Minutes of a Stated Meeting of the
Senate of New York University
December 7, 2006

A stated 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 Thursday, December 7, 2006. The meeting was convened with Dr. Sexton in the chair.

Present in addition to the President were members of the Faculty Senators Council Allgood (for Hutchins), Anderson, Black, Boylan (for Vernillo), Dent, Economides, Frommer, Gans (for Ronell), Goodman, Hammack, Hinojosa, Jones, Kedem (for Mikhail), Lebowitz, Monaco (for Al-Askari), Moran, Raiken, Simon, Simonoff, Stiefel (for Kovner), Thompson, Varadhan (for Cappell), Vitz, White, and Zwanziger; members of the Student Senators Council Beaulieu, Bowles, Brooks, Castaneda, Chami, Diamant, Hirawat, Jones, Eugenia Lee, John Lee, Justin Lee, Matusheski, Patel, Reformat, Ross, Schmidt (for Choo), and Woolfstead; members of the Deans Council Brabeck, Brathwaite (for Santirocco), Callahan (for England), Cooley, Foley, Lapiner, Liebmann (for Schall), Moore (for Mirsepassi), Popik (for Stimpson), Scheeder (for Campbell), Spielman (for Vogel), and Witt (for Blount-Lyon); members of the Administrative Management Council Al-Islam, DeSantis, Drummond, Moppett, and Pender; and members of the University Administration Provost McLaughlin; Executive Vice President Alfano; and Associate Secretary Chamberlin (for Mills), constituting a quorum.
Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the stated meeting of the Senate held on November 2, 2006, were approved, with the following correction. Professor Black requested that the minutes reflect that members of the Faculty Senators Council, in general, and members of the Faculty Senators Council's Branch Campuses Committee, in particular, had participated in several meetings regarding the University's proposed global branch campuses.

Report of the President

Dr. Sexton referred to a memorandum, which was available at each Senator's place and is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A, that outlines some of the collective achievements at the University since the Senate's last meeting.

Dr. Sexton commented that, from among the notable achievements reflected in Exhibit A, he was particularly pleased that the NYU Medical Center had been named to the first "Leapfrog Top Hospitals" list based on results from the Leapfrog Hospital Quality and Safety Survey, a national rating system that offers a broad assessment of hospitals' quality and safety. In addition, he highlighted the fact that the College of Nursing, within the College of Dentistry, has opened an innovative Nursing Faculty Practice, which is a nurse practitioner-managed primary health care center particularly focused on the primary care needs of older adults.

Dr. Sexton noted that Kevin Shenderov, a senior in the College of Arts and Science, had been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship for 2007. Mr. Shenderov, who immigrated to the
United States at the age of six from the Ukraine, is a biochemistry major and has conducted immunology research at the University of Oxford. Mr. Shenderov is the editor-in-chief of the NYU Global Health Review and co-organized a global health conference at the University, which drew 700 participants to discuss health disparities in the developing world and actions to address these challenges. Mr. Shenderov's older brother Eugene was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship in 2005 while a student at Brooklyn College, making them the first brothers to be named Rhodes Scholars in recent years.

Dr. Sexton reported that the University had received an initial pledge of $10 million from newly-elected trustee Constance Milstein on behalf of the CJM Foundation to benefit the College of Arts and Science by funding a group of Collegiate Professors to participate in Collegiate Seminars. With the creation of the new program, 25 Collegiate Professors will be chosen to teach 300-500 students each year. The students will be selected through an application process and will participate in freshman seminars, attend monthly events organized by the seminar professors, participate in research projects with their professors, and benefit from ongoing mentoring relationships throughout their academic careers. After the students complete their freshman years, the professors will remain in contact with them and host reunion events to further strengthen the bonds created during the seminar program.

Dr. Sexton was pleased to announce that long time Senator and Chairperson of the Public Affairs Committee Arthur Tannenbaum was the proud new father of Raphael Iselin Tannenbaum, born on December 5.
Dr. Sexton said that Senior University Counsel and Director of Legal Services Ada Meloy had accepted the position of Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs at the American Council on Education ("ACE"). ACE is the major coordinating body for the nation's higher education institutions, providing leadership and a unifying voice on higher education issues and public policy through advocacy, research, and program initiatives. Ms. Meloy joined the University's Office of Legal Counsel in 1978 and was named Deputy General Counsel in 1994. She served as Acting General Counsel from February, 2005 through February, 2006. Dr. Sexton expressed his gratitude for Ms. Meloy's many years of service to the University, and the Senate responded with a resounding round of applause.

