SUMMARY OF THE FACULTY SENATORS COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2013

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- **Candidates for Vice Chairperson and Secretary, 2013-2014**
  - Candidates announced for Vice Chairperson: Awam Amkpa (Tisch School of the Arts), Warren Jelinek (School of Medicine), and Jim Uleman (FAS)
  - Candidates announced for Secretary: Charlton McIlwain (Steinhardt School) and Allen Mincer (FAS)
  - Senator Jelinek withdrew his nomination for the position of Vice Chairperson. Senator Harrington made a nomination from the floor, nominating Jelinek for the position of Secretary. This was seconded by Senator Nolan. Jelinek accepted the nomination.

- **Special Committee of the Board of Trustees (BOT)**
  - 15 members of the FSC have been invited to meet with the Special Committee on Thursday, April 18
  - Senators discussed the following key issues to discuss in the meeting:
    - How decisions related to the GNU have been made, impact on academic quality
    - Inform BOT of the 2031 survey run by the FSC and the views and concerns expressed
    - The growing number of contract faculty and what this means for academic freedom
    - The need for transparency, especially fiscal transparency in relation to the termination and reorganization of academic programs, 2031, and the GNU
  - It was recommended to propose the creation of a standing, joint committee of FSC and BOT members.

- **EC Meeting with President: Partners Program**
  - They discussed the need for further communication with the FSC and faculty regarding the Plan as a core strategic fiscal plan, specifically how revenue is shared between the various schools, the balance of payments, and the identification of departments/center of excellence, and the relation to space allocation and faculty growth.
  - In focusing on fiscal transparency of GNU and 2031, the Partners Plan is another major initiative that faculty are interested in more information on how decisions have been made, and the level of faculty involvement.

- **Rules for Senator Elections**
  - The Council passed the following resolution:
    - It is Resolved, that The Faculty Senators Council proposes the following amendment to NYU Bylaw 63 (c):
      - All elections for members of the Faculty Senators Council shall be held prior to June 1, except in extenuating circumstances, which have been explained in writing to the FSC Governance Committee by June 6. The name of each representative to the Senate should be transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate not more than five days after June 1.

- **School of Medicine (SOM) Base Salary proposal**
  - Chairperson Magder reported that he contacted EVP Bob Berne and Provost David McLaughlin and suggested the base salary proposal is a change to the terms and conditions of academic tenure, in which case it should come before the Tenure Modifications Committee for review. Berne responded that the proposal does not constitute a fundamental change to the terms of tenure, so there was no need to consult with the FSC.
  - The Chair of the Governance Committee stated the issue is not specifically about base salaries but how this decision was handled. This is as an opportunity to practice consultation and understand the deliberative process.
  - The Council passed the following resolution:
    - Resolution: Representatives from the Finance and Policy Planning, Governance, and Tenure Modifications Committees will form a joint committee to discuss this issue.

- **University Space Priorities Working Group**
  - The Group’s initial charge was modified and now includes a broader range of options to consider, including no construction and constructing in other areas.
  - The Finance Subcommittee has met with Marty Dorph and is examining the issue of the effect on the University’s Moody’s rating. The current NYU Moody’s rating is AA3 and is not expected to be affected by 2031 construction, GNU, Poly, or the damage by Hurricane Sandy to the NYU Medical Center.
  - In terms of acquiring spaces at different sites the University faces challenges related to zoning.
  - The mitigation efforts include plans regarding, air quality, noise, and rodents.
  - In terms of the effect on tuition, salaries/benefits, the cost of construction is not based on raising tuition. In addition, salaries will not be affected. As previously stated, enrollment will only increase by 0.5%.