SUMMARY OF THE FACULTY SENATORS COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2012

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- **Election of Chairperson, 2012-2013**
  - The Nominating Committee finalized the slate of candidates for the Chairperson, 2012-2013:
    - 1) Ted Magder (Steinhardt) and 2) Jim Uleman (FAS).
  - The election will take place at the April meeting and the final slate of candidates for Vice Chair and Secretary will be announced following the Chair election.

- **NYU Traveler**
  - The Executive Committee worked with the administration to ensure the notice to the faculty and the online FAQs make it clear it is voluntary, and not mandatory, unless faculty or other University employees are accompanying undergraduates on NYU-affiliated student trips.

- **Discussion of NYU 2031 Survey**
  - The 2031 and Housing Committees discussed drafting a survey to send to all NYU faculty regarding their opinions of NYU 2031.
  - Senators discussed the importance of allowing faculty the opportunity to freely speak their opinions in an anonymous survey and the value of the FSC gathering information on faculty concerns.
  - Senators agreed that the development of the survey should focus on quality, careful consideration of the questions, and ensuring a maximum rate of participation.
  - It was approved that the FSC create a survey on 2031 and send to all NYU faculty members.
  - The proposed questions about the attitudes and opinions on central administration were discussed.
  - These attitude questions were included because the concerns recently voiced reflect a lack of trust.
  - Senators argued these questions could generate a bias and will not be helpful in discussing the results with the administration.
  - The FSC needs to represent the faculty and effectively communicate with the administration, but these questions do not build communication.
  - The FSC opposed including the questions titled “Attitudes and Opinions about NYU’s Central Administration” in the 2031 survey.
  - A Committee will be formed to create the survey, which will include members of the EC, Housing, and 2031 Committees, Senators who drafted the sample survey, and a few additional volunteers.

- **Confidentiality Policy for Comments Submitted to the FSC’s Website**
  - The following resolution was approved unanimously:
    - WHEREAS: FSC invites members of the University to communicate with the elected representatives of the faculty without concern that their emails will be forwarded outside of FSC,
    - IT IS RESOLVED: That Faculty Senators pledge to keep confidential all communications submitted to the FSC website portal unless express permission is obtained from the author to do otherwise.

- **Presentation by President Sexton**
  - Chairperson Magder asked President Sexton to comment on financial matters, particularly the potential costs of 2031 and the finances related to the project, including borrowing money to build and projected tuition increases.
  - Sexton stated the 2031 project’s projected growth is similar to NYU’s growth over the last ten years, which averages 300,000 square feet per year.
  - The financing of the project will be a combination of fund raising, moving from leased properties to owned buildings, and income from student housing. It is not an increase from NYU’s past development projects and the project is being pursued at a time when borrowing and construction costs are much less expensive than five years ago.
  - In terms of growth, the plan is for only a .5% growth in the student body each year. The growth of the student body cannot be completely restrained because of the addition of new programs, unless other programs are closed.