Executive Committee (EC) Meeting with Provost: September 28

- The EC discussed the Global Network University (GNU) and the re-organization of senior leadership, specifically the new roles of Linda Mills and Matthew Santirocco. Mills will focus on managing study abroad sites and Santirocco on curriculum issues.
- The Provost clarified that tenured faculty in Abu Dhabi will hold tenure with NYU Abu Dhabi.
- They discussed the "Annual Letter to NYU Faculty," and Online Education and Technology in Instruction, which the Provost's office sees as an enhancement to the classroom experience and not as a way of monetizing instruction. They also discussed the creation of a Faculty Subcommittee of the Teaching Technology Committee, which the FSC will be given representation.

Poly: School Status

- NYU Poly is now on track to become a school and, in the future, the FSC should expect having representation from Poly on the FSC.

Intellectual Property Policy: Update

- The Provost Office is establishing an Intellectual Property advisory committee, which the FSC can expect representation.

SCPS Senator Update

- The Executive Committee meets with members of the administration on November 14 regarding the September resolution to appoint a retired SCPS faculty member as a FSC Senator. The administration expressed concerns about the appointment versus election of a Senator.

Weapons Policy

- Alison Leary sent the new Policy on Weapons, Simulated Weapons and Theatrical Use of Weapons for FSC review. The new policy does not allow for any requests for permission to carry a weapon. Magder asked the Council to review and communicate any questions or concerns.

Policies and Procedures for Appointment, Promotion and Tenure at the School of Medicine

- The Tenure Modifications Committee and Personnel and Affirmative Action Committee reviewed this policy, which incorporates the establishment of a full-time non-tenure track for librarians. The Committee's recommendations were approved by the Council and will be sent to the members of the administration.

Draft Memo regarding Shared Governance

- The document provides an explanation of what shared governance means as a concept in higher education and the ways in which it is not working at NYU. It also provides a response to the Administration's June 29, 2012 memo and addresses eight fundamental misconceptions about shared governance.
- Senators discussed concerns with the first five pages of the document. Some stated they feel these pages are confrontational, may be seen as a threat, and may be counterproductive.
- Others argued these pages are important because they state the problem and address the evidence that faculty are dissatisfied with governance at the University level. They layout the specific history at NYU that has led the FSC to be concerned about violations of shared governance and also highlight the definition of shared governance used by other universities and other bodies.
- The memo was approved in full, with friendly amendments, by 14 in favor, 11 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

Faculty Handbook Amendments

- The Committee presented a proposed resolution in response to the July 12, 2012 memo from the administration. This addresses the FSC’s role in amending the handbook, its history of revisions, and examples when the FSC has not been involved in amendments.
- This proposed resolution will be discussed again at the November meeting.