• Presentation by Special Guest Robert Berne (EVP Health)
  o Berne provided information on the recent announcement concerning a discussion about a possible affiliation or partnership between Continuum Health Partners and NYU Langone Medical Center.
  o Berne stated a confidentiality agreement has been signed and consultants have been hired to review data and examine physician networks, finances, capital issues, the physical plant, teaching, and relationships with physicians, among other issues.
  o The potential merger is being discussed in face of health care reform and the challenges of risk and reimbursement. In addition, cut-backs are possible at the VA and public hospitals, and currently NYU’s teaching takes place at Bellevue and Veterans Affairs New York Harbor Healthcare System. Continuum offers potential teaching opportunities in many areas of ambulatory care which is growing dramatically.
  o Continuum also offers top specialties such as ophthalmology at New York Eye & Ear, which would be beneficial to NYU.
  o Berne noted if a new combined entity is created; NYU would be the academic home to faculty and residency programs. Over time, clinical faculty would become faculty of NYU and Continuum residences would migrate to NYU.
  o Berne explained the possible time frame. Phase 1 will end in the late spring and then the next step involves the boards signing a non-binding agreement and examining the possible organization, and then no sooner than the end of the calendar year, a decision might be made to move ahead.

• Center for Teaching Excellence
  o The Teaching Excellence Committee met with Senior Vice Provost Ron Robin and Executive Director of Faculty Affairs Debra Szybinski concerning the Center for Teaching Excellence ([http://www.nyu.edu/cte](http://www.nyu.edu/cte)).
  o The Committee agreed it was important to have faculty advisement and more collaboration between the FSC and CTE.
  o The FSC approved the following resolution regarding advisement to the Center for Teaching Excellence:
    - WHEREAS: The Faculty Senators Council (FSC) has a long history of support and collaboration with the Center for Teaching Excellence and wishes to resume and strengthen that collaboration; and
    - WHEREAS: The FSC also supports the importance of student consultation and feedback regarding the programs and initiatives of the Center for Teaching Excellence;
    - IT IS RESOLVED: That an advisory committee to the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) composed of faculty and students be established and that the FSC work with the Student Senators Council (SSC) and CTE in the creation of this advisory committee.

• FSC’s Resolutions on Shared Governance and Incorporating in Faculty Handbook
  o The FSC approved a resolution regarding a proposal to incorporate language on shared governance into the Faculty Handbook, under the section heading University Councils and Commissions, subsection The Faculty Senators Council. This proposed revision includes the following additional sentence:
    - “The Faculty Senators Council, in accordance with the rules and procedures it adopted, adheres to the principles of shared governance.”

• Faculty/Student Relations Committee Meeting
  o The Committee met with students and discussed student concerns, including faculty accessibility, course evaluations and their public posting, and ideas for social events and a lecture series. Sternhell stated she plans to attend the upcoming University Committee on Student Life (UCSL) meetings.

• Global Network University Initiatives Meeting with Ron Robin
  o The Committee met with Ron Robin to discuss current issues of NYU Abu Dhabi (AD).
  o The branch campuses and study away sites are to become specialized in certain academic fields. There is a plan to connect with the academic fields of the Center for Urban Science and Progress (CUSP).
  o Hammack also reported the Executive Board of NYU AD faculty has been formed and they consult with the AD administration.
  o The Committee was also informed of a few personnel matters. Matthew Santirocco is in charge of the undergraduate curriculum of NYU Shanghai and Richard Foley is focusing on broad oversight for planning and logistics of the GNU.

• Faculty Housing Q & A
  o A Housing Q & A, developed by the Housing Committee and the Office of Faculty Housing, is posted online: [http://www.nyu.edu/about/leadership-university-administration/university-senate/faculty-senators-council/senators-committees/committee-reports/housing.html](http://www.nyu.edu/about/leadership-university-administration/university-senate/faculty-senators-council/senators-committees/committee-reports/housing.html)