM

ATTENDANCE

Attendees (80): ROSEMARY AMICO, HILARIE CHANDA ASHTON, MARY LOU ATKINSON, LAUREN M BAGLEY, DIANE W BENNETT, BARBARA S BENSON, CAROLINE E BONETA, NELSON CHIN, BARBARA ANN COKORINOS, KELLE COLYER-BROWN, MICHAEL CONTI, NADIA N CURETON, ANITA B DANIELS, DIANA DANIELS-MAIN, MARIA DEACETIS, TONI DEPENA, JOHN DESANTIS, MANISH DEVIANI, ELIZABETH M DUKE, THEODORE J DZIERZYNSKI, ADAM D EBNI, FRANCES MONICA ESTRADA, ANDREA FANNELLI, PENELlope-ANN FERNANDES, WILLIAM T FRY, MATTHEW K GEE, CLAUDIA L GIL, NINETTE A GIRONELLA, HECTOR L GONZALEZ, BARTHOLOMEW A GRACHAN, MONICA GRAY, OLIVE HAUGHTON, RICHARD HEAPS, THOMAS HELLEBERG, CASSAUNdRA O HOWELL, GISELA B HUMPHREYS, MARIA KALOGEROU, JULIE H KAPLAN, MARNI KAZER, JUSTINE M KELLY-FIERRO, NORMA KS KENIGSBERG, FAITH KNESZ-GREULICH, ABIGAIL KNIFFIN, STEPHEN J KRAUSE, ANN MARIE LADISA, KIMBERLY T LAFOND, LINDA Y LAM-WONG, IDA LONGARINO, MELISSA LUCAS, STEPHEN F LUI, KACEY A MCCAFFREY, LAURA MCGINLEY, JOE MCGOWAN, BERNADEtte S MCHUGH, MARY MC ShanE, CARRIE A MECONIS, EUGENIA E MEJIA, KAREN P MICALLEF, STEVIN AZO MICHELS, ELIZABETH J MICKEL, KRISTA M MINTeER-BAYsal, PATRICIA MONTALBANO, JEROME ELLISON MURPHY, DAVID A NIEDEnTAL, DENEAN M PAULIK, TODD EDWIN PETTIFORD, ANN M POWELL, AMBER A PRITCHETT, MELISA A PUGLISI, KRISTI SCHWINDT RAMOS, CAROLYN S RITTER, SHEILA A SANDERS, ERIC L STEFDALD, ANNE M M STUBING, JENNIFER TICHENOR, VERA I VANGLER, DAVID P VINTINNER, DAVID VOGELSANG, LEVON WEST, ANDREW YANNI

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the last meeting were provided in advance with the agenda; reading of the minutes was waived. The minutes from the March 2013 meeting were approved.

OPENING REMARKS

The Chair noted the meeting’s full agenda: review proposed bylaws revisions, AMC officer elections, and a discussion regarding the recent confidence votes.
PRESENTATIONS

Marty Dorph, Executive VP for Finance and IT
Tony Jiga, VP for Budgeting and Planning

Mr. Dorph and Mr. Jiga spoke about the University budget.

The budget presentation can be found at this link.
( http://www.nyu.edu/about/news-publications/budget/operating-budget-charts.html )

COUNCIL BUSINESS

In consideration of the time remaining, the Chair asked the Committees to forego the reading of their reports - critical announcements notwithstanding - and noted all such reports should be attached to the written minutes report. Additionally, the Chair asked the Bylaws Committee to table bylaw revision discussions and voting until a later time. The Bylaws Chair recommended the revisions be reviewed and voted upon remotely.

The abbreviated agenda will be AMC officer elections followed by a discussion on the recent confidence votes. The Chair reminded us of the letter he and the Vice Chair wrote to President Sexton addressing Council concerns raised at the February meeting regarding the NY Times article on compensation. Printed copies of this letter – as well as Mr. Dorph’s letter – were available at the check-in desk.

SENATE REPORT

See attachments for select Senate reports, if any.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

See attachments for select Committee reports, if any.

OLD BUSINESS

AMC Officer Elections

Ninette Gironella, chair of Elections and Nominations, recalled the current AMC officer slate:

Chair - David Vogelsang, Andrew Yanni
Vice Chair - David Vintinner
Secretary - Liam Fry
Treasurer - Andrea Fannelli, Anne Stubing

It was noted that Ms. Stubing is ineligible because she has sat for two consecutive terms.

The floor was opened for AMC officer nominations. There were none. A vote was taken to accept the three candidates by acclamation. The vote passed.
Mr. Vogelsang and Mr. Yanni were each given a brief moment to speak on his own behalf. Upon completion of their pitches, both nominees excused themselves from the room during Council deliberation. A vote was taken by anonymous written ballot. After the ballots were collected, Mr. Vogelsang and Mr. Yanni rejoined the group.

**Statement to/on behalf of Pres. Sexton**

The Chair opened the floor to a discussion regarding the recent no-confidence votes and what, if any, statement the AMC should make on these matters. Much discussion ensued with many critical questions being raised:

- Should the AMC make a statement?
- Is it appropriate for the AMC to make a statement?
- Should the Chair make a statement on behalf of the Council?
- Should the AMC make a statement specifically in support of Pres. Sexton?
- Should the Council simply entrust this question & its response to the Executive Comm?
- Should the AMC statement address Pres. Sexton or the University’s mission?
- Should we address the Board of Trustees?

It was noted that the vote put forth by the FAS faculty represents a subsection of the FAS faculty and not simply “all the FAS faculty.”

It was noted that there is a belief that this question to the Council exists only because the FAS faculty had a specific vote regarding their feelings surrounding the President’s performance; it was suggested that our response should be specifically to that point: do we or do we not have confidence in the President.

There were additional comments in favor of a general “support the mission” statement. There were additional comments in favor of “say nothing.”

It was noted that the intention was not to rush though this topic with the reminder that the next and final Council meeting (May 9th) is our end-of-year luncheon, more a place for celebration then a forum for debate and deliberation.

After discussion and hearing all comments, the Chair proposed the following: the Executive Committee will draft a statement. This statement will be shared out to the Representatives for feedback and/or a vote. The general consensus of the room was in support of these next steps.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ninnette Gironella, chair of the *Nominations and Elections* committee, announced that David Vogelsang has been re-elected as Council Chair.

The Chair reminded us of the Town Hall meeting with Pres. Sexton, tomorrow, April 3rd. The event is “sold out” but with the inevitable no-shows, if you have RSVP’d and are on the waiting list, you can most likely be accommodated.

The last meeting is May 9th, our end-of-year luncheon.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49am.