• Benefit Committee Resolution on Age Limit for TR for Dependent Children

  o Senator Jones presented the Benefits Committee's proposed resolution regarding the newly imposed age limit on tuition remission for dependent children. Jones stated until June 1 of this year, dependent children’s eligibility for tuition remission was not age-limited. There were small notices during the Re-engineering process mentioning aligning age limit with the IRS’s definition, yet it was not until the July 28 memo from the Benefits Office that the specific age was stated:

    “A dependent child must be age 23 or younger as of the end of the calendar year to be eligible for TR in that year, aligning eligibility with the IRS definition of a dependent child. If a child will be 24 by the end of the calendar year, he or she is not eligible for TR in that year.” (Memo, July 28)

  o The Resolution the Benefits Committee proposed and offered for discussion by the Council:

    “Dependent children of active or retired NYU faculty who have been officially accepted by a degree-granting program at NYU as of September 1, 2010, will be eligible for the same tuition benefits for which they would have been eligible under NYU’s previous definition of a dependent child, which imposed no age limit.”

  o Jones stated the Committee considers this to be an emergency, and this resolution is drafted to protect those being affected right now as a grandfathering approach.

  o By a motion duly made, seconded, and approved by vote of the Council, the resolution, as original stated, was approved by a unanimous vote of 34 senators in favor.

• FSC Representation on University Committees

  o Senator Reiss stated a number of FSC members sat on the task forces of the Re-engineering Advisory Committee and part of the final report stated there will be oversight after changes are implemented. She suggested that the Council ask for updates and evaluations of these changes.

  o Chairperson Schacht noted an issue he believes should be addressed by the Governance Committee is how the FSC should define its representation via the committees created by the administration. He underscored that the issue is the extent to which committees insist on a complete “cone of silence” over their activities.

  o Senator Goldman stated the role of the FSC is to represent the faculty, which is difficult when no information can be brought back to the FSC.

  o Senator Harrington stated it is important that the Council make sure the FSC Chair has been contacted to make appointments to these committees, and that the representatives of the faculty have access to information for the purposes of deliberation as a body.

  o Advisor Al-Askari added representatives should be able to share information with the Executive Committee so they are informed for their meetings with the Provost and President.

• FSC Spring 2010 Survey Results

  o Alternate Senator Tannenbaum stated the survey was a key tool in representing the faculty and understanding their concerns.

  o The Communications Committee will work on completing the final report and distributing to faculty early this semester.

• FSC sponsored Town Halls/Forums this Academic Year

  o Chairperson Schacht concluded by asking the Council to alert the Executive Committee on topic ideas for town halls.