SUMMARY OF THE FACULTY SENATORS COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2012

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- **Update on University Committee FSC Representation**
  - FSC members to serve on the Online Teaching Technology Committee: Nancy Van Devanter, Mark Alter, and Carol Hutchins.
  - Ted Magder and Molly Nolan will serve on the Committee on Non Tenure-Track Faculty (NTTF) Guidelines. As of now, this committee will not include NTTF from the School of Medicine.

- **Tenure / Tenure-Track Faculty Contracts at AD & Shanghai**
  - Magder reported the Provost added further clarification to the contracts at Abu Dhabi and Shanghai. Faculty are tenured at those portal sites, but in the event locations close, the University would make every effort to relocate those tenured faculty at the Square.

- **Approved Resolution of Agreement with University Administration Designees on Joint Shared Governance**
  - The Faculty Senators Council and designees of the New York University Administration reached mutual agreement on the language of the five principles on shared governance.

- **Faculty Handbook Amendments**
  - The memo created by the Governance Committee in response to the administration’s memo on amending the faculty handbook, sent July 12, was approved by the Council.
  - The Resolution regarding the Procedure for Amending the Faculty Handbook was approved by the Council.

- **Presentations by Executive Vice President Berne: Superstorm Sandy**
  - Executive Vice President Bob Berne discussed the damage to the Medical Center.
  - In terms of recovery, all classroom education was back within 1-2 weeks. 85% of ambulatory clinical care is back and in-patient facilities will open in phases starting between Thanksgiving and Christmas.
  - In terms of the financial implications, funding will come from FEMA, NIH, insurance, and the gap will be covered by the Medical Center’s resources. The President stated there will not be a diversion of resources from the Square to the Medical Center.
  - A Senator inquired about alterations to the current plans based on these financial issues. The plans for the co-generation plant and the renovations to Tisch Hospital are moving forward. The timing of the two new projects of the clinical pavilion and science building might be affected.
  - A Senator from the School of Medicine stated the faculty feel the issues from Sandy are being effectively addressed. This was expressed in a letter of support to the Dean. Evacuations efforts were also praised.

- **Presentation by President Sexton: Tisch Asia**
  - President Sexton stated Tisch Asia has been an artistic and academic success, but there have been financial challenges. Thus, about two years ago the program asked for assistance by the University. One issue was Tisch Asia was not exempt from the 7% sales tax, as the NYU Law School program there is; the Law School gains this exemption because of its connection with the National University of Singapore. The Tisch Program has no such affiliation. As this issue was investigated, irregularities in the Tisch budget were discovered. There is currently a personnel issue in litigation.
  - The administration tried for most of last year to work a pathway to give Tisch Asia a chance to continue. In the end it required a significant subsidy from the government of Singapore, which was not offered. The decision was made to honor all contracts and see students through to end of their degrees and close the campus over next couple of years, but no earlier than summer 2014.
  - A Senator from Tisch stated that Tisch faculty did have concerns about Tisch Asia and this incident demonstrates the need for University involvement and shared governance.