Dr. Sexton noted his appearance the previous evening on the popular cable television program "The Colbert Report," hosted by Stephen Colbert, which is broadcast on the Comedy Central network. A few months ago, Dr. Sexton had been invited to appear on the program to discuss the spring semester course "Baseball as a Road to God" that he teaches in the Gallatin School of Individualized Study. However, the show's producers abandoned the interview's established agenda, and Mr. Colbert amusingly teased Dr. Sexton about defending knowledge and wisdom and the academic textbook that he co-authored. Dr. Sexton thanked his colleagues for encouraging him to appear on the program.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report of the President was approved.
Report of the Academic Affairs Committee

Latin Honors

Professor Anderson reported that at the Committee’s last meeting, Dean of the College of Arts and Science and Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs Matthew Santirocco and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the College of Arts and Science Otto Sonntag had presented a report on Latin Honors at New York University. The report was submitted by Dean Santirocco, who serves as Chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee, and is being studied by the Senate Academic Affairs Committee. The Committee will report further to the Senate on this issue.

Academic Calendar

Professor Anderson reminded the Senate that the Committee previously had held a meeting with the Registrar’s Office on several issues related to the academic calendar, particularly regarding the fall semester. Among the issues of concern are the legislative days, the fall break, and the general impact of the fall semester structure on students. The Committee will be examining a possible revision of the academic calendar in order to be able to resolve some of these issues and will report back to the Senate at its next meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report of the Academic Affairs Committee was approved.
Report of the Committee on Organization and Governance

Ms. Patel reported that the Committee had met twice since the last Senate meeting. The Committee has been continuing to examine ways to improve how the Senate functions, particularly as they relate to possible revisions of the Senate Rules of Procedure. Among the items under discussion are:

- Creating a centralized website dedicated to information about University governance with a direct link from the University's website;
- Scheduling organizational meetings for Senate committees in early September before the Senate's first meeting in October and designating committee assignments in the spring prior to the academic year. The Committee also will be discussing the composition of committees should there be a need for committees to meet during the summer.
- Defining the role of "advisors" on the Senate's standing committees.

Ms. Patel noted that at its next meeting the Committee would be reviewing recommendations submitted by the Councils, including the Faculty Senators Council's recommendation that the current balance in membership be maintained, with the Faculty Senators Council holding 43 percent of all Senate seats; the Administrative Management Council's recommendation that its role and representation on Senate committees be increased; and the Student Senators Council's recommendation that a mechanism be established for providing Senate input on decisions related to campus facilities, operations, and planning.
Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report of the Committee on Organization and Governance was approved.

Report of the Financial Affairs Committee

Dr. Alfano reported that the Committee continues to look at the recommendations submitted from each of the constituent Councils concerning next year's budget and would meet immediately following today's Senate meeting.

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

Report of the Public Affairs Committee

In Professor Tannenbaum's absence, Ms. Woolfstead reported that the Committee continues to monitor Coca-Cola's investigation of allegations of human rights violations in its bottling plants in Colombia. The Committee has begun work on the annual report on quality of life issues and the annual security and security education report. Ms. Woolfstead noted that the Committee would be giving its recommendations concerning the University's 175th Commencement exercises scheduled for May 10, 2007 at the Senate's next meeting in February.
Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report of the Public Affairs Committee was approved.

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Dr. Sexton called on the Chair of the Graduate Affairs Committee’s Ad Hoc Structure Committee John Lee to give an update on the status of the election for members of the newly formed House of Delegates. The House of Delegates is the elected body representing the interests of the University’s graduate assistants, teaching assistants, research assistants, and fellows. Mr. Lee reported that voting would end the next day at 11:59 p.m. and noted that voter turnout had been better than expected. The committee is expected to meet the following Monday to certify the election results. The House of Delegates will consist of 53 delegates elected from each of the represented schools and is expected to hold its first meeting in January.

