MINUTES OF THE T-FACULTY SENATORS COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2021

The New York University Tenured/Tenure Track Faculty Senators Council (T-FSC) met at noon on Thursday, December 16, 2021 via Zoom.

In attendance were Senators Bailey, Barker, Battista, Cappell, Chen, Coslovsky, Economides, Friedman, Garg, Geppert, Ghose, Gyorgy, Hartman, Irving, Jauernig, Ling, Lukose, Makarov, Merritt, Miao, Nonken, Park, Pursley, Quinn, Schlick, Shelley, Sternhell, Stimpfel, Suzuki, Upham, Young, and Zelikoff; and Alternate Senators Alter, Buhler, Partridge (for Ricci), and Stewart.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF T-FSC CHAIR 2022-2023

See attached Document B.

The election of T-FSC Chair for 2022-2023 took place by secret online ballot from the following slate of candidates presented by the Nominating Committee: Andrew Battista of the Division of Libraries and David Irving of the Tisch School of the Arts.

Nominating Committee Chair Stimpfel reported the results of the election: David Irving will serve as Chair next academic year.

Stimpfel also reported the call for nominations for Vice Chair and Secretary will take place at the Feb. 3 Council meeting.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR: DARCEY MERRITT

COVID Protocols for Spring 2022

Chairperson Merritt noted the expectation is that the spring semester will operate similar to the fall semester with in-person classes.

Merritt noted the recent pivot to remote final examinations and assessments, cancellation of in-person events, etc. was a response to the quick acceleration in new COVID cases. They expect to return in person as planned in the spring.

Anti-Racism roll out

Merritt reported the roll out of the anti-racism module is still underway, pending continued revisions.

Course Evaluations

Vice Chair Irving reported the Faculty Committee on Course Evaluations has been working on revamping the course evaluations and will soon send to the various Councils for review.
SPECIAL PRESENTATION: PROVOST FLEMING

See attached Document A.

The Council welcomed Provost Fleming, who addressed questions distributed by the Council.

Question 1: What has been the Covid-19 impact on pre-tenure faculty’s promotion and tenure outcomes, especially for women, BIPOC, and caregivers who have been disproportionately impacted?

Fleming stated the University offered an automatic tenure clock extension to all tenure track faculty in the spring of 2020. It was an ‘opt out’ option, which meant faculty did not have to actively request an exception. 85% of the faculty who were eligible did not decline the extension.

She reported there is no change in the rates of tenure for women or people of color in 2021 verses earlier years. She noted they do not have HR data on caregiver status.

Question 2: There is some discussion among faculty of proposing an online spring assembly for undergraduates in April of 2022 to mark this period of upheaval and the impact of the pandemic on our students. Is there support or plans form any kind of University wide commemoration?

Fleming noted the University is currently planning graduation ceremonies for the class of 2020, 2021, and 2022. She noted the possibility of interest at the departmental level for such events. The Office of Global Spiritual Life might also be interested in hosting.

Question 3: How can the T-FSC help with the mid-states review?

Fleming thanked the Council for their interest in assisting in the review.

She reported the co-Chairs of the self-study, which is the first phase of the Middle States Review, are Professor Wendy Suzuki and Vice Provost Diana Arpino.

She noted faculty and the T-FSC would be helpful is the faculty led self-study working groups. They will convene in the fall of 2022, with the charge of conducting research, identifying findings, and offering recommendations.

Senator Suzuki, one of the co-chairs, commented that the assessment also reviews ways to improve in the next eight-year cycle. She noted this is an area she would appreciate feedback on, and welcomed Council members and constituents to reach out with their ideas.

PRESENTATION

Information on T/TT faculty age demographics

See attached Document C.

Chairperson Merritt presented the breakdown of tenured/tenure track faculty by age demographics.

A Senator inquired on the breakdown for continuing contract faculty. Merritt stated she would ask the C-FSC for this information and for information on adjuncts.

T-FSC COMMITTEE REPORTS

See attached Document D.

Reports at Meeting:
Inclusion, Equity, & Diversity

Committee Chair Nonken reported the Committee is discussing an event for the spring on inclusion, diversity, belonging, and equity efforts in promotion and hiring. It will examine university policies regarding promotion, tenure, and hiring, and the faculty perspective in this process. She noted the Committee is working with Charlton McIlwain, Vice Provost for Faculty Engagement and Development, on this project.

