SUMMARY OF THE FACULTY SENATORS COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 5, 2011

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- **FSC Vice Chair and Secretary Election**
  - The Candidates for Vice Chair, Senator Marie Monaco from the School of Medicine and Current Vice Chair Daniel Zwanziger from the Faculty of Arts and Science and the candidates for Secretary, Senator Mary Ann Jones from the School of Social Work and Senator Nancy Van Devanter from the College of Nursing presented their vision statements.
  - After collecting the votes, Chairperson Schacht announced Marie Monaco will serve as FSC Vice Chair and Mary Ann Jones will serve as FSC Secretary next year.

- **Document Review by Tenure Modifications Committee**
  - Senator Monaco presented the Committee’s recommendations regarding the Institute of Fine Arts’ (IFA) and Institute for the Study of Ancient World’s (ISAW) Tenure and Promotion Guidelines. The recommendations to the document were approved by the Council.

- **Shared Governance Resolution presented by Governance Committee**
  - The Committee stated five basic features of shared governance: representation, information, consultation, reasoned justifications, communications and also included an implementation process to revise the Faculty Handbook to incorporate the text of these resolutions. Kovner stated that the Committee found it important to outline these basic features after the Committee felt decisions by the administration were made without shared governance. The resolution was approved by the Council.

- **Special Presentation by President John Sexton**
  - Alternate Senator Tannenbaum inquired about the NYC RFEI for a new applied science campus. Sexton explained that a number of responses were received including one from Stanford University. He believes NYU also had a strong proposal and will know more at the end of the year of the status of this proposal.
  - Senator Raiken asked what areas of education the federal government is focusing on, despite recent cut-backs. Sexton responded the current priorities in education include research and access. In terms of access he added that the commitment should not just focus on access but on quality education.
  - Senator Fernandez inquired about the recent memorandum of understanding regarding Madrid. Sexton replied that the agreement states that by 2014 Madrid would provide NYU with space and a facility, which was the former summer palace of the queen. This will not be a portal campus, like NYU Abu Dhabi or Shanghai, but the new home of NYU Madrid.
  - Senator Newman commented on the slow process of absorbing Polytechnic Institute. Sexton responded that currently discussions over the tenure process are taking place.
  - Senator Karl expressed her concern over the suppression of certain ideas in Abu Dhabi and asked how these idea capitals of the world are to operate within this suppression. Sexton stated the core of the global network university concept is to adopt humility when we embrace other cultures. There are certain core values that can not compromised, for instance, the ability to teach freely in the way done at the Square. This compromised situation has not been the experience with Abu Dhabi, including the conferences, courses, and students’ experiences. Sexton reiterated that NYU chose the right partner and other entities, including news organization, etc. operate without suppression in Abu Dhabi.
  - Senator Monaco inquired about the issue of freedom of expression in Abu Dhabi, specifically for young students. Sexton stated if the issue was about academic freedom, the university would pursue. He stated as students study around the world, they will face different laws, cultural practices, etc. including differences in criminal laws and freedom of expression. He has found the University’s relationship and experience in the Middle East to be positive and believes it will be the same for China.
  - Chair-Elect Magder commented that it would be valuable to faculty to establish a set of documents regarding shared values, within the context of the complexity of differences. He agreed with the value of an outline of shared values and stated if there is an interest this could be added to the agenda for next year.

- **Resolution regarding Motions and Voting Procedure**
  - Secretary Hutchins presented the proposed resolution regarding motions and voting procedure, which stipulates that items requiring a vote must be distributed in writing to the Council in advance of the debate. The resolution was approved by the Council.

- **New FSC 2031 Committee**
  - Chairperson Schacht stated the Executive Committee will organize a FSC Committee focusing on NYU 2031 space planning.