**Update on Greening Initiative**

Senior Vice President for University Relations and Public Affairs Lynne Brown gave an update on the University’s sustainability initiative known as the NYU Green Action Plan (“GAP”), part of which is attached to these minutes as Exhibit B. Dr. Brown reported that the Environmental Sustainability Task Force that she co-chairs with Vice President for Facilities and Construction Management Alison Leary would hold its next meeting within the next few weeks. The Task Force is comprised of 44 members, including several senators. The membership list is included in Exhibit B. Dr. Brown noted that the Task
Force had been divided into committees according to topic and that it will report to the Senate on an annual basis. The Task Force's website has been constructed and is in operation.

Dr. Brown reminded the Senate that the University would be replacing the existing co-generation plant with an expanded facility to provide energy for thirty of the University's largest buildings. This new facility will be cleaner and more efficient and will emit 25 percent less regulated pollutants than a typical commercial power generation plant. In addition, the greenhouse gases produced by the new co-generation plant will be reduced by more than 5,000 tons annually.

Dr. Brown reported that students from the Gallatin School of Individualized Study had undertaken a study of the University's overall environmental impact and would be presenting its findings over the next few weeks. Dr. Brown noted that the University had decided to join the Environmental Consortium of Hudson Valley Colleges and Universities, a group of institutions engaged in addressing environmental issues. The mission of the Consortium is to help shape the future of the regional and global environment through collaboration, education, and research. Programs of the Consortium will utilize the Hudson Valley as an extended laboratory and classroom for policy analysis, multi-institutional field programs, teacher training for elementary and high schools levels, interdisciplinary research collaborations, and cooperative regional studies.
Dr. Brown reported that the Sustainability Fund, under the guidance of Senior Vice Provost for Research Pierre Hohenberg, had begun the process of the competitive distribution of grants to the University community for environmental projects. The Fund is expected to release a request for proposals in January, with grant decisions to be made shortly thereafter in order for projects to begin in fall 2007. Dr. Brown noted that Mayor Bloomberg was expected to announce new long-term planning and sustainability initiatives affecting New York City through 2030 and that the University looks forward to learning more about these activities and collaborating with the City where possible.

Ms. Woolfstead noted that there would be a short presentation that evening in the Kimmel Center by the Gallatin students referred to by Dr. Brown.

Council Reports

Faculty Senators Council. Professor Black reported that the Council had updated its Rules of Procedure, incorporating many modifications since they were first written in 1968. The Executive Committee of the Council held a meeting with the chairs of its standing committees along with Senate committee spokespersons to assess progress and address problems. The Council has begun planning for Faculty Family Day, scheduled to take place on January 21, and the Spring Semester Faculty Reception, scheduled to take place on January 23. The Annual Toy Drive sponsored by the Council is underway to benefit the Children's Liberation Daycare Center located in the East Village. The Council has begun the process of emailing communications periodically with the faculty of each school in an effort to improve communication with faculty while simultaneously supporting the
University's sustainability efforts by saving paper. These bulletins are in addition to the Council’s official Newsletter and will be sent from the Council or from the senators from each school to their constituents to provide updates on Council activities.

Dr. Sexton was pleased to announce that the University had signed a contract to purchase 58 condominium units located on Roosevelt Island to provide sorely needed additional faculty housing. The units range from studios to three bedroom apartments. The units will be made available on a "first-come, first-serve" basis initially to faculty currently living in University housing at very attractive pricing and with financing assistance from the University. Dr. Sexton noted that Roosevelt Island is easily accessible to Washington Square by the "F" subway line.

**Student Senators Council.** Ms. Patel announced that Mr. Findley had resigned from the Senate and that his seat would be filled by his alternate Julian Cyr. Ms. Patel reported that the Council and the University Committee on Student Life ("UCSL") held a meeting on November 30 and that the Inter-Residence Hall Council presented the following recommendation:

In light of the updated furniture policy in residence halls prohibiting any upholstered furniture, the UCSL recommends the reallocation of furniture in all residences to make rooms feasible for use as common spaces for the residents. Additionally, the UCSL recommends the further investigation of supplementary solutions that would allow students to bring in their own fire safety-compliant furniture possibly through a vendor agreement.
Also at this meeting, the School of Law presented the following resolution, which was subsequently approved by the UCSL/Student Senators Council:

