

MINUTES OF THE NC-FACULTY SENATORS COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 2, 2014

The New York University Full-Time Non-Tenure Track /Contract Track Faculty Senators Council (NC-FSC) met at noon on Thursday, October 2, 2014 in the Global Center for Academic & Spiritual Life at 238 Thompson Street, 5th Floor Grand Hall.

In attendance were Senators Borowiec, Burt (by phone), Caprio, Carl, Cittadino, Elcott, Fefferman, Gold-Von Simson, Gurrin, Halpin, Killilea, Mauro, Morton, Mowry, Rainey, Sacks, Slater, Stewart, Testa, Williams, Ying, and Youngerman; Alternate Senators Berg, Casey, Cunningham, Derrington, Lee, Mirabito, Renzi, Rickert, Ritter, Schmeits (for Stehlik), and White. General Counsel & Secretary Brier, and Office of Secretary members Russo and Terzulli attended as Special Guests.

Chairperson Election

A Senator suggested the election for Officers take place and votes be cast by full senators and any Alternates attending in place of a Senator. Another Senator suggested first voting for a Chairperson and then create a Steering Committee, which will deliberate on the Council structure, and at the end of the semester the election for other Officers take place. Another Senator stated it was important to also have a Vice Chair, in case of the Chair's absence.

Senator Ann Marie Mauro from the College of Nursing was nominated for Chairperson.

The vote took place by show of hands. By unanimous vote, Senator Ann Marie Mauro will serve as Chairperson for academic year 2014-2015.

Vice Chairperson Election

Chairperson Mauro supported the need for a Vice Chairperson. A Senator suggested two Vice Chairpersons, with first Vice Chair and second Vice Chair designations.

A motion for a vote from the Council for 1 Vice Chairperson was moved, seconded, and approved by majority vote of the Council.

Senator Randy Mowry from the Steinhardt School was nominated for Vice Chairperson. He accepted the nomination. Senator Mary Killilea from the Faculty of Arts and Science was nominated for Vice Chairperson. She declined the nomination but stated her interest in serving on the Steering Committee.

The vote took place by show of hands. By unanimous vote, Senator Randy Mowry will serve as Vice Chairperson for academic year 2014-2015.

Role of Alternates

The role of Alternates, in terms of voting, committee membership, and attendance at Council meetings was discussed.

General Counsel & Secretary Bonnie Brier clarified that the Tenured/Tenure Track Faculty Senators Council (T-FSC) and other Councils only allow elected Senators to vote at Council meetings, except in cases when an Alternate is attending in place of a Senator. For University Senate Committees, Alternates may serve on committees, but cannot make up the majority of any committee. In the long term absence of

a Senator, i.e. on sabbatical, due to illness, etc. the Alternate serves as Active Alternate with full Senator rights.

A Senator suggested following the voting procedure of other Councils, but include Alternates in Council meetings. Another Senator supported the notion of having those interested be invited to attend meetings and participate in committee work.

Another Senator commented that allowing Alternates to vote would disrupt the proportional representation by school. Per Senate rules, schools with only one Senator receive 2 Alternates. Schools with more than one Senator receive an equal number of Alternates. Therefore, some schools have more Alternates than Senators.

It was noted that Schools elect Senators to represent the school at the University Senate, and only Senators can vote at the University Senate.

The following motion was moved and seconded: *For official votes, only elected Senators can vote at Council meetings. Alternates can vote if his/her Senator is absent. All Alternates are welcome to attend with voice participation.* In favor: 18 Senators and 1 Alternate were in favor, 4 Senators and 7 Alternates opposed with 1 Alternate abstention.

The following motion was moved and seconded: *Alternates can serve on NC-FSC Committees, and can vote at the NC-FSC Committee level.* The motion was approved by general consensus.

The following motion was moved and seconded: *Alternates can serve as NC-FSC Committee Chairs.* The motion was approved by general consensus.

Steering Committee

Senators proposed a Steering Committee with a balance of planning committee members and new members who did not serve on the planning committee. A Senator stated this would provide the benefit of experience and the inclusion of new ideas.

A Senator suggested a 7 member Steering Committee.

A motion for a 7 member Steering Committee was moved, seconded, and approved by consensus vote.

A Senator suggested an electronic process for electing the Steering Committee, including an electronic call for nominations and election. This would enable those not in attendance to participate.

A Senator noted that only three Senators were absent, making this a representative quorum. A Senator stressed the need to move forward.

By show of hands, 4 Senators supported an election of the Steering Committee by online vote.

A motion for an in-person election at this meeting was moved, seconded, and approved by the Council with 1 abstention.

A Senator suggested a larger Steering Committee and asked to re-open the question of a 7 member Steering Committee. Those who voted in favor of the original motion were not in favor of re-opening the question.

Senators discussed the breakdown of the Steering Committee by former members on the planning committee, new members not on the planning committee, and a representation of various schools. A Senator commented this was difficult to structure without knowing who is willing to serve on the Steering Committee.

Senators discussed the role of the Steering Committee. Brier suggested possible powers of an Executive Committee/Steering Committee including assigning committee membership, creating meeting agendas, and organizing Council committee structure.

Chairperson Mauro stated, per Robert's Rules, no individual can act on behalf of the Council. The power of authority only occurs with a quorum of voting members. The Steering Committee would be representative on behalf of the Council.

A Senator also suggested the Steering Committee could serve on the T-FSC / NC-FSC Coordination Committee.

Nominations were collected for Steering Committee members:

Mary Killilea: Faculty of Arts and Science, former planning committee member
 Fred Carl: Tisch School of the Arts, former planning committee member
 David Elcott: Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, not on planning committee
 John Gurrin: Tisch School of the Arts, not on planning committee
 Susan Stehlik: Stern School of Business, former planning committee member
 Ronald Rainey: Faculty of Arts and Science, not on planning committee
 Brian Mooney/Patrice Derrington: School of Professional Studies, not on planning committee
 Patrick Ying: School of Medicine, former planning committee member
 Eugene Cittadino: Gallatin School of Individualized Study, not on planning committee

The 5 additional members of the Steering Committee (for a total of 7 members) were elected by secret ballot by vote of the Council:

#	Name	School	Vote
1	Ann Marie Mauro	College of Nursing	Chairperson
2	Randy Mowry	Steinhardt School	Vice Chairperson
3	Mary Killilea	Faculty of Arts and Science	23
4	Patrick Ying	School of Medicine	23
5	Fred Carl	Tisch School of the Arts	19
6	David Elcott	Wagner Graduate School	19
7	Susan Stehlik	Stern School of Business	10
	Ronald Rainey	Faculty of Arts and Science	8
	Eugene Cittadino	Gallatin School of Individualized Study	7
	John Gurrin	Tisch School of the Arts	7
	Brian Mooney/Patrice Derrington	School of Professional Studies	3

University Committee and University Senate Committees

Chairperson Mauro announced Committee Preference Forms will be sent electronically to both Senators and Alternates asking for first, second, and third choice of committee membership. The Steering Committee will meet to make assignments prior to the next NC-FSC meeting.

The next NC-FSC meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 7th, 2014 from 12pm-2pm in the Global Center for Academic & Spiritual Life at 238 Thompson Street, 5th Floor Grand Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.