SUMMARY OF THE FACULTY SENATORS COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

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- **SCPS Senate Representation**
  
  - At present, the School only has one faculty member eligible to serve on the Council. An invitation was sent in April for him to serve on the Council; to date no response has been received.
  
  - The Senators discussed the proposal to extend an invitation to the most recent SCPS senator to serve on the Council for a one-year term.
  
  - The Executive Committee will investigate if a retired faculty member can serve as an eligible voting member.
  
  - The following resolution was approved by vote of the Council:
    The Faculty Senators Council will extend an invitation to the most recent School of Continuing and Professional Studies (SCPS) senator, Carl Lebowitz, to serve on the Council for a one year term.

- **Representation on University Space Priorities Working Group**
  
  - Magder discussed the email from Diane Yu requesting the FSC send two names of FSC representatives to serve on the University Space Priorities Working Group.
  
  - The mandates of the committee were listed in Yu’s email:
    - Solicit input from other FSC members and faculty within the NYU community;
    - Explore ways to increase the efficiency and usage of existing and future space;
    - Develop principles to determine what future academic needs are important to locate in and near the Core neighborhood and what needs could be accommodated in other locations further away;
    - Offer advice on NYU’s proposals for improving open space;
    - Advise the University, using resources allocated for mitigation purposes, on mitigation measures to minimize the impact of construction;
    - Develop criteria to be used in the future to consider how to take advantage of the spatial endowment made possible by the ULURP process;
    - Provide general advice on the criteria to consider in the selection of an architect and general advice on a process for commentary on designs as the project proceeds.
  
  - Senators discussed the following questions
    - should the FSC participate?
    - if the FSC does participate, should conditions/requests be sent regarding what the FSC expects from the administration?

  - It was approved for the FSC to send representatives to serve on the University Space Priorities Working Group and forward the following requests to the administration:
    - Formal response from President and/or Provost on the resolutions against 2031 sent from departments
    - Request that construction would not begin before committee’s work is finalized presumably in April or May 2012
    - Deliberative privilege not be evoked

  - Magder reported he was asked to consider being chair of the University Space Priorities Working Group. He responded he would not consider until the FSC met and a decision was made on the question of sending representatives to the committee. Senators discussed if Magder serving as both FSC chair and chair of the Working Group, could be considered a conflict of interest. Senators cautioned that if the FSC chair also chairs this committee it would be seen by the faculty as an endorsement of the 2031 plan. Others Senators described this as an opportunity to be involved in governance and to support and represent the faculty interests.