The Student Senators Council (SSC) and its University Committee on Student Life (UCSL), as the elected University-wide student government of New York University, joins the Student Bar Association of NYU's School of Law in expressing concern over military recruiting on campus. The United States Armed Forces have declined to subscribe to NYU's anti-harassment policy that all on-campus recruiters are required to sign. That policy prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender and/or gender identity or expression, marital or parental status, national origin, ethnicity, citizenship status, veteran or military status, age, disability, and any other group protected by law. Because of the military's hiring policy with respect to homosexual, bisexual, and transgender individuals and its refusal to sign NYU's policy statement, the University is repeatedly compelled to violate its own anti-harassment policy as it applies to on-campus recruiting. Under the 2006 decision of the United States Supreme Court in FAIR v. Rumsfeld, all federal funding to the University could be withdrawn if NYU were to deny access to campus recruiting by Armed Forces recruiters.

The SSC/UCSL has reviewed pertinent materials and appreciates the dilemma which the University faces. Accordingly, the Student Senators Council and its University Committee on Student Life recommend that the following proposals be forwarded to the appropriate University and military officials for consideration:

1. That the United States Armed Forces voluntarily recruit off-campus until such time as they are willing to hire all qualified NYU students;

2. That no NYU student sign up for an on-campus interview with any employer that does not affirm the University's anti-harassment policy;

3. That all students interested in working for the United States military voluntarily interview at off-campus locations; and
That the University assist interested individuals in order to facilitate their access to off-campus United States military recruiting centers.

The UCSL also reviewed and voted on a request from the freshmen, sophomore, and junior class councils to become a representative body which would address issues as part of the Undergraduate Affairs Committee. The UCSL reviewed the original charge of the Class Councils as outlined in the May 27, 2004 proposal to create the Undergraduate Class Councils and voted to maintain the original charge of strengthening class unity and not to assume responsibilities that are within the purview of the established student government organizations at the School and University-wide levels.

In response to the suggestions submitted to the Committee on Organization and Governance by the Faculty Senators Council and the Administrative Management Council regarding Senate function, the Student Senators Council voted in favor of maintaining the current proportional representation on Senate committees, as well as the Senate committee chair election process. The Council further requests that the discussion of its recommendations for a University Senate Advisory Role on Planning, Facilities, and Operations made last year by the Committee on Organization and Governance be tabled until the work of the Sustainability Task force is completed. In the meantime, the Council requests that the Committee on Organization and Governance be routinely briefed on operations and real estate acquisition and review information as charged by the Senate five years ago.
Professor Goodman inquired whether the Council was asking the University to label the military recruiting interviews as being non-compliant with the University's anti-discrimination policy. Ms. Patel responded that the Council understands that the University is in a difficult position as a result of the Supreme Court's decision last March regarding the Solomon Amendment, which ruled that it was constitutional for the government to withhold federal funding from universities that refuse to allow military recruiters access to campus. Ms. Patel said that the resolution simply was asking students who were interested in working for the United States military to voluntarily interview at off-campus locations.

**Deans Council.** Dean Brabeck reported that the Council continues to address the issue of increasing diversity on campus among all of the University's constituents and soon would be submitting its recommendations to the Provost. In response to a question by Professor Simon, Dean Brabeck explained that although the Senate would not be voting on the Council's recommendations concerning diversity, the Senate would receive a report outlining the Council's conclusions.

**Administrative Management Council.** Ms. Drummond reported that Vice President for Human Resources Catherine Casey attended the Council's November meeting and that Gallatin student Jeremy Friedman gave a presentation on the University's environmental practices at the Council's December meeting. Results of the online survey to administrators about benefits, training and development, workplace practices, and technology have been posted on the Council's website and the Personnel and Benefits
Committee has prepared a preliminary draft for submission to the Financial Affairs Committee. The Community Affairs Committee is sponsoring the Council's Annual Toy Drive for distribution at the Ninth Precinct Holiday Party, scheduled to take place on December 16, and to the Children's Aid Society for distribution in Washington Heights, East Harlem, and the South Bronx. Ms. Drummond noted that a special request is being made for donations of environmentally responsible toys. The 10th annual Art Show is scheduled to take place from April 23 through May 4 at the Salmagundi Club, and Administrative/Managing Director of the Department of Undergraduate Drama at the Tisch School of the Arts Sandra Bowie is planning activities for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Week of Celebration in January.

