A stated meeting of the Senate of New York University was held on Thursday, April 28, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 914 of the Kimmel Center for University Life. The meeting was convened with Dr. Sexton in the chair.

**Faculty Senators Council Members Present:** Susan Anton, Sylvain Cappell, Raphael David, Ricki Goldman, Floyd Hammack, Christine Harrington, Mary Ann Jones, Anthony Kovner, Carl Lebowitz, Ted Magder, Marie Monaco, Terence Moran, Molly Nolan, Jason Phillips, Laurin Raiken, Carol Reiss (for Carol Hutchins), Robert Schacht (Chair), Eric Simon, Arthur Tannenbaum, Paul Thompson and Nancy Van Devanter.

**Student Senators Council Members Present:** Mason Braswell, Albert Cotugno, Gregory Dussaq, Miriam Fink, Chirag Hirawat, Mustfa Manzur, Doug Martin, Michael Miller, Malaika Neri, Rebecca Phillips, Diane Rosenthal (for Felipe Cole), Victoria Sung, Kathleen Sylvester (Chair), Apoorva Vadi and Malina Webb.

**Deans Council Members Present:** Jess Benhabib, Charles Bertolami (Chair), Mary Schmidt Campbell, Susan Greenbaum (for Frederick Choi), Peter Blair Henry, Robert Lapiner, Tyra Liebmann (for Ellen Schall), Carol Mandel, Richard Revesz, Matthew Santirocco, Mal Semple, Lynn Videka, Beth Weitzman and Susanne Wofford.

**Administrative Management Council Members Present:** John DeSantis, Anita Dwyer (Chair), Marguerite Sharkey, Anne Stubing (For Katherine Drummond) and Michael Summers.

**University Administration Members Present:** Michael Alfano, Robert Berne, Bonnie Brier, Martin Dorph and David McLaughlin.

**Review and Approval of the Minutes of the March 3, 2011 Meeting**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the March 3, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.
REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Commencement 2011 Update

On behalf of Senior Vice President for University Relations and Public Affairs Lynne Brown, Dr. Sexton related that all preparations for commencement and commencement-related activities are on track.

Dr. Sexton referred to the memorandum that was circulated to each Senator, and is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A, outlining some of the individual and collective achievements at the University since the Senate’s last meeting.

Dr. Sexton also reported on his upcoming trip to Madrid, where he will be discussing a gift from the Spanish government of a 99-year lease of the Queen’s summer palace for one dollar a year. The palace would become the home of the Madrid study-away site.

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Professor Hammack reported on the Committee’s work this year with respect to honorary degrees and the University Calendar. He advised that, based on the decision of the Senate not to begin classes before Labor Day, the Committee proposes a revised Academic Calendar for 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015, a copy of which was provided to each Senator. Dean Lapiner requested an amendment that all major religious holidays be included in the Academic Calendar.

Upon motion duly made, Academic Calendars for 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015, as amended, were approved and are attached to these minutes as Exhibit B.

Professor Hammack related that the Committee also reviewed and recommended the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy, with the additional recommendation that the Office of Enrollment Management assess post-implementation whether there are any unintended consequences for students, departments, schools or the University at-large.

He concluded his report by noting that, in the fall, the Committee will examine the University’s progress in establishing the Global Institute of Public Health.
REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. Dorph reported that it has been a productive and useful year—the Committee discussed the state of the University’s budget recommendations, which then went to the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees. He noted that the Committee will meet after today’s Senate meeting.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNANCE

Ms. Neri reported that the Committee reviewed proposed changes to the University Bylaws and recommends the revisions.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Professor Tannenbaum thanked the Committee for its hard work this year and deferred to Student Senator Mustfa Manzur, who gave the annual report on campus security, which included updates on mental health, public safety, residential life and the Office of Community Standards. A Senator questioned the adequacy of the ten free counseling sessions available to students at the Wellness Center and asked about the possibility of increasing the number of free sessions. Professor Tannenbaum advised he would ask the Wellness Center about the possibility of increasing the number of sessions. Dr. Sexton tasked Linda Mills, Senior Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and University Life, and Marc Wais, Vice President for Student Affairs, with looking into the issue, and expressed his support for enhancing the wellness of students.

