SUMMARY OF THE FACULTY SENATORS COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2012

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- **Election by secret ballot of FSC Chairperson 2012-13**
  - The election of FSC Chairperson, 2012-13 took place from the following slate of candidates presented by the Nominating Committee: Ted Magder (Steinhardt) and Jim Uleman (FAS).
  - After collecting the votes of the 30 voting-eligible senators present, Senator Hutchins announced Ted Magder will serve as Chairperson for the upcoming academic year.

- **Issue related to FSC 2031 Survey**
  - The survey was sent via a survey monkey link. Survey Monkey prevents multiple surveys from being submitted by the same respondent by adding a cookie to the link. But if the cookie is removed or the link is opened in a different browser or on a different computer, the survey comes up blank and a second survey can be submitted.
  - At the moment, the survey is closed until the next step is decided.
  - Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was approved by vote of the Council to start the survey over and upload email addresses into Survey Monkey to attach each survey to a specific email address, which would make it impossible to submit a second survey.

- **EC Meeting with Provost**
  - The NYU 2031 plan was discussed and the Provost reassured the EC that the plan would support the academic mission of the university and will not result in a dramatic growth in the student body. The planned growth is 0.5% per year, which is a function of the addition of new programs.
  - They discussed Tisch Asia and its financial viability. The Provost informed the EC that the graduate programs are well-regarded but are costly to run. Therefore, they are looking to revise graduate programs in order to make the project more viable.

- **Strategic Review of SCPS**
  - Provost David McLaughlin has asked the administrative team at SCPS to lead a strategic planning exercise to think through SCPS' existing mission and roles, to better align the school's goals with the larger university goals, to evaluate the opportunity for new initiatives in such areas as executive education and distance learning, and to review new approaches to serving increasingly varied student needs.
  - Magder stated the FSC should be involved in this review and will invite Rick Matasar, Vice President for University Enterprise Initiatives, to a fall FSC meeting.

- **Meeting on Shared Governance Resolution and Faculty Handbook**
  - The FSC shared governance resolution of last May was reviewed by President Sexton, Board of Trustees Chair Martin Lipton, and senior administrators. Their review involved a thorough discussion of the resolution and how it coincided with the University By-laws and practices. The resolution was not accepted in its entirety.
    - The Provost stated that they would inform the FSC of all taskforces and faculty membership on taskforces, but could not always guarantee a seat for a FSC member on each committee.
    - The Provost office stated they would continue to communicate with the EC over the summer, but would not postpone decisions.
    - The Provost office stated they will provide reasoned justifications.
  - The Provost Office is developing language to clarify that the FSC would be consulted and participate in the process by which the Faculty Handbook is amended.

- **Course Evaluations**
  - Senator Sternhell stated that students are interested in course evaluations from all schools being posted online. The Committee was asked to develop a proposed resolution on this to discuss at the next FSC meeting.

- **Global Network University**
  - The Committee met with Richard Foley and Matthew Santirocco and discussed the evolution of the undergraduate curriculum in the Global Network University. The overall plan is to hire 300-350 new tenure-track faculty, until each school receives its full number of students. Faculty and students will circulate among the campuses. Each of the portal campuses will have a specific curricular emphasis and connection to a department at the square.
  - On April 4 President Sexton announced the appointment of Jeff Lehman, Former President of Cornell, as Vice Chancellor of NYU Shanghai, effective this summer. As vice chancellor, he will be the chief executive of NYU Shanghai, in charge of all academic and administrative operations.