Call for Nominations: Vice Chairperson and Secretary, 2013-2014

- The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations, including self-nominations, for the positions of Vice Chair and Secretary. The Committee will present the list of candidates in the notice of the April meeting and the vote will take place at the May meeting.

Resolution regarding Observer Status for NYU Poly

- The Council passed the following resolution:
  - IT IS RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senators Council will advise Poly that it should elect a member of its voting faculty in accordance with our rules to serve as an observer on the FSC in the coming academic year (2013-2014) and at the time Poly is recognized officially as a school of NYU, that observer will assume full voting rights on the Faculty Senators Council.

Resolution regarding Best practices for selecting & appointing university presidents

- The Council passed the following resolution:
  - Whereas: Faculty participation in, and consultation on searches to select NYU presidents has historically been the norm, and
  - Whereas: The most recent search departed significantly from that norm, and
  - Whereas: The current NYU Bylaws include no detailed provisions for how Presidential searches will be conducted, it is
  - RESOLVED: The Faculty Senators Council recommends that the NYU Board of Trustees amend Chapter IV, Section 25(b) of the NYU Bylaws to include a new section outlining the composition and responsibilities of a Presidential Search Committee that has significant and meaningful elected-faculty representation.
  - The Presidential Search Committee and its procedures will be governed by NYU’s five principles of Shared Governance, which serve as a framework for ensuring Faculty representation, information, consultation, reasoned justification, and communication (see The Faculty Handbook).

Division of Libraries revision to the Libraries Bylaws to create a new non-tenure track title: Assistant and Associate Librarian of Practice

- The recommendation presented by PAAC and Tenure Modifications was approved.

Recommendation on adding Google+ to suite of NYU’s Apps for Ed

- The Google+ is a way of creating a contained, interactive social media space using NYU net IDs. The environment has similarities to Facebook but with items such as RSS feed and blogs contained within the site. It has more capabilities than NYU Classes. The privacy issue is that, unlike our agreement with Google mail, with Google+ NYU IDs are put into Google’s mega-data.

Shared Cost-Plan Upgrades and Mediation

- The Housing Committee met with members of the Office of Faculty Housing. They discussed the topic of upgrading apartments. The Office currently offers the complete interior painting of each residential unit at lease renewal. In lieu of painting at lease renewal, resident could pick from a menu of upgrade items. There would be an opportunity for cost-sharing for tenants to contribute for more expensive upgrades.
- The Committee also discussed mediation for planned construction, including replacing the windows in Washington Square Village. Testing has been done and these reports will be sent to the Space Priorities Working Group.