SUMMARY OF THE FACULTY SENATORS COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 2, 2013

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- **Election by secret ballot of FSC Vice Chairperson and Secretary**
  - Candidate for Vice Chairperson: Awam Amkpa (Tisch) and Jim Uleman (FAS)
  - Candidates for Secretary: Warren Jelinek (School of Medicine) and Charlton McIlwain (Steinhardt School)
  - Results: Awam Amkpa will serve as FSC Vice Chair and Charlton McIlwain will serve as FSC Secretary for academic year 2013-2014.

- **Meeting with Board of Trustees**
  - Chairperson Magder offered a summary of the FSC meeting with the Board of Trustees (BOT).
  - The idea of forming a joint committee of BOT members and FSC members was discussed and received a positive reception.
  - The group discussed the history of presidential searches and the FSC stated that faculty should be involved in the process from the beginning.
  - Alternate Senator Thompson presented ideas from Tisch on shared governance, including the opportunity for faculty to hold faculty meetings in their schools without the presence of Deans or administrators.

- **Summer Committee**
  - Magder announced the formation of a summer committee of FSC members who will assist the Executive Committee with issues that arise over the summer. Those interested and available should contact the Coordinator.

- **Observers at FSC meetings**
  - Former Chairs are welcome at FSC meetings.
  - Alternates are encouraged to attend with their Senators at a suggested once per semester.
  - Retirees, especially those working on committees or who want to attend a meeting where a special issue is on the agenda, may attend.

- **Response on Bylaw revision: Senator Elections, approved by FSC at April Meeting**
  - Bonnie Brier sent a response stating this change will be discussed in the early fall along with the review of all Bylaws by the BOT. The decision on changes to the Bylaws will be made at the December BOT meeting.

- **Proposed Amendment to FSC Rules regarding Officers**
  - The revisions clarify the absentee ballot rule and nominations from floor, procedure on dates, move the Nominating Committee appointment to the end of the fall semester, and add a term limit for chair.
  - The primary amendment making Senators-at-Large eligible to run for Executive Committee positions was approved.
  - The document with the new amendment was approved by vote of the Council.

- **Report on FSC Elections in the Schools and Recommendations and a Resolution on Best Practices for Monitoring Elections in the Schools**
  - Senator Harrington stated the Governance Committee recognized the irregularity in Senator elections between schools and the need to examine how elections take place and monitor elections while respecting individual schools’ culture and practices. The intention is to provide best practices based on transparency and accountability.
  - The motion to postpone the resolution to the fall was approved.

- **University Space Priorities Working Group: FSC Representative Sewin Chan**
  - Chairperson Magder, as Chair of the Working Group, recused himself from these discussions this academic year.
  - It was approved by vote of the Council that Chairperson Magder be present for the discussion.
  - The meeting was past end time end before the discussion could take place.