She noted the anti-racism education module, of which the Committee did a preliminary review, will be available for additional feedback in the spring of 2022.

Personnel Policies & Tenure Modifications

Committee Co-Chair Zelikoff reported the Committee is currently reviewing the Grossman School of Medicine (GSOM) Promotion & Tenure Guidelines and plans to have their recommendation for vote at the February meeting. They will next review the Long Island School of Medicine (LISOM) Promotion & Tenure Guideline, and then the Libraries Full-time Continuing Contract Faculty Guidelines for Appointment, Evaluation, Reappointment, and Promotion, and Promotion & Tenure Guidelines.

UNIVERSITY SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports at Meeting:

Academic Affairs

Committee Co-Chair Ling reported the Committee met with the Board of Trustees’ Academic Affairs Committee. The faculty and student representatives voiced their concerns regarding the University’s academic and research mission during the ongoing COVID crisis. They asked the Board of Trustees to dedicate resources for faculty and students.

The Committee is also discussing course evaluations and student mental health services. They identified the following issues regarding student mental health service: 1) there are no in person services for student mental health service, only virtual; 2) there is a significant delay in getting services, including initial intake, evaluation and receiving the 10-12 free sessions; and 3) there is a significant shortage of professional staff to offer counseling and services, which leads to the long wait time; and 4) there is no dedicated space for students to have a private conversation with a therapist on the phone.

The Committee asked the Co-Chairs Ling and Dickey to draft a memo highlighting these concerns to be sent to Lynne Brown and Gigi Dopico.

A Senator commented it would helpful for faculty to be more informed on the resources available and how to assist students in receiving these services.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports at Meeting:

Superblock Stewardship Advisory Committee

Committee member Schlick reported the Committee discussed: 1) the impact of the pandemic on community needs, in particular on outdoor spaces, 2) issues that may arise with 181 Mercer Street, and 3) the immediate environment of the super block. They noted the need for increasing outdoor spaces, particularly for families. They also discussed the paint project at the park site, possible changes in traffic patterns, and opportunities with open retail space.
Benefits and Housing Committee Co-Chair Ling noted the Committee will be meeting with Erin Lynch and Provost Fleming on housing.

**Senate Taskforce on University Calendar**

Committee member Stimpfel noted the Committee welcomes feedback from faculty members on the calendar. She noted they discussed modifications to the academic calendar including moving the fall semester start date prior to Labor Day.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.
MEMO TO: Katherine Fleming, Provost NYU
MEMO FROM: Executive Committee, T-FSC
RE: Questions to consider
DATE: December 8, 2021

The T-FSC is pleased to have the opportunity to engage in a dialogue with the University Provost on December 16th at 12:10pm EST.

These are some of the questions we have:

- What has been the Covid-19 impact on pre-tenure faculty’s promotion and tenure outcomes, especially for women, BIPOC, and caregivers who have been disproportionately impacted?

- There is some discussion among faculty of proposing an online spring assembly for undergraduates in April of 2022 to mark this period of upheaval and the impact of the pandemic on our students. Is there support or plans for any kind of University wide commemoration?

- How can the T-FSC help with the mid-states review?
Nov 23, 2021
To Colleagues and Senators:

I am glad to be nominated as a candidate for Chair of the T-FSC. I’ve enjoyed the chance to work with you in my term as the Division of Libraries’ representative, and I am proud of what the Council has been able to accomplish, during a global pandemic and over Zoom no less.

I’ve been at NYU for seven years as the Librarian for Geospatial Information Systems, earning tenure in 2020. I work in Data Services, which partners with NYU-IT to support anyone at NYU engaged in the research data lifecycle. My academic journey has not been typical; before working with geospatial data and software, I earned a Ph.D. in English Literature and studied the conjoined epistemological and ecological anxieties of early modern England.

At NYU, my position requires that I interface with many University schools. The Libraries perspective is important because it exposes opportunities where the T-FSC can galvanize a more cohesive and better-resourced institution. I have served on University-wide bodies, such as the Future of Technology Enhanced Education (FTEE) Committee; within the T-FSC I’ve been on the Personnel Policies & Tenure Modifications Committee, the Finance and Policy Planning Committee, and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

From my vantagepoint, the T-FSC plays a vital role in the continuing evolution of NYU as we emerge from (or perhaps metamorphosize alongside) the ongoing shadow of COVID-19. As NYU improves its approach to recruiting faculty, building research infrastructure, and coordinating curricula, the voice of this Council becomes even more central to NYU’s growth.