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Dr. Brown was pleased to announce that the University was one of more than 70 colleges and universities selected by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for its new "Community Engagement Classification." This is an elective classification recently established by the Foundation that the University applied for by submitting required documentation describing the nature and extent of its engagement with the community through such efforts as student volunteerism or partnerships with social service agencies. A Task Force comprised of administrators, deans, faculty, and students was established to collect data and survey the campus regarding overall campus engagement. Dr. Brown noted that the University had received this classification for both its curricular engagement and its outreach and partnerships as a result of its substantial commitments
in both areas. Dr. Brown said that the Task Force would continue to work on ensuring that
the University would remain an institution "in and of the city." Dr. Brown expressed her
gratitude to Steinhardt School graduate student Christine Shakespeare for her work on this
effort.

**University Dialogue**

**Conversation on an Emerging Issue**

**Impact of the Midterm Elections on Higher Education.** Dr. Brown and Associate Vice
President for Government and Community Affairs Alicia Hurley reported on the impact of
the recent midterm elections on higher education. See Exhibit C (slide presentation).

Dr. Brown noted that the elections proved to be the exception to the rule that midterm
elections usually are decided on the basis of local issues rather than by national themes.
This previously occurred in 1994 when the Republicans, under the leadership of Newt
Gingrich, won substantial majorities in Congress and before that in 1974, following the
Watergate scandal. In this election, Democrats gained 29 seats in the House of
Representatives and 6 seats in the Senate. The House is now comprised of 232
Democrats and 201 Republicans, and the Senate is comprised of 49 Democrats, 2
Independents, and 49 Republicans.

Dr. Brown said that one of the main issues that affected the elections was the War in Iraq
and noted that even a moderate Republican like Senator Lincoln Chaffee from Rhode
Island who had voted against the war still lost his seat because of his party affiliation.
Overall, moderate Republicans lost seats while moderate Democrats won seats. Dr. Brown noted that total voter turnout was higher than in 2002 and that youth turnout increased sharply from 20 to 24 percent. Dr. Brown commented that the race for the 2008 presidential election effectively began the day after the 2006 election. Dr. Brown said it was important to keep in mind that as a result of the growing federal deficit, there will be relatively little money to go around during the next two years.

Dr. Brown noted that key New Yorkers were poised to take over very powerful positions in both houses of Congress. As the head of the campaign committee for the Senate, Senator Charles Schumer is credited with turning the Senate over to the Democrats and was chosen by his colleagues to serve as Vice Chair of the Democratic Conference, which is the Senate's third leadership post behind majority leader and whip. Congressman Charles Rangel, who represents the 15th Congressional District, comprising East and Central Harlem, the Upper West Side, and Washington Heights/Inwood, will become Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. This committee is charged with writing tax legislation and bills affecting Social Security, Medicare, and other entitlement programs. Congresswoman Nita Lowey, who represents the 18th District comprising Westchester and Rockland Counties, will become Chairwoman of the Appropriations Committee. This committee is charged with setting specific expenditures of money. Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, who represents the 28th District, which includes parts of Buffalo and Rochester, will become Chairwoman of the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee is one of the most powerful committees because virtually every major piece of legislation must come to this committee before it is considered on the House floor.
Dr. Brown said that New York should see an increase in funds for homeland security and that it is hoped that there will be a turnaround in the distribution of funds in programs such as Medicare and Medicaid to redress the losses that New York suffered as more money flowed to southern and western states in recent years.