Professor Tannenbaum advised that the Committee also received a request from the SSC to look into the matter of banning Chick-fil-A on campus, the only Chick-fil-A in New York City. He reported that the Committee plans to study this issue and solicit opinions from the University community. The Committee requested that the SSC send any supporting material and welcomes comments by students, faculty, or staff.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Administrative Management Council

Ms. Dwyer reported on the success of the March 24 AMC Town Hall at which President Sexton addressed 250 AMC members. She advised that at the April 5 AMC meeting, Lynne Brown, Senior Vice President for University Relations and
Public Affairs, presented on NYU 2031 and NYU in NYC, and Linda Woodruff, Associate Vice President of Global Compensation and Benefits, and Marina Kartanos, Deputy Director of Compensation, spoke about the new Banding Compensation Structure for Code 100 administrators. She noted that the AMC held Officers’ elections for the 2011-2012 year and she was re-elected as AMC Chair, Alison Moppett was elected Vice Chair, and Regina Drew was re-elected as Secretary.

Ms. Dwyer spoke about the AMC’s community service activities this year, which included the Annual Toy Drive, Operation Gratitude, which supports U.S. Troops, and relief efforts after the Earthquake and Tsunami in Japan.

She advised that the AMC Bylaws Committee completed bylaws updates and is working with the Nominations and Elections Committee to give AMC representation to NYU-POLY, the Medical School and NYU-Abu Dhabi.

**Deans Council**

Dean Bertolami yielded to Dean of the Silver School of Social Work and Deans Council Vice Chair Lynn Videka, who reported on the Council’s last meeting, which focused on the proposed changes to the University’s Bylaws. Dr. Videka noted that the Deans’ council generally favored the changes but commented on certain matters, including that the proposed Bylaws do not mention the Global Network University or NYU POLY.

**Faculty Senators Council**

Dr. Schacht noted that the FSC co-sponsored the documentary screening and discussion of *Race to Nowhere: The Dark Side of America’s Achievement Culture* on March 4 at at the Kimmel Center. He reported that on the FSC’s meeting on March 10, 2011, which included the election of Ted Magder of the Steinhardt School as FSC Chair for the 2011-2012 academic year, and a discussion with Shamoon Zamir, from NYU Abu Dhabi, and John Iacono and Avi Ulman, from NYU POLY, on current issues and governance structures at their schools. He related that Senior Vice Provost Paul Horn attended the FSC’s April 14, 2011 meeting and Dr. Sexton is scheduled to attend the May 5 FSC meeting.

Dr. Schacht spoke to the anticipated items of business for the 2011-2012 academic year, including: the Communications Committee, as part of NYU’s website redesign, continuing to transition the FSC website into the new Content Management System;
the FSC Governance Committee and the Senate Committee on Organization and Governance considering representation of NYU Abu Dhabi, NYU Shanghai and NYU POLY faculty in the University Senate; and the FSC Personnel and Affirmative Action Committee continuing its discussions regarding representation of non-tenure track faculty.

**Student Senators Council**

Ms. Sylvester reported that the SSC oversaw the first-ever coordinated school elections in April and there were increases in voter turnout in all schools. She advised that the SSC held its annual elections of officers and she reported that Albert Cotungo will chair the SSC and UCSL next year, and that Malina Webb will serve as SSC vice-chair and Malika Neri will serve as UCSL vice-chair.

Ms. Sylvester advised that, since the March Senate meeting, the 1831 Fund has raised approximately $7,000, and President Sexton and Trustee Dale Hemmerdinger each generously agreed to match the funds raised up to $25,000 each. She reported that Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development Dean Mary Brabeck also agreed to match all funds raised by students within that school. Fundraising will continue through August 31, 2011.

Ms. Sylvester related that the SSC executive board was invited to present to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, and they described student life at NYU, its strengths and how it can be improved.

She noted that the SSC requests that next year the University Senate continue (a) the investigation into Chick-Fil-A and (b) issues relating to the integration of NYU as a Global Network University.

**PRESIDENT'S QUESTION TIME**

In response to a question submitted by the AMC about negotiations with the clerical union, Dr. Sexton explained that Code 106 and 104 employees operate under a union contract, which expires in October that sets forth annual salary increases. He noted that the University has a good relationship with the union and expressed his hope that the union will take into consideration the current financial climate, including the salary freeze at the University last year.