Thanks to Darcey Merritt and David Irving’s leadership, our Council still has the occasion to express its commitment to Open Access scholarship at NYU, and this is a discussion I hope we continue in the coming years. As I’ve said previously, Open Access is not just a Libraries’ initiative; rather, it is a commitment that must emerge from the structure of shared faculty governance so NYU’s system of rewards and resourcing can follow apace. Another issue I care about is the relationship between NYU and the School(s) of Medicine. This issue has been surfaced multiple times by our Council, and I am convinced that it deeply implicates the interests of shared University governance and demands the attention of our Council.

I continue to value your collective institutional knowledge and collegiality, and I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew Battista, M.L.S. and Ph.D.
Associate Curator, Librarian for Geospatial Information Systems
Interim Co-Head of Data Services, NYU Libraries
David K Irving

I would be honored to serve as Chair of our Council. Shared governance is key for sustaining the University's mission. Partnering with the administration and embracing the diverse expertise of the faculty should be advocated.

As senator from the Tisch School of the Arts I currently serve on the Executive Committee as Council Vice Chair, a position that has afforded me insight into the purpose, potential and procedures of the T-FSC and exposure to the workings of the University at large.

Having chaired three departments here at NYU, including a two-year stint in Singapore, working with the entire spectrum of participants – administrators, faculty, and students – I am familiar and comfortable with a chairmanship role.

My primary research centers on teaching effectiveness. Based on my book *Elements of College Teaching* I have lectured on teaching at many of our study away sites including Shanghai, Prague, Johannesburg, Havana and Florence. Most recently I have been appointed Director of Teaching Effectiveness in UGFTV at Tisch.

As a feature film director, working with multiple stakeholders has become second nature.

These experiences have informed the collegial temperament that I would bring in service to the work of our Council and our members with your support.

Initiatives that have been introduced to the council of late that I will continue working on include; mandatory diversity and inclusion training, Covid protocols, Open Access, teaching evaluations, and faculty salary compression.
## Tenured & Tenure-Eligible Faculty Demographics

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Mean age = 58
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Mean age = 55
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Source: Workday - November 22, 2021
Excludes NYU Abu Dhabi, NYU Shanghai, GSOM and LISOM.
MOVING FORWARD 2022

Report from the SSAC to the NYU Administration – Thoughts and recommendations from the Superblocks Stewardship Advisory Committee

FALL 2021
**Introduction**

Seven-and-a-half years ago, the Superblock Stewardship Advisory Committee (SSAC) was formed, following a recommendation from the University Space Priorities Working Group (USPWG). Among the items in our original charter were four specific charges for the committee to take on as its brief:

- Recommending Improvements to the superblocks, including the obligations the University must fulfill under its agreement with the City;
- Giving input on the architectural process, including feedback on the design and function and impact of a new building on the 181 Mercer site;
- Monitoring overall quality-of-life on the superblocks, including efforts to mitigate the effects of construction, as well as more general quality-of-life concerns; and
- Continuing ongoing stewardship and communication between the University and the external community.

As we move forward into 2022, these four charges still seem relevant and pertinent. Many aspects of our lives, both personally and professionally, were put on pause during the pandemic, but the SSAC continued to meet on a regular basis over the last year and a half and has continued to advance, with varying degrees of progress, the agenda within our ongoing mission. (In fact, two final items of our last report to the community in Fall of 2019—only a few months before the pandemic upended our normal routines—traffic calming on West 3rd Street and the renovation of the Mercer Playground have been completed or are nearly complete.)

However, we are acutely aware that, with the start of the fall 2022 semester, we will be moving into a new landscape, both figuratively and literally. Therefore, starting in the spring of 2021, the SSAC has focused on the new needs and imperatives that will emerge post-pandemic for the superblocks and its residents and the surrounding community.

The SSAC looked at three areas that, going forward, will have a significant impact on the superblocks: The shift in Demographics for both Silver Towers and Washington Square Village; the final stages of construction of 181 Mercer – and then its occupancy – which will alter the physical and pedestrian landscape of the neighborhood; and, finally, the enduring (or ephemeral) changes in our community.