Dr. Hurley said that the election results created a lame duck Congress which is scheduled to adjourn in two days' time, and therefore no spending bills would be passed. In all likelihood, this will result in the government being financed under a stopgap "continuing resolution" that will lead to flat funding for all programs until February 15. Dr. Hurley noted that this year's appropriations bills had called for a $100 increase in maximum Pell grants and funding for science, technology, and the training of math and science teachers. This also will have an impact on the grants that the University receives from the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Hurley said that the incoming 110th Congress will reconvene on January 4 with an ambitious agenda for its first 100 legislative hours. The agenda includes raising the minimum wage, lowering the current interest rate on student loans from 6.8 percent to 4 percent over the next 5 years, and allocating federal funds for stem cell research. It is expected that Representative George Miller, who represents the 7th District of California in San Francisco's East Bay, will become Chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee and that Senator Ted Kennedy will become Chairman of the Senate's Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Among the items that are expected to be on their dockets are the Workforce Investment Act, which reformed
federal employment, training, adult education, and vocational rehabilitation programs by creating an integrated "one-stop" system of workforce investment and education services for adults, dislocated workers, and youth; Head Start, the national program that promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families; the Higher Education Act, which was designed to strengthen the educational resources of colleges and universities and to provide financial assistance to students in postsecondary and higher education; and the "No Child Left Behind" act, which was established in 2001 to improve the performance of the nation's primary and secondary schools by increasing the standards of accountability for states, school districts and schools, as well as providing parents more flexibility in choosing which schools their children will attend.

Dr. Hurley said that she expected the new Congress to raise the maximum Pell grant and reauthorize NIH funding. Congressman Rangel is expected to work on tax policies that would benefit higher education. Dr. Hurley said that the University would closely examine the proposal put forth by the United States Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings which included a number of recommendations covering such topics as the value of higher education, student access to college, cost and affordability, financial aid, and institutional accountability. Dr. Hurley said that the University also would be closely examining Secretary Spellings' proposal for a national system to be known as a "unit record database" that would allow the government to track individual students' progress through college.
Dr. Sexton thanked Dr. Brown and Dr. Hurley for their report, and the Senate acknowledged its appreciation with a round of applause.

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Dr. Sexton commented on the continuing success of the Campaign for NYU, the University's seven year $2.5 billion fundraising campaign that began in 2001. He also noted that talks still were underway concerning the possibility of establishing overseas branch campuses. Dr. Sexton announced that a celebration of the life of former Provost of the NYU Medical Center and Dean of the School of Medicine Saul Farber, M.D., who died on October 11, would be held later in December. Dr. Farber's association with the University had spanned more than 60 years.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Cheryl Mills
Secretary
EXHIBIT A
Here are some recent news, notes and developments that may be of interest to the University Senate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This past weekend New York University hosted the national finals of the Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology, which recognizes America’s best and brightest high school students in the areas of math and science. Twenty finalists spent the weekend at NYU and in the New York area while their research projects were judged by a panel of national renowned scientists and mathematicians. President John Sexton, Senior Vice Provost for Research Pierre Hohenberg, Biology Professor David Scicchitano, and student Kevin Shenderov were among the NYU community members taking part in the event. The awards were presented on Monday by U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings.

Fifty U.S. hospitals, including the NYU Medical Center, have been named to the first Leapfrog Top Hospitals list based on results from the Leapfrog Hospital Quality and Safety Survey, a national rating system that offers a broad assessment of a hospital’s quality and safety. The survey results come from over 1,200 hospitals. New York magazine also highly ranked the NYU Medical Center, naming it #3 in its list of Overall Best Hospitals in the New York area (Nov. 20, 2006).

The NYU College of Nursing has opened an innovative Nursing Faculty Practice—a nurse practitioner-managed primary health care center that addresses the great need for primary care among New Yorkers, particularly older adults. Located within the College of Dentistry, the Nursing Faculty Practice is a key part of the unique alliance between the NYU Colleges of Nursing and Dentistry, begun in September 2005.

STUDENT HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Kevin Shenderov, a senior in the College of Arts and Science, has been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship for 2007. An immigrant from the Ukraine and a resident of Brooklyn since 1990, he is a biochemistry major who has conducted immunology research at the University of Oxford. He is editor-in-chief of the NYU Global Health Review and in that capacity co-organized a global health conference at NYU, which drew 700 participants to discuss health disparities in the developing world and what actions
need to be taken to alleviate these challenges. Kevin and his brother Eugene (a 2005 scholar from Brooklyn College) are the first brothers to be named Rhodes Scholars in recent years. Warmest congratulations to this remarkable young man.