In response to a question submitted by the FSC about State and Federal budget support of higher education, Dr. Sexton related that it is too soon to gauge Governor
Andrew Cuomo's attitude toward higher education. He noted that the State budget last year did not target cuts in higher education and President Obama appears committed to funding higher education.

The FSC also asked President Sexton to clarify the University's position on public statements by faculty, administrators and students with respect to the actions of foreign governments, particular including the UAE. They specifically referenced the recent arrest and detention of Emirati professors for unknown charges possibly relating to sedition. Dr. Sexton emphasized that there are different standards with respect to freedom of expression around the world, and that while we will not compromise academic freedom in the classroom, we must be culturally sensitive when we enter a foreign country. He noted that even in the U.S., there is no absolute right to free speech and we must understand that individuals do not have the same rights of political expression when we leave this country. Dr. Sexton noted that the University avoids taking political positions, recognizing the diversity of our community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Brier
Secretary
As we conclude the spring semester, we are proud to share a wealth of information about University news and the accolades earned by our faculty, students, alumni, and staff.

COMMENCEMENT UPDATE

This year, the University will confer degrees upon the Class of 2011 at our 179th Commencement Exercises on Wednesday, May 18 in Yankee Stadium. Over 6,000 students are expected to attend along with 20,000 guests.

At the ceremony, we will also present a distinguished group of honorary degree recipients:

- President Bill Clinton, founder of the William J. Clinton Foundation and 42nd President of the United States
- Clive Jay Davis (ARTS ’53), legendary record producer
- Claire Mintzer Fagin (Steinhardt ’54), nursing education leader
- Ada Yonath, winner of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry

The University will also recognize two special medalists at a pre-commencement event:

- Rudin Medal, in honor of exemplary service to New York City: Danny Meyer, acclaimed restaurateur
- Albert Gallatin Medal, given to a member of the University family for their outstanding contributions to society: Kenneth Feinberg (LAW ’70), lawyer, mediator, administrator of the 9-11 and BP funds

We are delighted to announce that Michelle Pomeroy, who will receive her Bachelor’s Degree from the College of Arts and Science, has been selected as this year’s student speaker.

Congratulations to all our graduates!

NEWS

NYU officially announced on March 27 the agreement with our partners in China — the Shanghai Municipal Education Commission, Pudong Special District, and East China Normal University — to create NYU Shanghai, which will become the third degree-granting portal campus within NYU’s global network. NYU Shanghai’s first class of undergraduate students will enter in September 2013, and at maturity, it could be home to as many as 3,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. The creation of NYU Shanghai is another major step in shaping NYU as a global network university that permits students and faculty to circulate smoothly in pursuit of their scholarship.

NYU has recently received two accolades for our innovative global programs. NAFSA: Association of International Educators named NYU a 2011 recipient of the Senator Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization, citing the University for “creating a global network by expanding its campus beyond U.S. borders, establishing NYU campuses around the globe, and promoting a new kind of
mobility for students and faculty.” In addition, Fast Company magazine named NYU #1 on its list of education innovators, citing the opening of NYU Abu Dhabi.

Following a hearing on April 5, the Landmarks Preservation Commission unanimously approved NYU’s plan to improve open space within the landmarked University Towers site, which proposes new landscaping, restoration of lighting fixtures, a new dog run, and an improved toddler playground. The approval is an initial step towards NYU’s overall proposed plans for the superblocks, which make up a key part of the NYU 2031: NYU in NYC strategic framework for growth. Updated plans and the latest news are posted online at http://www.nyu.edu/nyu2031/nyuinny.

Former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown recently took part in several events as part of his role as NYU’s inaugural Distinguished Global Leader in Residence. On campus on April 8 and from April 11-13, he participated in a discussion at the Wagner School with professor Mitchell Moss on the role of cities in the wake of the financial crisis, spoke along with Amartya Sen at the launch of the “Dialogues on the Global Civil Society” lecture series, and met with students and faculty from Wagner, CAS, and Stern. He also travelled to NYU Abu Dhabi in February as a guest at one of the Candidate Weekends for potential members of the Class of 2015, where he had the opportunity to meet with current students and faculty as well. Mr. Brown will be making several more visits to Washington Square and selected global sites over the next academic year.

