SUMMARY OF THE FACULTY SENATORS COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2011

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- Senator-at-Large and Observer status at FSC meeting
  - The EC is still in the process of appointing a Senator-at-Large and Alternate Senator-at-Large, term ending 2014.
  - The FSC passed a resolution to invite faculty of NYU AD to identify a faculty member to be an observer at FSC meetings for this academic year.

- Executive Committee’s meeting with President John Sexton on Tuesday, Oct. 11
  - The President expressed concern over the large per-capita endowment universities’ influence on congressional thinking, and argued the difference between these institutions and tuition-driven and lower per-capita endowment universities such as NYU.
  - He stated an attempt to place a ceiling on tuition would be detrimental because the tuition costs include subsidies for those students unable to pay the full tuition rate. There is also the effect on quality if tuition rates are lowered.
  - In regards to priorities for the BOT, Sexton stated financial matters are a top priority. He also stated that the Trustees understand the faculty-centric nature of NYU's brand.
  - Sexton updated the EC on the Shanghai campus and reported the Chinese government will provide large subsidies to both Chinese and foreign students.
  - In regards to the Center for Urban Science and Progress (CUSP), NYU plans to pursue this partnership with University of Toronto, Carnegie Mellon, Warwick, and Indian Institute of Technology. The research focus will be on urban living and sustainable cities and urban engineering, bio engineering, and electric engineering will be the core areas of interest.

- Incorporating shared governance resolution into the FSC’s rules and procedures
  - The FSC’s basic principles of shared governance resolution passed on May 5, 2011 will be incorporated into to FSC’s Rules.

- Non-tenure track faculty (NTTF) representation
  - The Personnel and Affirmative Action Committee (PAAC) examined figures received from the administration on the numbers of non-tenure track faculty (NTTF) and tenure/tenure track faculty (TTF) by school by year since 2000-2001 and addressed three questions:
    1. Should they have representation?
    2. Should they be represented as part of the FSC or in a separate a council?
    3. How would you structure elections to the FSC or a separate Council?
  - The Committee’s discussed reasons to become part of the FSC:
    1. In terms of teaching they do much of the same work of TTF and in some schools they administer programs and run departments
    2. Their interests are similar
    3. Arguments of fairness
    4. If NTTF numbers continue to grow, without NTTF FSC members, the FSC would have less power.
  - Reasons for a separate NTTF Council:
    1. If NTTF were part of the FSC they would have merely token representation, having only 3-4 senators in the models discussed
    2. As members of the FSC they would be excluded from some discussions relating to tenure and could not serve on certain committees
    3. NTTF have separate interests which would be a better advocated if they organize on a university wide basis
    4. Given the differences between NTTF issues and concerns at each school, a separate Council would allow each school to have at least one representative.
  - Senators expressed their differing opinions on the issue:
    - NTTF are a growing portion of the faculty, by working together and incorporating NTTF into the Council the FSC’s voice would be stronger.
    - NTTF have different concerns from tenured and tenure track faculty and different concerns between school, and therefore every school should be represented in a Council.
    - NTTF should pursue representation, as the AMC did in the past, and form a self-organized and self-determined separate body for greater visibility and voice.

- FSC to host Spring Town Halls on 2031
  - Dates: Friday, March 9 from 10 am-12 pm and Friday, April 20 from 2-4 pm.
  - Updates are also on the 2031 website: http://www.nyu.edu/nyu2031/nyuinnyc/

- Administrative Issues Committee Agenda
  - Senator Goldman, chair of the Administrative Issues Committee, stated the committee members will meet with John Beckman (Vice President for Public Affairs), James Robertson (the University's Director of Web Services), and Eric Bross (the head of the Office of Web Communications) concerning the NYU website’s search engine/directory.