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1 Since the Spring of 2015 through the Fall of 2019, the SSAC has produced five reports. In each report, we made a series of suggestions – the majority of which were acted on by the University as resources and planning/approvals were obtained.
home spaces, and work spaces in the post-pandemic environment. What follows is a series of observations and recommendations based on our deliberations.

Demographics: A More Family-Centered Community

In April of 2021, upon request of the SSAC, the Office of Faculty Housing (OFH) conducted an analysis of the demographics of the residents living on the superblocks (see appendix). Among the charts in the data, one revealed that the number of apartments with occupants with three or more occupants exceeded 400, while the number of two-person and one-person apartments were respectively 350 and 380. More than one-third of residential apartments are inhabited by families.

This data reinforced the SSAC’s own experience that there are more family-centered needs emerging on the superblocks in terms of both physical space (outdoor and indoor) as well as timing of events and activities (particularly in coordination with the non-college school calendar year; i.e., holidays, summertime, etc.). This evolution toward families and children will no doubt continue when the faculty housing at 181 Mercer is complete and overall leads to a cultural shift in how the University approaches the priorities within resident housing.

Although the University and the OFH have been very responsive to previous requests and have added numerous play spaces and family spaces in the last few years (the Sideyard and the Backyard in 2018; and, working with the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation and Community Board 2, a renovated Mercer Playground in 2021), the demand for outdoor spaces only increased during the pandemic. Sasaki Garden, meant as a contemplative space, has become a de facto play space because of its central location (perhaps the Mercer Playground renovation will draw off some of that activity). In terms of indoor space for use by families and children, this has been a repeated request from families and some tenant organizations. An indoor space in 2 WSV was in the planning stages when the pandemic hit; it was deemed by tenants with families to be a necessary space.

In order to better serve the growing family community, to coordinate better OFH supervision and activity, and to increase communication between the OFH and the residential cohort, we recommend the following:

- The completion of the indoor family play space in WSV 2 as soon as practicable, given funding and timing of capital projects, following specific recommendations from the various tenant associations;
- Within the constraints of weather conditions and the need for maintenance, the continuation of communications regarding closures of outdoor areas to
provide the maximum amount of open space, especially in the spring and summer, when school is out (see appendix for 2021 lawn maintenance schedules and communications);

- Now that NYU Returns has dictated a return to the office, a continuation of monitoring by OFH or their designees on a consistent basis to observe compliance with traffic and other safety rules, proper use of outdoor space, and condition of signage, etc.;
- Continued clarification and coordination of uses, procedures and signage to gain access to all outdoor spaces and related equipment;
- Replacement of all deteriorated signage, the design and installation of which the SSAC was involved with a few short years ago, which has not held up due to weather and fabrication flaws on the part of the contractor;
- Continuation of the successful “Happening” activities and a periodic assessment of the appropriate types and frequency of events with an eye toward evolutionary improvement (see appendix for June 2021 survey results and FY21 and Fall 2021 participation data);
- An event to celebrate the opening of Mercer Playground; perhaps in the spring of 2022, when work is complete, to familiarize our residents and those of the surrounding community of this new amenity;
- The University should investigate the condition of the eastern wall of the Key Park (located on NYU property) especially as it now borders the renovated Mercer Playground and Mercer Street itself becomes a well-used pedestrian thoroughfare to the new building.

181 Mercer Street: A Signature Addition to the Landscape

While we are still at least a year away from 181 Mercer being open and fully occupied (and are not, by profession, urban planners or psychics) there are some items that emerge for consideration. Let us first commend the University and its staff for moving the construction along with dispatch and clear communication. To our knowledge, any disruptions were minimal and complaints (at least to the SSAC) were also minimal.