FACULTY HONORS

Congratulations to the winners of the University’s 2010-2011 Distinguished Teaching Awards, established to recognize faculty who have contributed significantly to the intellectual life of the university through their teaching. This year’s awardees

- Karen Adolph, Professor of Psychology and Neural Science, Faculty of Arts and Science
- Jeane Anastos, Professor of Social Work, Silver School of Social Work
- Judith Haber, The Ursula Springer Leadership Professor in Nursing and Associate Dean for Graduate Programs, College of Nursing
- Jim Hinojosa, Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development
- Katherine O’Regan, Associate Professor of Public Policy, Wagner School of Public Service
- Joseph Zuckerman, Chairman, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases, School of Medicine
- The work of William Reilly, Associate Professor, Tisch School of the Arts, will be honored with a special posthumous award.

Eight faculty members have been awarded 2011 Guggenheim Fellowships, awarded for demonstrated exceptional capacity for productive scholarship or exceptional creative ability in the arts:

- Dalton Conley, University Professor and Dean for the Social Sciences, FAS
- Louis Karchin, professor in the Department of Music, FAS
- Peter Lucas, adjunct professor in the Department of Photography & Imaging, TSOA
- Kevin McCoy, associate professor in the Department of Art and Art Professions, Steinhardt
- Mark Crispin Miller, professor in the Department of Media, Culture, and Communication, Steinhardt
- Catherine Sharkey, professor in the School of Law
- Lara Vapnyar, adjunct professor, Gallatin School of Individualized Study
- Marina Zurkow, associate teacher in the Interactive Telecommunications Program, TSOA
The American Academy of Arts and Sciences has elected six NYU faculty as fellows this year. The six are among the 212 elected in their class, intended to represent the finest minds and most influential leaders from each generation. This year’s NYU fellows are:

- **Marsha Berger**, Silver Professor of Computer Science and Mathematics, Courant Institute
- **Marcel Kahan**, George T. Lowy Professor of Law, School of Law
- **Beatrice Longuenesse**, Professor of Philosophy, FAS
- **Geoffrey Miller**, Stuyvesant P. Comfort Professor of Law, School of Law
- **David Pearce**, Professor of Economics, FAS
- **Barbara Weinstein**, Professor of History, FAS

Richard Sennett, University Professor in the Department of Sociology, has won the 2011 Jeanette Schocken Prize for Literature. Awarded biannually after selection by a jury of journalists and scholars, the Prize is administered and funded by individual contributions from citizens of Bremerhaven, Germany, in honor of Jeanette Schocken, a Jewish citizen killed during the World War II. Professor Sennett, a renowned social critic, is the author of numerous books.

College of Nursing faculty members Joyce Anastasi and Katherine Hutchinson were honored at the 23rd Annual Scientific Sessions of the Eastern Nursing Research Society in March. Professor Anastasi, Independence Foundation Endowed Professor, received the ENRS 2011 Distinguished Contributions to Nursing Research Award, and Professor Hutchinson, associate professor, received the 2011 Suzanne Feetham Nurse Scientist Family Research Award.

Tara Cortes, Executive Director of the Hartford Institute of Geriatric Nursing at the College of Nursing, has been awarded the Villanova University College of Nursing Medallion for Distinguished Contributions to the Profession. The Medallion honors an alumnus who demonstrates outstanding contributions to and expertise in the field. Professor Cortes is a leader in developing, evaluating, and implementing advanced nursing practice and collaborative practice as well as a globally recognized advocate for the treatment of eye disease.

Richard Epstein, the Laurence A. Tisch Professor of Law at the School of Law, is one of four winners of the 2011 Bradley Prize, given to innovative thinkers and practitioners whose achievements strengthen American democratic capitalism. Professor Epstein, an influential expert in constitutional law, health law and policy, property rights, and torts, will accept the prize, which carries a $250,000 cash award, at a ceremony at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in May.

Darin Strauss, faculty member in the FAS’s Creative Writing Program, has won the National Book Critics Circle Award for autobiography for his critically acclaimed *Half a Life*. Chosen by members of the Critics Circle, comprised of professional book review editors and book reviewers, the annual awards honor the best literature published in English in six categories.

Carol Bove and Trisha Donnelly, both clinical associate professors of studio art at the Steinhardt School, are among the 82 artists from around the world to be featured in the 2011 Venice Biennale, the oldest and most prestigious of the world’s art biennials. The title of the 54th International Art Exhibition, ILLUMInations, draws attention to the importance of disseminating and highlighting current artistic developments in a globalized world.

