SUMMARY OF THE FACULTY SENATORS COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 3, 2012

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- **Election by secret ballot of FSC Vice Chairperson and Secretary 2012-13**
  - After collecting the votes of the voting-eligible senators present, it was announced Marie Monaco from the School of Medicine will serve as FSC Vice Chair and Mary Ann Jones from the School of Social Work will serve as FSC Secretary next year.

- **2031 Update**
  - The FSC is finalizing the quantitative and qualitative results of the 2031 faculty survey and will soon send to all NYU faculty members.
  - The Executive Committee (EC) urged the administration, going forward, to be clear about the fundamentals of financial planning for construction and to work closely with faculty to discuss how buildings can be constructed to best support the academic mission.
  - The faculty forum, survey, and resolutions passed by separate departments have all been crucial factors in getting the attention of the administration and communicating the faculty’s opposition.
  - Another concern voiced by faculty is President Sexton’s absence at the Town Halls.

- **Representation at the School of Continuing and Professional Studies**
  - SCPS Senator Carl Lebowitz is retiring and is one of four full time tenured faculty members at SCPS, of which only one is eligible to serve as senator.
  - The rules state only tenured or tenure-track faculty may vote for senators, and senators must come from the professoriate. Magder proposed the idea of voting to extend this to faculty members with emeritus status.
  - This issue will be discussed again in the fall semester.

  - The most notable new feature is the distinction between works of scholarship and instructional media. Works of scholarship are regarded as the property of the author and in the statement the University will not claim copyright, but has a non-exclusive right to instructional media.
  - Faculty, who are experts in the fields of patent law, internet rights, etc., have been involved in the drafting of the document.
  - The FSC has been asked to review and make recommendations over the summer.

- **Course Evaluations**
  - The following resolution was approved by the Council:
    - The Faculty Council recommends:
      - That all schools be encouraged to conduct end-of-semester evaluations of all undergraduate and graduate classes and instructors, either on paper or online.
      - That this information be available to students on a familiar NYU site like Albert.

- **Shared Governance Principles**
  - The following revision to the shared governance principle on consultation was approved:
    - WHEREAS: Consultation is a means to obviate potential crises of confidence that can occur when a decision-making group within an organization unilaterally imposes its decisions on the organization, and
    - WHEREAS: The quality and effectiveness of academic policy making depends on consultation between informed faculty representatives and the other principals in the University’s decision-making process, and
    - WHEREAS: Shared governance means seeking and evaluating faculty input before decisions that affect faculty are made and adequately responding to faculty input,
    - IT IS RESOLVED: That when a decision is not pressing, a reasonable length of time for consultation must be provided. During semesters, this means at least a few weeks in order for at least one FSC meeting to occur. For decisions that must occur during the summer, when FSC is not in session, the FSC will establish, before its last meeting of the spring semester, an internal structure for timely consultation and input to administration decisions that affect the faculty.