



**Minutes of a Stated Meeting of the  
Senate of New York University  
March 7, 2013**

A stated meeting of the Senate of New York University was held on Thursday, March 7, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., in the Colloquium Room of the Global Center for Academic and Spiritual Life, 238 Thompson Street. The meeting was convened with Dr. Sexton in the chair.

**Faculty Senators Council Members Present:** Ted Magder (Chair), Mark Adelman, Mark Alter, Brookes Billman, Sylvain Cappell, Sewin Chan (for Victor Rodwin), Christine Harrington, Jim Jacobs, Warren Jelinek, Mary Anne Jones, Angela Kamer, Rebecca Karl, April Klein (for Jennifer Carpenter), Bruce Kleiner (for Susan Antòn), Wen Ling, Achiau Ludomirsky, Charlton McIlwain, Allen Mincer, Marie Monaco, Mary Nolan, Laurin Raiken, Charlie Rubin (for Awam Amkpa), Eric Simon (for David Stokes), Carol Sternhill, Raghu Sundaram, Arthur Tannenbaum, George Thurston, Alexander Tuzhilin (for Nicholas Economides), James Uleman, Nancy Van Devanter, and Daniel Zwanziger.

**Student Senators Council Members Present:** Malina Webb (Chair), Christian Acevedo, Alicia Bell, Anthony Beshay, Corey Blay, John Boyd, Tai Cooper, Griffin Dooling (for Mason Detloff), Mariam Ehrari, Stephanie Gent, Jameson Lee, Ikechi Nwankwo, Daniel Porsa, Brian Plaut, Celaena Powder, Rhoen Pruesse-Adams, Rocco Puno, Seyyed Ali Sajjadi, Griffin Simpson, Nishant Thakkar, and Patrick Ryan Totaro.

**Deans Council Members Present:** Charles Bertolami (Chair), Thomas Carew, Mary Brabeck, Scott Fritzen (for Tyra Liebmann), Randy Hertz (for Richard Revesz), Joanne Hvala (for Peter Blair Henry), Louis Scheeder (for Mary Schmidt Campbell) Gabrielle Starr, Lynn Videka, Diann Witt (for Geeta Menon), and Susanne Wofford.

**Administrative Management Council Members Present:** David Vogelsang (Chair), Hilarie Ashton, John De Santis Anita Dwyer, and David Vintinner.

**University Administration Members Present:** Bob Berne, Bonnie Brier, Martin Dorph, and David McLaughlin.

**Review and Approval of the Minutes of the February 7, 2013 Meeting**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the February 7, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously as presented.

## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT'S QUESTIONS TIME**

Dr. Sexton referred to the memorandum that was circulated to each Senator, and is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A, outlining some of the individual and collective achievements at the University since the Senate's last meeting.

Dr. Sexton responded to the FSC's question about whether NYU's ability to provide student aid is adversely impacted by the compensation packages provided to senior executives and faculty and whether they might jeopardize the University's nonprofit status. He assured the Senate that the University's nonprofit status is not in jeopardy and that the compensation packages do not affect student tuition or the debt students incur to attend NYU. He related that the University provides highly competitive benefits, including loans, in order to recruit and retain the talented faculty and senior administrators who serve to make the University an institution of excellence and who, in turn, enable NYU to recruit the talented students who attend the University. Dr. Sexton stated that rental housing is provided to approximately 1,200 faculty, retired faculty, and senior administrators, and spoke to the importance of providing loans as the University does not have enough rental housing to accommodate all of its faculty and senior administrators. He noted past programs where those in University housing were given the opportunity to obtain loan incentives if they gave up their housing, particularly the two and three-bedroom apartments needed for faculty with children, so that on-campus rental housing was more available for recruitment. Dr. Sexton related that including both the University and the Law School, there are loans currently outstanding to 168 individuals, of whom 164 are faculty, totaling about \$72 million. He advised that the loans in totality generate a net investment return to the University. He advised that almost all of the loans either bear interest at market rates or the University shares in appreciation of the underlying properties, or both, and that there are very few forgivable loans. He reported that the Board of Trustees or its Compensation Committee has pre-approved certain types of loans (loans up to certain levels with specified terms) and all other proposed loans go to the Compensation Committee for approval, including all loans to the highest paid faculty and administrators (and with the Law School having a similar process in the case of its loans).

