New Faculty Events
- The FSC sponsored a New Faculty Welcome Reception on Tuesday, September 28 at the Kimmel Center. 95 new faculty members, 17 FSC members, and 4 members of the University Administration attended.
- The FSC also co-sponsored the New Faculty Lunch with the Office of Faculty Resources on Thursday, October 7.

Academic freedom at NYU Abu Dhabi
- Chairperson Schacht reported on the Provost’s follow-up to the Executive Committee’s question regarding academic freedom at Abu Dhabi. He shared the message sent by Ron Robin, Senior Vice Provost for NYU Abu Dhabi and Special Advisor to the Vice Chancellor, to the Interim Dean of FAS, Jess Benhabib:
  - “As at NYU New York, NYU Abu Dhabi operates consistently with the 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure of the American Association of University Professors and the Association of American Colleges and Universities. This is a core tenet of our agreement with our Abu Dhabi partners.
  - As you may recall, in advance of the campus opening, there had been discussion of a “cultural zone” where our academic freedom guarantees would be applied. However, among the concerns was that this approach seemed too limiting due to its geographical confinement. Consequently, it was agreed that NYUAD should operate with academic freedom, without limiting it to the physical boundaries of the campus. This is a positive development.
  - On non-academic matters, if members of the NYUAD community are respectful of local cultures and customs when they are in public, we are confident that private behaviors will remain private matters. We were clear about these issues with faculty, students, and staff prior to their arrival in Abu Dhabi.” (sent 9/30/10)

FSC Faculty Survey
- Senator Hutchins reported the Communication Committee is ready to send out the final faculty survey report following the guidelines developed for distribution. A cover page about the methodology will be added to introduce the survey.

FSC Website
- Hutchins also stated the Communications Committee is moving forward on the FSC website’s transition to the new NYU website’s content management system. The committee is in touch with website communications and has been informed that the FSC is in the queue and expects by the spring of 2011 to be moved into the new user interface.

Resolution regarding Age Limit on Tuition Remission for Dependent Children
- Senator Jones reported the Benefits Committee met with Katie Casey, Vice President of Human Resources and Linda Woodruff, Associate Vice President & Deputy of HR. At the meeting it was mentioned the money saved from the tuition remission cuts would not be rolled into portable tuition, as some had speculated previously.
- In regards to the age limit change to tuition remission benefits, it was stated that 14 students in NYU undergraduate degree granting programs were no longer able to receive tuition remission benefits this fall because they met the age limit. It was reported that if these 14 students were grandfathered in, as the FSC 9/23/10 resolution requested, and were allowed to receive tuition remission until the end of their degree program, it would cost $550,000.
- Jones asked for information on the number of students already enrolled at NYU who will hit the age limit before completing their undergraduate program, which is the additional cohort included in the FSC resolution. Casey and Woodruff stated the registrar’s office will be contacted for this information.
- Jones reported the committee questioned how the administration plans to make tuition less burdensome for faculty and other employees who have dependents reaching the age limit. The suggested solutions included asking one’s school dean for financial assistance or encouraging the student to pursue a full-time job at NYU to receive tuition benefits.
- Jones noted the first solution disadvantages smaller schools with fewer funds and is dependent on one’s relationship with the Dean. As for the second solution, Jones noted that those working at NYU can not pursue a full-time degree because of the limits on the number of course covered by tuition remission.
- Alternate Senator Tannenbaum stressed the immediate need of the 14 students affected by the age limit this year. The Executive Committee will again bring up this issue during their meetings with members of the administration.