SUMMARY OF THE FACULTY SENATORS COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2013

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- Executive Committee Meeting with Provost Office on Oct. 7
  - Each School has a Provost Office liaison and at the Dean’s request and invitation, the liaison may attend faculty meetings to address specific issues. The EC requested that Deans clarify at the beginning of the meeting if anyone other than faculty members are present at faculty meetings.
  - The EC asked about the meaning of tenure in the Global Network University (GNU), specifically at Abu Dhabi and Shanghai. They were informed the contracts signed by faculty explicitly address this issue. In the case of school closings, NYU will try and find another position for the faculty member and the contract provides two years compensation.
  - Vice Chair Awam Amkpa will serve as FSC representative on the Academic Priorities Committee

- Faculty Benefits
  - The major change in 2014 is a 5% increase in monthly medical plan contributions.
  - It was suggested that the Committee invite representatives from HR to come to an FSC meeting to give a presentation on their plans for the coming 5 years in light of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and other developments.

- Tisch School of the Arts’ Guidelines for Arts Professors: Appointments, Renewals, Promotions
  - The Personnel Policies & Tenure Modifications Committee reviewed this document and the FSC approved the response. See minutes for full text of resolution

- University Space Priorities Working Group
  - Senator Chan discussed the process involved in developing the interim report and the current recommendations of the Working Group.
  - She stated the Working Group examined the activities with space needs and considered a reduction in the size of the University. The Working Group reached the conclusion that the committee would not make decisions on eliminating programs, but instead focus on how to create space within the financial constraints.
  - The Committee examined current space and the possibility of using space more efficiently. It was determined that 1/3 of the space cannot be used as classroom space. In addition rental options are more expensive and there are limits based on zoning, landmarks, and renovation possibilities.
  - The Working Group concluded there is a real space need and presented the following Interim space recommendations (Exhibit 6 of Document C):
    - Highest priority for the Core: academic space
    - Highest priority for new construction: spaces that are difficult to achieve by renovating existing buildings because of physical or regulatory constraints.
  - She stated the Working Group seeks feedback from faculty on the student dorm and the issue of faculty housing.

- Best Practices for Senate Elections in Schools
  - Governance Chair Uleman asked Senators to read through the best practices and he is seeking comments/discussion on posting best practices, how issues with elections be communicated, and how violations in best practices should be handled. The issue will be reviewed again in December.
  - Senators suggested the best practices be more broad, provide less specific restrictions, and stated some of these best practices are different from schools current election processes.
  - A Senator stated it is important to develop a voting process that encourages participation, is independent of the administration, and does not exclude any faculty member from the possibility of being nominated.