SUMMARY OF THE FACULTY SENATORS COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2013

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- **Clarifications from Provost**
  - Provost clarified that graduate students teaching as adjuncts may vote to be represented by the UAW. Research Assistants would be excluded.
  - Regarding the East China Normal University (ECNU) joint hires, the Provost clarified that some will be joint with NYU Shanghai and NYU Washington Square and a very few will be joint with ECNU.

- **Board of Trustees Joint Committee of NYU Stakeholders**
  - Chairperson Sundaram was asked by Board of Trustees (BOT) Chair Marty Lipton to co-chair the Committee. The Committee met for the first time on November 1.
  - One suggestion proposed was to expand the groups the BOT will be working with, including those that held votes of the no confidence and the Faculty Against the Sexton Plan (FASP).

- **NYU Shanghai: Q & A with Jeffrey Lehman** (see minutes)

- **Meeting with other Councils and Portal Faculty**
  - The EC suggested inviting the Executive Committees of the Student and Dean Councils, one to the February and one to the March FSC meeting and inviting portal faculty from NYU Shanghai and Abu Dhabi as guests to FSC meeting(s).

- **Academic Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment: Change in Policy**
  - Under the former policy, if a faculty member traveled in his/her professional duties, he/she would have to report the money paid to travel. The change in policy exempts faculty members from reporting this travel information.

- **Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee: Online Course Evaluations**
  - Based on the FSC resolution of 5/3/12, all schools are moving towards posting the evaluation results online on a NYU-password protected site. The comments would only be viewed by TAs and the professors, and tenure and promotion committees would have access to the entire file.
  - The format has led to concerns that the mask of social media allows for harsher and defamatory comments. Some schools have oppositions to posting results online. Committee is reviewing.

- **Statement of Policy and Guidelines on Educational and Research Uses of Copyrighted Materials**
  - The FSC Educational Policies Committee and Administration & Technology Committee endorsed its contents and guidelines. Some of the specific legal strictures and categories governing fair use might be unclear and unknown to faculty. To address this possibility, the Committees’ recommendation is that a document be prepared by the Provost's Office with bullet points for faculty to more easily reference the applicable rules governing the use of copyrighted materials.

- **Representation of Full-time Contract Faculty in the Senate**
  - Chairperson Sundaram presented the EC’s recommendation regarding representation of the Full-time Contract Faculty (FTCF). They examined the questions: 1) should the Senate be expanded and, if so, by how much? 2) should total faculty representation be frozen at the current percentage? and 3) what form of representation should the FTCF follow: the AMC, SSC, FSC model?
    - **Model 1 (supported by Governance Committee):** The Full-time Contract Faculty (FTCF) would receive an equal number of Senate seats as the Faculty Senators Council: 36 seats. The number of seats of the other Councils should stay the same. University Senate would increase to 125 seats.
      - 4 Senators voted in favor.
    - **Model 2 (supported by Executive Committee):** The Full-time Contract Faculty (FTCF) would follow the student model of roughly one per school. Other Councils would increase. For example, FTCF: 15, Deans: 16, Students: 30, AMC: 6, Officer of the University: 5=108 seats.
      - 8 Senators voted in favor.
    - **Model 3:** Same as Model 2, except the other Councils would remain the same. The size of the Senate would be increased from 84 voting members to 99 voting members, of which FTCF would receive 15 seats.
      - 13 Senators voted in favor.
  - A final vote was take on Model 3 and approved by vote of 21 senators in favor and 2 senators opposed, with 2 abstentions of the Council.