Marion Nestle, the Paulette Goddard Professor in the Department of Nutrition, Food Studies, and Public Health at the Steinhardt School, has been named a “Public Health Hero” for her national leadership in nutrition policy and her work to stem nutritionally based diseases, such as obesity, by the University of California, Berkeley’s School of Public Health. Professor Nestle also garnered recent
recognition for her Twitter feed: it was named one of the 140 Twitter feeds “that are shaping the conversation” by Time magazine.

ADMINISTRATOR HONORS

Congratulations to the winners of the University’s 2010-2011 Distinguished Administrator Awards, who were recognized for their exceptional service, impact, leadership, communication, and innovation:

- Amala Ankolekar-Hinge, Director of Administration, Neural Science, FAS
- Patricia DeLorenzo, Senior Director, Health Services, Student Affairs & Services
- Kenneth M. Fauerbach, CIO & Senior Director of Technology and Information Services, David B. Kriser Dental Center
- Paul Horan, Student Advisor, Steinhardt
- Kathleen Murray, Senior Director, Human Resources, School of Continuing and Professional Studies

The College of Dentistry’s Constance Robinson-Turner was presented an “Unsung Heroine” award by City Councilman Leory Comrie in celebration of Women’s History Month. Earlier in March, she also received a City Council Proclamation by Majority Leader Joel Rivera, citing her “commitment and dedication to public service.” Ms. Robinson-Turner is the administrator of the “Smiling Faces, Going Places” Mobile Dental Care Program, which provides a fully equipped dental office to financially and medically distressed communities across the city.

Diane Yu, Chief of Staff and Deputy to the President, has received the Women’s Leadership Award from the Asian American Bar Association of New York for her leadership contributions to advance women in the legal profession.

ALUMNI HONORS

SCPS alumnus Michael Hastings ('02) won the 2010 George Polk Award for Magazine Reporting for “The Runaway General,” his history-making article in Rolling Stone magazine that prompted President Obama’s dismissal of U.S. Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal as commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan. Ranked among America's most coveted journalism honors, the George Polk Awards, administered by Long Island University, have been awarded annually since 1949.

STUDENT HONORS

This is the time of year when a host of student honors and awards are granted, and we at NYU should be proud of the strong showing of our students.

The following students have been named winners of Fulbright Grants, which are funded by the U.S. Department of State and provide full funding for an academic year abroad to students pursuing independent research or teaching English: David J. Lee (CAS '11) will study public health delivery mechanisms in Honduras; Amanda Rysling (CAS '11) will conduct research in linguistics in Poland; and Fred Guerrier, MFA candidate at TSOA, will go to Bulgaria to complete a filmmaking project. Three NYU applicants have been named Fulbright Alternates: Ryan Rockmore (Steinhardt ’11) plans to study flamenco dance in Spain; Aurelia Shrenker (Gallatin ’10) intends to study traditional folk music in Georgia; and Maryl Gensheimer, PhD candidate in GSAS, intends to study art and archaeology in Italy.
Thirteen NYU undergraduate alumni and current seniors have won the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, which provides three years of graduate school funding. The recipients are: Isabella Helena Alexander (Gallatin ’07), Bernard Beckerman (CAS ’10), Anita Burgos (CAS ’11), Katherine E. Carter (CAS ’10), Juliet Y. Davidow (CAS ’05), Aukosh Jagannath (CAS ’11), Arielle Johnson (CAS ’09), Matthew H. Kim (CAS ’08), Jacob Lynn (CAS ’09), Kathleen Siobhan Paul (CAS ’09), Jillian A. Swift (CAS ’08), Annie Weathers (CAS ’10), and Erin Ann Wirth (CAS ’09).

Ellery Russell (Steinhardt ’11), a double major in Music Performance and Physics, received an Honorable Mention from the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Program for his research in physics.

NYU undergraduates received 12 Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarships for Spring 2011. The recipients are: Bana Abera (CAS ’13), Ayeska Baez (CAS ’12), Luis A. De Los Santos (TSOA ’12), Matthew Firpo (TSOA ’12), Ryan Gander (CAS ’12), Brittany Hutzel (CAS ’13), Ricky Kassin (Stern ’13), Mitchell Moore (Gallatin ’12), Kelsie Price (Stern ’13), Barbra M. Rudolph (Steinhardt ’13), Nicholas Sirlin (CAS ’12), and Keith L. Smith (TSOA ’12). Funded by the U.S. State Department, this award provides scholarships for undergraduate study abroad.