We are aware that the emergence of a building the size and scope of 181 Mercer and the fact that it will be used by a wide range of constituents -- from students to faculty to athletes to performers -- on a daily basis will alter the landscape and movement of people around the neighborhood unlike what we have seen in decades. There will obviously be increased pedestrian traffic on the block itself as well as other routes to the building. Many of these changes will emerge over time and depend on usage and pedestrian preference, but the following are some areas to be attentive to:
Due to the anticipated increase in pedestrian traffic through Washington Square Village driveways, the University should carefully assess current grading and drainage issues along those driveways. In addition, because the superblocks will possibly become a more prominent path to the south, the WSV canopies and other long-standing and much needed cosmetic upgrades should be considered;

- The SSAC looks forward to more information on the Greene Street Walk, both its design and what amenities/activities will be allowed/encouraged;
- Because of the addition of the Mercer Playground and expected increased foot traffic, the SSAC recommends a deeper investigation into the asphalt areas (running east/west) north and south of the Key Park. These areas have long been in a limbo in terms of practical usage and upkeep; there is an opportunity here to put the space to better use.
- Investigate complementary activities that can take place in the Mercer building itself given its proximity to other NYU programs and activities. For example, one idea is to develop a composting program in the building given its proximity to the Urban Farm Lab on Houston Street.

**Post-Pandemic Environment: The Way We Live Now**

While the SSAC is not in a position to predict changes in behavior and preferences in a post-pandemic environment, we are invested in how the lives of residents, business conditions, and changes in the urban landscape will take shape in the near future.

Some observations about life during the pandemic:

- There was a substantive change in the way we live/interact/spend our time. Members of the committee mentioned a desire for more time and options outdoors; attention to landscaping; and introduction of sustainable materials to the ecosystem. Certainly the balance between outdoor activities and indoor (work) obligations come into consideration;
- The Committee suggests that the University look into nearby currently empty space to meet a range of continuing university needs from indoor play for children to tennis and other racquet sports (such as the New York Sports Club on Mercer Street).
- The existing gardens on the superblocks -- Community Agriculture Club space in the Sideyard (Washington Square Village) and the Urban Farm Lab, (behind Silver Towers on Houston Street) -- have worked out well and are welcome additions.
• We are also cognizant of two larger evolving community projects which may be influential but over which we have minimal control: the outcome of the Noho/Soho Rezoning and the School Construction Authority decision on the current Morton-Williams space (the latter will resolve by the end of 2021, we believe).

Other Considerations

While the SSAC is aware that there are several urban issues beyond our brief (indeed, some beyond NYU’s control and advocacy), we welcome briefings and advice from relevant University offices such as Community Engagement and Real Estate on neighborhood issues and developments that are often brought to our attention. One would be the stabilization and/or upgrading of the retail areas along Mercer Street between Bleecker and Houston Streets. Another is how NYU can work with local organizations such as chambers of commerce, elected officials, and community boards to help strengthen and keep vibrant the neighborhoods contiguous to the superblocks.

In Conclusion

In the year ahead, we will see the completion of important new facilities and projects for NYU in and around the superblocks. We will also be returning, one hopes, to pre-pandemic routines that allow for more in-person interaction and social events but undoubtedly there will also be changes in behavior and preferences of how and where to spend one’s time and ways of conducting business and how to mesh work-life responsibilities. We seem to be at an inflection point where it seemed both necessary and felicitous to raise some questions and offer some suggestions.

We appreciate the time, resources, and support given to the SSAC by University Leadership and we look forward to our future collaborations.
Superblock Stewardship Advisory Committee Membership

Chair
Laurence Maslon, Tisch School of the Arts

Tenured/Tenure-Track Faculty
Salo Coslovsky, Wagner School of Public Service
Alex Jassen, Faculty of Arts and Science
Tamar Schlick, Faculty of Arts and Science
Frank Upham, School of Law

Full-time Non-Tenure Track/Contract Faculty
Michael Ferguson, College of Dentistry
Michael Carrozza, Faculty of Arts and Science

Student Senators Council
Anthony Cruz, Undergraduate Student, Steinhardt
Mira Silveira, Undergraduate Student, Gallatin

Administrative Management Council
Barbara Albrecht, Stern School of Business

Tenants Associations
Anne Hearn, Washington Square Village Tenants Association
Alvaro Bonfiglio Bardier, Silver Towers Tenants Association
Clare Aronow, University Residents of Washington Square Village

Administrative Liaison (ex-officio)
Lynne Brown, University Relations and Public Affairs

Administrative Representatives (ex-officio)
Arlene Peralta-Avila - Community Engagement
Heather Banoub - Community Engagement
Erin Donnelly - Faculty Housing
Appendices