Marc Gustafson, a senior at the School of Continuing and Professional Studies, has been awarded a Marshall Scholarship to attend the University of Oxford to pursue an advanced degree in Modern Middle Eastern Studies. Marc left college in 1997 to cofound an innovative nonprofit that teaches low-income students about world cultures and geography. He returned to school in 2004 at SCPS’ Paul McGhee Division and will graduate this May with his B.A. in Social Sciences. He will begin graduate work at Oxford’s Oriental Institute next fall.

Congratulations to the NYU Men’s Soccer Team for returning to the NCAA tournament after 34 years and playing in its first ever Final Four competition on November 24. NYU’s appearance marks its best-ever showing in the Division III tournament for the men’s team and their 1-0 win over Nazareth College in the Elite Eight sets a school record for victories.

And congratulations as well to the NYU Men’s Cross Country Team, which finished second at the NCAA Division III National Championship on November 18. It was the team’s highest finish in school history.

FACULTY AWARDS AND PRIZES

Sociology Professor Richard Sennett has been named winner of the 2006 Hegel Prize, which is awarded by the German city of Stuttgart, for his lifetime of achievement in the humanities and social sciences. He is also a professor of sociology at the London School of Economics, and he holds the rank of University Professor at NYU.

Professor Karen Adolph, Psychology and Neural Science, Faculty of Arts and Science, received the MERIT Award from the National Institutes of Health. The award recognizes excellence in research over an extended period of time. For the past 15 years, she has been studying how infants acquire motor skills in order to understand more general processes of learning and development.

Professor Evgeny Nudler from the School of Medicine has also been recognized by the National Institutes of Health, which awarded him its Director’s Pioneer Award. The award supports researchers who propose bold approaches to major questions in biomedicine.

Professor Amir Pnueli, Computer Science, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, was inducted as a member of the Academia Europaea, whose membership includes leading experts from the physical sciences and technology, biological sciences and medicine, mathematics, the letters and humanities, social and cognitive sciences, economics and the law.
The New York State Office of Science, Technology and Academic Research has announced that Assistant Professor Bijan Pesaran is a winner of the James D. Watson Investigator Program award, of $200,000, to develop and test novel prosthetic devices which record different neural signals from brain areas to give paralyzed patients more mobility.

Michael Shelley, Professor of Mathematics and Neural Science, was awarded the Julian Cole Lectureship by the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics. The award recognizes outstanding contributions in mathematics that characterize or offer solutions to problems in the biological or physical sciences, or in engineering.

Associate Professor Finbarr Barry Flood, Department of Fine Arts, Faculty of Arts and Science, received fellowships from the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute and the Getty Research Institute to research and write a book on the theory and practice of iconoclasm in the Islamic world and in Euro-American representations of Islamic cultures.

Associate Professor Ingrid Gould Ellen, Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, won the 2006 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Raymond Vernon Memorial Prize for her study, co-authored with Ioan Voicu, comparing the neighborhood spillover effects of city-supported rehabilitation of rental housing undertaken by nonprofit and for-profit developers.

Professor Frances Stage, Department of Administration, Leadership, and Technology, Steinhardt School of Education, received the Association for the Study of Higher Education's Research Achievement Award. The award is presented for outstanding contribution to research for an individual whose published research advances understanding of higher education in a significant way.

Professor Michael Beckerman, Department of Music, Faculty of Arts and Science, won an award from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers for his contributions to The Secrets of Dvorák's Cello Concerto.

A Burroughs Wellcome Grant was awarded earlier this semester to Assistant Professor Edo L. Kussell, Department of Biology, Faculty of Arts and Science, for his work on the evolution of microbial physiologies.

The 2006 Bryce Wood Award was awarded to Associate Professor Sibylle Fischer, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Faculty of Arts and Science, for Modernity Disavowed: Haiti and the Cultures of Slavery in the Age of Revolution.

RECENT GRANTS AND GIFTS

NYU recently received a pledge for $10 million from Trustee Constance Milstein on behalf of the CJM Foundation to create an innovative program that will bring together professors and incoming freshmen in the College of Arts and Science to form mentoring
relationships, creating a “small college” environment for students. The program will begin in fall 2007.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded a grant totaling nearly $5 million for a five-year research initiative in microfinance to be led by Jonathan Morduch, professor of public policy and economics at the Wagner School. The grant will create a research partnership that teams Prof. Morduch with economics professors at Harvard and Yale and with Innovations for Poverty Action, a nonprofit that conducts field studies in developing countries.