Steven Rasovsky (CAS ’12) and Michael Sandmel (Gallatin ’12) have received Udall Scholarships, which provide up to $5,000 towards tuition and other college expenses for students who have demonstrated commitment to the environment and plan to pursue careers in that area. In addition, Zachary Davidson (CAS ’12) received an Honorable Mention from the Udall Foundation.

GSAS doctoral candidate Lina Britto has been awarded a Newcombe Fellowship by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. A student in the History Department, she will receive $25,000 for the one-year fellowship, which is given to doctoral candidates writing dissertations on topics involving religion and ethical values; her dissertation addresses the first narcotics boom in Colombia in the 1970s.

Alysha Casnellie (Gallatin ’11) has been named a CBYX Fellow. Through this program, she receives a full-year work-study scholarship to Germany, through the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) for Young Professionals.

Melvin Hampton, doctoral student in Steinhardt’s Counseling Psychology Program, received a three-year diversity fellowship, totaling $126,000, from the National Institute of Drug Abuse, and was awarded over $76,000 over two years from the National Institutes of Health. The NIH award will provide funding for work on a parent grant, Syndemic Production Among Emerging Adult Men, within Steinhardt’s Center for Health, Identity, Behavior and Prevention Studies (CHIBPS). Melvin will continue his work at CHIBPS as a Research Associate in the areas of drug abuse and HIV behavioral research.

Dana Charles, doctoral student in Steinhardt’s Department of Applied Psychology, received $80,000 through the National Institutes of Health’s Ruth Kirschstein National Research Service Award in support of her project, “Social Risk Factors for Cognitive and Behavioral Dysregulation in Children.”

Dixie Ching, doctoral student in the Educational Communication and Technology program at Steinhardt, was part of a team that won both the Collegiate and Impact prizes in the National STEM Video Game Challenge. The entry, NumberPower: Numbaland!, is a collection of games that help children in kindergarten through fourth grade develop their sense of number concepts. The $25,000 Collegiate Prize was awarded to best undergraduate or graduate submission, while the $25,000 Impact
Prize was awarded to the submission that has the greatest potential to reach underserved populations. The competition was launched to support President Obama’s “Educate to Innovate” campaign.

James DiLapo, senior in the Department of Dramatic Writing at TSOA, has won the Writers Guild of America, East Foundation’s Michael Collyer Memorial Fellowship in Screenwriting. The fellowship, funded by the Charles and Lucille King Family Foundation, provides $10,000 for the recipient to write an original screenplay under the mentorship of a prominent screenwriter.

Jonno Rattman, sophomore in the Department of Photography and Imaging at TSOA, has been named a finalist in the 2011 Sony World Photography Awards Student Focus competition. Representing North America, Jonno will compete in London with nine other students from around the world in the final competition, with the winner announced in late April. Considered the world’s most high-profile student photography award, the 2011 competition attracted entries from over 200 institutions across six continents.

Olivia Morris, freshman at TSOA, was chosen as one of five student finalists in NY Times columnist Nicholas Kristof’s “Win-a-Trip” contest. The winner will accompany Mr. Kristof on a reporting trip to the developing world. In her submission, consisting of an essay and a video, Olivia proposed a trip to Africa to investigate the use of forced child labor in the chocolate industry.

Stern seniors Paul Katsnelson, Justin Song, and Helen Zuo, Stern freshman Dennis Katsnelson, and CAS senior Carlos Fragoso made up the winning team at the national finals of the Trust by Danone Student Business Challenge in March. Participants were tasked with creating a strategy to increase U.S. yogurt consumption and then presented their findings to Danone executives. In April, the NYU team travelled to Paris, where they represented the United States in Danone’s international competition.

Steinhardt doctoral student Esa Syeed has been selected for a Dalai Lama Fellowship, from a pool of nearly 50 NYU applicants, in the program’s inaugural year. NYU is one of only nine institutions designated by the Dalai Lama Center to offer the fellowship, a new global program which aspires to engage university students in improving the well-being of the human community. Esa plans to put the $10,000 award toward the work of his KashmirCorps, a nonprofit group he helped found in 2006 to improve the welfare of Kashmiri society by promoting service and research.