● Office of Faculty Housing Demographics Presentation to the SSAC, April 29, 2021
● Office of Faculty Housing Lawn Maintenance Schedules and Communications, 2021
● Office of Faculty Housing Happenings Events Survey, 2021-2022 (June 2021)
● Office of Faculty Housing Happening Participation FY2021
Faculty Housing Demographics
SSAC Presentation April 29, 2021
% of Total FH Units on the Superblocks by Bedroom Size

- Studio: 70.7%
- 1 Bedroom: 70.5%
- 2 Bedroom: 73.3%
- 3 Bedroom: 71.0%
- 4 Bedroom: 76.7%
Breakdown of Units on the Superblocks by Bedroom Size

- Studio: 225
- 1 Bedroom: 335
- 2 Bedroom: 400
- 3 Bedroom: 427
- 4 Bedroom: 23
Count of Non-Affiliates on Superblocks by Bedroom Size

- Studio: ~45
- 1 Bedroom: ~35
- 2 Bedroom: ~50
- 3 Bedroom: ~5

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Lawn Maintenance Schedules and Communications 2021

Note: No lawn closures in 2020 until August due to COVID-19 thus leaving lawns in poor condition and requiring longer closures.

Spring 2021 Lawn Maintenance

- Oak Grove closed April 6-May 18
- The Backyard closed May 4-June 8
- Bust of Sylvette closed May 18-June 1
  - 2-week overlap due to weather, temperatures, and soil conditions beyond our control.
  - Schedule circulated via email on April 13 and screens updated on March 23, May 4 and May 11

Fall 2021 Lawn Maintenance

- Oak Grove closed August 24-September 28
- The Backyard closed September 21-October 7
  - 1-week overlap due to weather, temperatures, and soil conditions beyond our control.
    - Note: Bust of Sylvette was reseeded and kept open throughout the entire season.
  - Schedule circulated via email on August 19 and screens updated on August 19, September 25 and October 5

Private Event Reservations - 2021

- Over 40 private event reservations in The Backyard, 4 reservations were moved to The Side Yard when lawn maintenance occurred in The Backyard.
- Furniture was made available for use in summer 2021.
What recent Faculty Housing Happenings have you been aware of?

- Harmonicas in Solidarity: 22 (52.4%)
- Virtual Events: 5-Days to a Cal…: 5 (11.9%)
- Acts of Kindness Community P…: 16 (38.1%)
- Cookbook Club (virtual): 28 (66.7%)
- Arbor Day Photo Scavenger Hunt: 4 (9.5%)
- Events with NYU Sustainability:…: 24 (57.1%)
- None: 6 (14.3%)
- Holiday card and bag, Sasaki I…: 1 (2.4%)
- Movie screenings in backyard: 1 (2.4%)

What outdoor NYU Faculty Housing Happenings would you be interested in attending? Outdoor venues will include Sasaki Garden, The Backyard, Oak Grove, Bust of Sylvette/University Plaza.

- Superblock Party: 28 (66.7%)
- Fall Family Fest: 18 (42.9%)
- Open Level Yoga: 17 (40.5%)
- Field Day/Family Fun Night: 16 (38.1%)
- Visual Arts programming: 13 (31%)
- Performing arts programming: 21 (50%)
- Outdoor movie screenings: 33 (78.6%)
- Walking tours: 20 (47.6%)
- Pet programming (Dog traini…: 11 (26.2%)
- Seasonal events (Sasaki by…: 26 (61.9%)
- Community building events (…: 30 (71.4%)
- Community building activitie…: 17 (40.5%)
- Cookbook Club (virtual): 6 (11.9%)
- Family Game Night (virtual): 0 (0%)
- None: 1 (2.4%)
- I don’t have a pet but would i…: 1 (2.4%)
- Volunteering: 1 (2.4%)
How likely would you be to attend an outdoor event for up to 200 people?
42 responses

How likely would you be to attend a smaller outdoor event (25-50 people)?
42 responses
With regards to NYU Faculty Housing Happenings, do you have any comments, questions and/or suggestions?