NYU’s Graduate School of Arts and Science has received a $1 million gift to establish an endowed fellowship and lectureship program in the natural sciences. Recipients will be international students whose selection will be based on academic merit and who will be known as Benjamin L. Van Duuren Fellows. The gift comes from Mrs. Satlou B. Van Duuren, the widow of Benjamin L. Van Duuren, who was a professor at the NYU Medical Center from 1955 until his retirement in 1991.

Italian journalist Manuela Goren (GAL ’00) and her husband James have established the Manuela and James Goren Family Scholarship Fund to be awarded to Gallatin students based on financial need, with the aim of increasing diversity at the school. Ms. Goren has been a Gallatin Dean’s Council member since 2003.

The NYU College of Nursing has received a grant of $100,000 from HIP Health Plan of New York to continue its Leadership Institute for Black Nurses, now in its second year. The program, conceived by Yvonne Wesley, an alumna and adjunct associate professor nursing, and Dean Terry Fulmer, helps black nurse managers both to envision and achieve career goals in administration, education, and research.
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Subcommittees and Topics

Academic Initiatives
Co-Chairs: Dale Jamieson and Oren Ross
- Environmental Studies Major – Fall 2007
- Identify faculty research and projects across schools
- Plan conferences/exhibitions
- Ways to create greening “forums” of faculty and students

Outreach and Engagement
Co-Chairs: Marc Wais and Bailey Woolfstead
- Ideas to enlist and engage NYU community
- “Marketing” campaign: raise visibility on campus
- Propose and plan campus activities (student residences; student clubs; events and competitions)
- Liaison with NYC initiatives
- Liaison with environmental groups

Green Efforts in Campus Planning
Co-Chairs: Lori Mazor and Angela Hacker
- Green buildings and green roofs
- Use of materials
- Landscaping

Energy Systems
Co-Chairs: John Bradley and Jeremy Friedman
- Cogeneration plant
- Energy savings ideas
- Research into alternative sources

Conservation and Recycling
Co-Chairs: Jennie Tichenor and Adam Brock
- Operation of buildings, transportation systems (NYU buses; bicycles)
- Food and Fair Trade policies

Sustainability Fund
Co-Chairs: Pierre Hohenberg and Suzanne England
- Propose structure and process for grants
- Scope and criteria / Process of awards / Timetable
- Identify “best practices” at other universities
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Presentation to the University Senate

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The Big Picture

- National in scope
  - Joins 1974, 1994

- Turnover of Congress
  - House of Representatives
    - D: 232       R: 201       (Dems gained 29 seats)
  - Senate
    - D +2 Ind.: 51   R: 49       (Dems gained 6 seats)

- Issues and Themes
  - War in Iraq
  - Economic Fears
  - Government Competence
  - College Affordability

- Overall voter turnout: modest increase from 39.7% (2002) to 40.4% (2006)
  [Source: Center for the Study of the American Electorate]

- Youth turnout increased sharply: from 20% (2002) to at least 24% (2006)
  [Source: Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement]
The Next Two Years

- Switch to Democratic control after 4 years in the Senate / 12 years in the House: Cooperation vs. Confrontation
  - Moderate Republicans lost seats
  - Moderate Democrats won seats

- 2008 Presidential election underway

- "Show me the money"
- Campaign promises vs. fiscal reality
New York State of Mind

- Key New Yorkers move to powerful posts
  - In Congressional Leadership
  - On Major Committees
    - Ways & Means
    - Appropriations
    - Rules

- Impacts?
  - Homeland Security Money
  - Transportation Projects
  - Medicare/Medicaid Formulas
Impact on Higher Education

- 109th Congress
  - Lame duck: No action on spending bills

- 110th Congress
  - Democratic Agenda
    - First Hundred Hours: lower interest rates on student loans; stem cell bill
  - Who sits where
    - Shifts in committee leadership
  - Expected Continuities and Changes in Policies
    - Higher Education Act (HEA)?
    - Student Aid
    - R&D
    - Tax Policies
    - Regulatory/Oversight
  - Spellings Report