And, finally, on the athletics front, the men’s volleyball team has received recognition for its strong season this semester, consistently ranking in the top 5 teams in the nation according to the American Volleyball Coaches Association Division III Top 15 Poll. In late March, the Violets earned a #1 ranking in Division III for the first time in a decade, and ultimately made it to the quarterfinals of the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association Tournament.

GRANTS

The National Institutes of Health has awarded a $1.3 million grant to support study by a team of NYU researchers on how school food policy shapes health, fitness, and academic outcomes among school children. The project’s principal investigator is Amy Ellen Schwartz, professor of public policy at Wagner and Steinhardt. The six other investigators include faculty members Brian Elbel (Medical Center), Meryle Weinstein (Steinhardt), Sean Corcoran (Steinhardt), Beth Dixon (Steinhardt), Leanna Stiefel (Wagner), and Rogan Kersh (Wagner).

Hila Richardson, Clinical Professor and Associate Dean for the Undergraduate Program at the College of Nursing, has been awarded a grant from Evaluating Innovations in Nursing Education (EIN), an initiative of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that aims to evaluate strategies that
The nation’s nurse faculty shortage. The two-year grant, one of seven awarded so far from EIN of up to $300,000 each, will fund examination of the effectiveness of the College’s innovative clinical teaching model used in the undergraduate nursing program. The model uses clinical simulation experiences to substitute for up to half of the clinical days traditionally spent in the hospital for nursing students in medical-surgical courses.

Edo Kussell, assistant professor of biology and physics, has been awarded a Young Investigator Grant from the Human Frontier Science Program. Young Investigator Grants fund novel collaborations among teams of early career scientists working in different countries. Professor Kussell shares the three-year, $350,000 grant with two other researchers from Austria and Japan, respectively.

J. Lawrence Aber, Distinguished Professor of Applied Psychology at Steinhardt, was selected by the International Rescue Committee to design and oversee an evaluation of social and emotional learning intervention in schools in the conflict-affected Democratic Republic of Congo, with $209,000 in funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). This is part of a larger project funded by USAID to improve equitable access to quality basic education in three provinces for more than 499,000 adolescents.

GIFTS

The Taub Center for Israel Studies has received a $2.5 million gift from an anonymous donor. This endowment will fund faculty support, in the form of a Visiting Professor of Israel Studies; PhD and post-doctoral support; and programmatic funding to enhance and strengthen related activities in Israel Studies within the Taub Center.

Fales Library recently announced the gift of the Georg and Jenifer Lang cookbook collection, making Fales the largest library of food materials in the U.S. The collection comprises 21,000 books, covering food from the 16th century to the present along with European and American food materials, and is valued at more than $800,000.

The Tisch School of the Arts has received a gift of $100,000 from television film producer, alumnus, and TSOA Dean’s Council member Alan Landsburg (’53) to establish the first documentary production fund at TSOA. The fund will support students in the graduate and undergraduate programs in the Kanbar Institute of Film & Television who are committed to making documentary films that give voice to extraordinary people and socially relevant issues that would otherwise not be heard.
Date: April 25, 2011

To: Members of the University Senate

From: Floyd Hammack  
Chair, Senate Academic Affairs Committee

The Senate Academic Affairs Committee submits to the Senate for a vote the following proposed academic calendars for the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and 2014-2015 academic years.

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Fall Semester Calendar Characteristics

- Classes start on the Tuesday after Labor Day
- There are always 70 class days (needed to comply with State regulations.)
- There are always 14 class days for each day of the week
- There is a two-day fall break.
- The Thanksgiving Break starts on Thursday
- Legislative days are used to make up for the loss of Labor Day.
- The weekend before finals is used as a reading period.
There are always examination days

**Winter Session**

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**Spring Semester**

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**Spring Semester Calendar Characteristics**

- Classes usually begin on Monday.
- President's Day is a holiday and no classes are held.
- There is a week-long spring recess in the middle of the semester.
- Classes end on a Monday to make up for the loss of the Monday of President's Day.
- There is one reading day.
- There are five exam days.
- Commencement is listed as being held on a Thursday although that day may change depending on the availability of a suitable site.
- *Union contract might have the Monday after New Year's as a holiday. Given the lead time, perhaps this can be negotiated differently than at present.*

**RESOLUTION**

Upon recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee, the University academic calendar for 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and 2014-2015 is hereby approved as set forth above.