Dr. Sexton advised that while he thought it inappropriate to discuss individual compensation packages, he did want to speak generally about Jacob (Jack) Lew, who came to the University in 2001 to lead Dr. Sexton's transition team, and to become the Executive Vice President for Operations when he became president. He noted that Mr. Lew, now Secretary of the Treasury and former Chief of Staff to President Obama, is extraordinarily accomplished and came to NYU having just completed his first (of two) appointments as director of the Office of Management and Budget. He spoke to the considerable contributions Mr. Lew made to enhancing the University's financial health, operational efficiency, and effectiveness, including his work (as well as the work of his successor, former Executive Vice President Michael Alfano) in reducing central administrative costs by 15 percent, resulting in an annual savings of approximately \$70 to \$75 million, in building our budget procedures, and in unwinding the merger with Mount Sinai. Dr. Sexton emphasized the extraordinary talent of Mr. Lew and Dr. Alfano,

as well as other senior University administrators, the fact that their special skill sets are hugely in demand, and that comprehensive employment agreements, including incentives such as these housing loans, are central to recruitment and retention of extremely high talent and accomplished executives, and do not impact student tuition or debt.

Four Senators commented on the severance packages reported in the press as given to Mr. Lew and Dr. Harold Koplewicz, and/or on loans and loan forgiveness, and their impact on tuition and scholarships. Dr. Sexton stated that while he cannot comment on individual compensation agreements, that amounts paid on termination of employment are not “going away presents,” and serve either to honor commitments or to obtain something of value. He noted, for example, that a Dean may seek to provide incentives such as loan forgiveness in the recruitment or retention of a tenured faculty member to assure that the person will remain at NYU for at least a stated period of time (as might be the case where a donor will fund a program but it is critical to have consistent leadership for that program for at least five or more years) or might provide termination incentives to encourage a tenured faculty member to retire. Dr. Sexton stressed that the loan programs in the aggregate provide a positive return and that incentives can be a necessary expense when competing for talent with other organizations, both public and private; ut they do not have an impact on tuition levels or scholarships.

Dean of the College G. Gabrielle Starr noted that financial aid has increased disproportionately to tuition increases in recent years due to the University’s reduction in administrative costs.

In response to the SSC’s question about the closure of Tisch Asia, Dr. Sexton explained that Tisch Asia is a school-based program in Singapore operated by Tisch School of the Arts (TSOA) and clarified that there never has been a Tisch Shanghai. Dr. Sexton noted that study-away programs historically were opened by departments, citing Madrid (the oldest site, which began in 1959), which was started by the Spanish Department, and Paris, which was started by the French department. He explained that over the past decade, and particularly as the University has been developing its global network, the University has assumed responsibility for a number of the sites, broadening their offerings and connecting them to multiple departments and schools, and has been examining the school programs that operate independently to determine if there is sufficient academic justification for the greater risk involved (due to their having less structure, resources, and economies of scale, and being “off the grid”). He advised that about 40 school-based programs remain active, from digs in Egypt operated by the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World (where we evacuated students, faculty, and staff during the Egyptian uprising), to the Law School Program in Singapore, to Tisch Asia.

Dr. Sexton emphasized that the Tisch Asia program was founded on the principle that it would be financially self-sustaining, but that it did not meet the necessary enrollment levels and that expenditures were far greater than expected. He explained that the

subsidy was too burdensome for TSOA and that Dean Campbell asked him to step in to try to negotiate with the Singaporean government about the possibility of obtaining additional support. Dr. Sexton reported that when the Singapore government ultimately decided not to provide the requested support, he and Dean Campbell agreed that while existing commitments to students, faculty, and the government needed to be honored, funds from Washington Square could not thereafter continue to be used to subsidize Tisch Asia; accordingly, the site will close after all current students have the opportunity to complete their coursework and graduate.

