Announcement of Slate of Candidates for FSC Chairperson, 2013-2014:
- Raghu Sundaram (Stern) and Jim Uleman (FAS)
- Election will take place at the February meeting

Update on University Committee Assignments: FSC Representatives
- Committee to review the Policy on Academic Conflict of Interest/Commitment: Charlton McIlwain, Steinhardt
- NYU Poly transition committee: Sylvain Cappell, Faculty of Arts and Science

Upcoming Meeting with Provost: Agenda Items
- Letter from President Sexton and how his office is conceptualizing faculty representation on committees regarding the global sites
- Upcoming five-year review of the Dean of Liberal Studies

Community Use of Space in Washington Square Village
- Alicia Hurley is seeking opinions from the FSC on how the 6,000 square feet of community space in the ground floor of Washington Square Village 4 might be used.
- It was approved by vote of the Council that this issue be directed to the Housing Committee to review the available information on NYU’s assessment of community uses for the space in WSV 4, including a summary of its discussions or inquiries to date with community groups; and to make a recommendation on community use of the space in WSV 4 to FSC at the next meeting.

The proposal of the SOM to extend the tenure clock for individuals impacted by Hurricane Sandy
- The Tenure Modification Committee’s review and recommendation was approved by vote of the Council:
  - In section 9, it was recommended that any grievance of the chair’s recommendation to the Dean be brought before the duly elected Grievance Committee of the School of Medicine, rather than an ad hoc committee appointed by the Dean.
  - In section 10, the committee felt that the decision by the Dean should also be amenable to grievance at the level of the University Grievance Committee.

Policy on Weapons, Simulated Weapons and Theatrical Use of Weapons
- The joint review and recommendation by the Administrative Issues and Governance Committees regarding the Weapons Policy, with the addition of the question [Does NYU have the right to regulate weapons on property it does not own, but which abuts or is adjacent to NYU property?], was approved by vote of the Council.

Preventing Workplace Violence Group
- FSC representatives: Senators Allen Mincer and Carol Hutchins
- Topics discussed at January meeting:
  - Training: there is a team that is developing training on how to recognize, de-escalate and report aggressive behavior that could potentially lead to violence
  - Awareness. This includes letting the NYU community know what is being done in terms of installing informational signs, regarding what to do in case of emergency in classrooms
  - Facility improvements: A set of design guidelines was developed to help guide discussions at the start of renovation projects on ways we might consider increasing the security of spaces during design and construction

Pending decision from National Labor Relations Board (NLRB)
- Guest presenters: Bob Berne, Executive Vice President for Health, and Terry Nolan, Deputy General Counsel and Director of Labor Relations
- Nolan reported the recent ruling by the U.S. Court of appeals, if upheld, would call into question recess appointments.
- Berne discussed the current position of NYU, which seems to be uniform consensus that if the NLRB were to issue a ruling to unionize Teaching Assistants (TAs), the administration would be neutral during the vote and if the vote was in favor of unionizing TAs, they would then negotiate a contract with TAs.
- The issue of RA unionization is not as clear and opinions are divided between three general opinions:
  - graduate students should be free to decide without arguments against RA unionization
  - faculty/administration may make arguments against unionization of RAs but should abide by election results and negotiate a contract
  - administration should potentially challenge the vote in court if the vote supports unionization of RAs