- We miss the fall festival!
- I think it's great that you are considering having these events.
- How can we get involved in the community events for planning them or brainstorming them? Would you consider dance lessons to offer to the community in partnership with NYU affiliated clubs/organizations?
- Is it really necessary to social distance and hand sanitize at an outdoor event? The CDC and NYC has issued guidance on this issue that differs. What would make me most happy would be to return to some sense of normalcy in a setting that is deemed safe by health research.
- At this point, I am burned out on virtual events. Ready to get back in person.
- More events encouraging sustainability would be great.
- Love outdoor movie nights!
Regarding typical NYU Faculty Housing Happenings, what kind are most relevant to you/your household?
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<td>5 Days to a Calm and Peaceful Morning</td>
<td>25-Sep</td>
<td>5 participants</td>
<td>Diane Lowy/New Yorker at Home</td>
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<td>Sound Bath Meditation</td>
<td>20-Oct</td>
<td>78 participants</td>
<td>Melissa Carter/MindfulNYU</td>
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<td>Finger Knitting Demo</td>
<td>10-Dec</td>
<td>1 participant</td>
<td>Elizabeth New/NYU MakerSpace</td>
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<td>Earth Day</td>
<td>23-Apr</td>
<td>150 reuseable water bottles distributed</td>
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<td>Spring Beginnings Photo Contest</td>
<td>April/May</td>
<td>30 submissions</td>
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<td>Arbor Day Photo Scavenger Hunt</td>
<td>30-Apr</td>
<td>21 submission</td>
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<td>Creative Research</td>
<td>5-May</td>
<td>50 students participated</td>
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<td>Bike Month</td>
<td>21-May</td>
<td>130 helmets distributed</td>
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<td>Cookbook Club: Traditional Dominican Cooking</td>
<td>3-Jan</td>
<td>10 participants</td>
<td>Katherine Santana</td>
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<td>Cookbook Club: Ottolenghi Flavor</td>
<td>7-Feb</td>
<td>3 participants</td>
<td>Katie Jablonsky</td>
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<td>Cookbook Club: Momofuku</td>
<td>7-Mar</td>
<td>6 participants</td>
<td>Saehye Yim</td>
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<td>Cookbook Club: Indian-lish</td>
<td>2-May</td>
<td>4 participants</td>
<td>Avani Jalan</td>
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<td>Sasaki by Starlight: Photo Scavenger Hunt</td>
<td>29-Jun</td>
<td>38 participants and 20 submissions</td>
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<td>Sasaki by Starlight: Superblock Coloring Pages</td>
<td>20-Jul</td>
<td>14 participants</td>
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<td>Sasaki by Starlight: Night Sky Chalk Art</td>
<td>10-Aug</td>
<td>27 participants</td>
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<td>Food Photo Challenge</td>
<td>July</td>
<td>16 submissions</td>
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<td>Summer in the City Photo Contest</td>
<td>August</td>
<td>18 submissions</td>
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<td>Cookbook Club: The Meat Lover's Meatless</td>
<td>6-Oct</td>
<td>4 participants</td>
<td>Dana Herbsman</td>
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<td>Pumpkin Contest</td>
<td>30-Oct</td>
<td>120 kits distributed and 18 submissions</td>
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<td>Pot-a-Paperwhite</td>
<td>Oct</td>
<td>12 kits distributed</td>
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<td>Fall Foliage Photo Contest</td>
<td>Oct/Nov</td>
<td>50 submissions (and counting)</td>
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<td>Pumpkin Spice Challenge</td>
<td>Nov</td>
<td>12 kits distributed</td>
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Cecil Scheib, Chief Sustainability Officer, reported on the activities of the Office of Sustainability over the last year and proposals for the coming year.

1. NYU has now increased to #29 out of the top 50 as a Green College in the Princeton Review.

2. There are green grants for initiatives throughout the university; microgrants of about $3,000 and larger grants of $20,000.

3. Green Events are planned, e.g., no food waste and this will be part of Business Expense Policy.

4. It is proposed to have a policy on indoor temperature. Mr. Scheib presented data from other universities of their policies, ranges and means for heating and cooling. He has proposed a range of 68-77°F. There are many engineering and personal issues involved with the existing buildings, including the problems of reheating that occurs in some buildings in the summer.

5. The Office of Sustainability is planning a week in the Fall of 2022 to have activities that would resemble sustainability in 2040, which is the date proposed for achieving carbon neutrality at NYU.

6. Mr. Scheib outlined a proposed policy for sustainability to be developed for NYU. It was discussed as to whether this should be a general policy/guidelines or should be one approved by the Senate and Board of Trustees.