Call for nominations: Candidates for FSC Chairperson 2013-14
  o The Nominating Committee (Rebecca Karl, Wen Ling, Nancy Van Devanter, and Ted Magder) meets in January to determine the slate of candidates for the position of FSC chairperson.

Intellectual Property Policy Committee
  o The Executive Committee appointed the following faculty members to this Committee: Ken Perlin and Ted Rappaport from the Faculty of Arts and Science and Achiau Ludimorsky from the School of Medicine.

Possible School Re-zoning Resolution
  o IT IS RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senators Council would like to preserve for NYU faculty who live in Silver Towers, Washington Square Village, and around Washington Square Park (i.e. the core) the choice of PS3 and PS41 as zoned schools.

Non–Tenure Track Faculty (NTTF) Guidelines Committee
  o The Committee discussed procedures currently in place regarding hiring, review, termination, and grievance of NTTF. The projected timeline is to submit a report before the end of the spring semester.

Meeting with General Counsel on SCPS Representation
  o The administration stated that faculty senators who represent schools must be elected by their schools and may not be appointed by the FSC. They also stated that University By-Laws prevent retired faculty members from serving as faculty senators.
  o A motion for Carl Lebowitz to serve as an observer without voting privileges for the remainder of the year was postponed to the January meeting when the Governance Committee would present its report.

Social Media Policy
  o The Tenure Modifications Committee and the Personnel and Affirmative Action Committee will review this document.

Review of School of Medicine Non-Tenure Track Faculty (SOM NTTF) Library Positions Document
  o PAAC reviewed this document and provided a final response to the administration. The response asks for clarification on procedural issues regarding track selection and also asks the policy be reviewed again in five years.

Liberal Studies Program (LSP)
  o The Governance Committee, along with the Provost’s office and Faculty of Arts and Science (FAS) Dean’s office is discussing a series of questions regarding LSP procedures, relationship with FAS, Global Liberal Studies, accreditation, and other structural issues.

Course evaluations
  o Undergraduate Deans at all schools have expressed interested in a uniform course evaluation process and online posting.
  o Senators raised issues regarding a switch from hard copy, in-class evaluations to on-line evaluations, including affects on response rate, types of remarks, extremeness of remarks, and influence by peers. Senators also expressed concerns regarding availability to the general public, particularly individual remarks being widely distributed.
  o Senator Sternhell will follow-up with Matthew Santirocco, communicate these concerns, and will ask for clarification on how the evaluations will be distributed.

Cost of Course Materials
  o Members of the NYU bookstore provided a demonstration of the online system that students may access to view their course materials and options/costs, including time limited versus long terms rentals, Amazon, and NYU bookstore prices.
  o The Committee will send this information to all faculty and is discussing the best way to communicate to faculty.

Presentation by Representatives on behalf of the graduate students supportive of graduate student unionization in GSOC-UAW
  o In the event that the pending NLRB ruling allows graduate students at NYU to once again be eligible for unionization, GSOC-UAW has asked that NYU facilitate a fair and open vote and not attempt to influence its outcome. If graduate students vote to unionize via the UAW, GSOC requests that NYU should enter into collective bargaining without delay, specifically without considering further legal action. The purpose of asking to meet with the FSC is to urge FSC to support this request.