Meeting Date: October 29, 2013

Members in attendance: Barbara Albrecht, Corey Blay, Robert Berne, Sewin Chan, Mary Cowman, Mariam Ehrari, David Engel, James Jacobs, Angela Kamer, Perri Klass, Martin Kurth, Ted Magder, Panos Mavromatis, Laurence Maslon, Anthony Movshon, Anthony Saunders, Rosemary Scanlon, Jalal Shatah, Dennis Smith, Matthew Stanley, David Vintinner, Lawrence White, Diane Yu

Members unable to attend: Allyson Green, Wen-Jui Han, Andrew Schotter

1. Call to order and announcements

In addition to the members noted above, Michael Patullo attended as staff coordinator for the Group.

2. Updates from subcommittees

Subcommittee chairs related that they had made several presentations recently to various University groups, including: the NYU Board of Trustees and faculty at the Stern School of Business, among others. An open forum for FAS faculty was also held recently in conjunction with members of the Working Group and the FAS faculty senators. Members of the Working Group who attended reported that the discussion was productive—faculty raised issues with overall University growth over time and proximity to students, but also acknowledge that space was needed.

The Quality of Life/Stewardship Subcommittee reported that it will likely schedule another meeting with Alison Leary and/or other members of the Division of Operations. In addition, a meeting with the Washington Square Tenants Association has been scheduled.

The Space Subcommittee reported that they have had extensive conversation about the different options and scenarios for meeting the need for space that could be presented in the final report. It was noted that more work needs to be done to determine a more accurate representation of needs and solutions with regard to faculty and student housing. It was agreed that the final report should reflect more of the process-oriented thinking of the Working Group, not just the ultimate findings that were conveyed in the Interim Report.
3. **Discussion: Freshman dormitory, faculty housing, and academic space**

To begin the discussion regarding student housing, the Working Group reviewed the information that Executive Vice President Martin Dorph presented at the meeting on October 8, 2013. It was noted that a follow-up inquiry was submitted to the Division of Student Affairs regarding research into differences in outcomes for students based on distance from the Washington Square core. Additional ways to gather relevant information, including conducting a survey of relevant stakeholders, gathering information from prospective parents and students, and conducting internal data analysis, were discussed.

Members of the Working Group discussed the long-term financial advantage of moving dormitories from leased to owned space and contrasted that with the quality of life/morale concerns expressed by some faculty and community members. In addition, they reviewed the academic, community-building, and safety benefits of having first-year students closer to campus, which were needs expressed by students at various public forums held by the Working Group.

The Working Group also revisited the notion of ascertaining a more concrete idea of the actual academic space needs and explored, using data presented by Vice Provost Joseph Juliano on October 8, 2013, the options for flexibility in classroom layout. Members requested data on the number and characteristics of classes that went unplaced or were cancelled due to lack of space for the Spring 2014 term, as well as for previous semesters.

Finally, members briefly discussed the various permutations that could help address the need for faculty housing and agreed to revisit the issue at a later date.

4. **Discussion: Final report process**

Having reached the end of the allotted time, the Working Group agreed to schedule two additional meetings and revisit the issues above after further consultative and deliberative work is conducted by the subcommittees.