Summary of the Faculty Senators Council Meeting of April 14, 2011

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- **Presentation by Special Guest Paul Horn**
  - Senior Vice Provost for Research Paul Horn discussed the new research initiatives of the NYU Office of Research, which is responsible for supporting and growing the research enterprise at NYU.
  - Research at NYU is a 330 million dollars per year enterprise and 2/3 takes place at the School of Medicine (SOM) and 1/3 at Washington Square. The top university for research is John Hopkins at 1.6 billion dollars spent annually on research. NYU ranks 60th nationwide.
  - NYU has an increased focus on industrial sponsored research, which Horn stated tends to be cross-disciplinary and stimulates research in some of the most productive new arenas of science.
  - The new initiatives currently being pursued by NYU include:
    - Response to the Bloomberg administration’s request for an applied science facility in New York City: NYU’s joint proposal with Carnegie Mellon, CUNY, and the University of Toronto focuses on science and technology, attracting industrial sponsors and advancing understanding of urban issues.
    - Abu Dhabi Innovation Institute:
      - Funded by the aerospace firms with “offset responsibilities” in Abu Dhabi and with support of the Abu Dhabi government. It is offset driven and collaborative with aerospace companies and a shared innovation and intellectual property model.
    - Focus on entrepreneurship at NYU:
      - Includes a new venture fund, new managing director, tech expos, and 13 student organizations related to entrepreneurship with over 4,000 students involved. For more information: http://www.nyu.edu/about/university-initiatives/entrepreneurship.html

- **Announcement of Candidates for FSC Vice Chair and Secretary, 2011-2012**
  - The Nominating Committee presented the slate for candidates for Vice Chair: Daniel Zwanziger from Faculty of Arts and Science and Carol Reiss from Faculty of Arts and Science and the slate of candidates for Secretary: Mary Ann Jones from the School of Social Work and Nancy Van Devanter from College of Nursing.
  - Senator Bogart provided a nomination from the floor for Marie Monaco from the School of Medicine for the position of Vice Chair.
  - Senator Harrington expressed concern over an Alternate running for a position on the Executive Committee. She stated this is because Alternate Senators do not have the same role as Senators, such as they can not vote or normally serve as committee chairs.
  - The Nominating Committee will meet to discuss this issue and will communicate their decision to the FSC.

- **Recent and Upcoming Events**
  - The Annual Former Chairs Dinner took place on Thursday, March 24 at the Torch Club.
  - The Year End Dinner will take place on Tuesday, May 10 at 6 pm at Battery Gardens Restaurant.

- **Governance Committee’s Resolution regarding Shared Governance**
  - Senator Harrington presented the Committee’s resolutions regarding shared governance.
  - She clarified that the Committee devised the four basic features of shared governance: representation, information, consultation, and reasoned justifications after spending the year studying shared governance and searching for best practices. The Committee investigated governance at major research 1 universities, including six private and one public institution by contacting their respective faculty senate councils.
  - Harrington stated the Committee hopes these four resolutions will be added to the Faculty Handbook. These resolutions outline a clear procedural process regarding shared governance, which is not clarified in the Handbook. Senator Monaco stated there has been a failure of shared governance, which is the reason for these resolutions.
  - Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Council approved unanimously by a vote of 29 senators the sentiment of these resolutions and agreed the final text will be reviewed at the next FSC meeting.

- **Review of ISAW and IFA Promotion and Tenure Guidelines**
  - In the ISAW document, the Tenure Modifications Committee suggested recommending that 1 member of ad hoc Faculty Review Committee be appointed by someone other than Director, such as the Dean of FAS. They also suggested that the Director not attend the meeting of the Faculty Review Committee and the vote of the Committee members be by closed ballot and reported by numbers. Finally they suggested the Director must forward the report of the Committee as well as the results of the closed vote to the Provost.
  - The Committee’s main inquiry regarding the IFA document concerns the reason to submit guidelines and which guidelines are currently in use.
  - Monaco will follow-up on these questions and report back at the next FSC meeting.