Dr. Sexton stated that both NYU Abu Dhabi and NYU Shanghai are fully supported and that each makes a financial contribution to overhead at the Square. He emphasized that there will be no new portal campus for at least three to five years and there is a strong presumption against opening any other global site during that period, noting we would require a compelling case with a solid business plan before a site such as India or Brazil was opened. In response to a question from a Senator, Dr. Sexton advised that the other school-based programs abroad are being reviewed to avoid situations like Tisch Asia.

Dr. Sexton responded to the SSC's question about the University's plans to increase the number of international students to 20 percent by stating that the increase over the past decade from five percent international students to almost 20 percent was not intentional, but rather occurred naturally as we admit the strongest students. Dr. Sexton attributed it to NYU's growing reputation, including abroad. He referenced the 2013 Times Higher Education World Reputation Rankings, a copy of which was distributed to all Senators, which highlighted NYU. Calling NYU "one of the big US stars in this year's reputation rankings," it noted that NYU sat in the 51-60 band in 2011, rose to 34<sup>th</sup> place in 2012, and placed 29<sup>th</sup> this year. He also advised that NYU is the most searched university on the internet in China according to the College Board. He spoke to the value of maintaining a diverse student body, including the fact that more than 20 percent of the students in the Class of 2016 are eligible for Pell Grants, which grants are awarded to students with the greatest financial need.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Executive Committee**

Dr. Magder referred to the letter from President Sexton, included in the mailing for today's meeting, which designated Martin Dorph, Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President for Finance and Information Technology, to replace Michael Alfano as a voting member of the Senate. He noted that Dr. Alfano, at his request, recently stepped down from his role as The Executive Vice President of the University.

### **Academic Affairs Committee**

Ms. Bell reported that the Committee submitted its memo regarding the case before the National Labor Relations Board to Executive Vice President for Health Robert Berne.

### **Financial Affairs Committee**

Mr. Dorph reported that at its last meeting the Committee reviewed the budget requests from the faculty, students, and administration, and provided a response to the SSC's budget request.

### **Committee on Organization and Governance**

Dr. Jelinek reported that at its last meeting SCOG discussed whether the non-tenure track full-time faculty wish to be represented in University governance, and how to survey them for their opinion on this issue. He related that the Committee unanimously agreed, with the consent of the Secretary of the Senate, to transfer to the Office of the Secretary the responsibility for ensuring an annual report on sustainability is made to the Senate.

### **Public Affairs Committee**

Dr. Tannenbaum presented the annual report on governmental affairs and quality of life, outlining public policy issues important to University faculty, students, and staff, and other universities. The report is attached to these minutes as Exhibit B.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **Administrative Management Council**

Mr. Vogelsang reported that at its March 5 meeting: Chief Compliance Officer Robert Roach presented on the operations and services of the Office of Compliance and Risk Management; and the AMC Benefits Committee discussed the tuition remission policy, the donation pool for time away, and the alignment of insurance plans with health-related University services, and reached out to Executive Vice President Alison Leary and Vice President for Human Resources Andrew Gordon for guidance on these topics. Mr. Vogelsang advised that the AMC is preparing for its May Art Show and monthly book discussions, the annual Town Hall featuring Dr. Sexton, and elections for next year's representatives, Senators, and officers.

### **Deans Council**

Dean Bertolami reported that at the last Deans Council meeting: Deans Fred Schwarzbach and Carol Mandel led a preliminary discussion on the possible representation of non-tenure track faculty; Dean G. Gabrielle Starr reported on the

outcome of a Deans Council subcommittee charged with meeting with the administration to explore improvements in the Student Information System (SIS); Dean Mary Brabeck offered suggestions on matching student registration with the availability of classrooms; and General Counsel Bonnie Brier and Director of Tax & Compliance Louis Curcio presented on the tax status of payments made to students for travel, research, and foreign study.

### **Faculty Senators Council**

Dr. Magder announced that the FSC elected Raghu Sundaram, Yamaichi Faculty Fellow and Professor of Finance at the Stern School of Business, to serve as the FSC Chair for the 2013-2014 academic year. He reported that at its February meeting, the FSC: approved revisions for appointment, promotion, and tenure procedures for the College of Dentistry and its College of Nursing; and initiated meetings with the administration to review the procedure for amendments to the Faculty Handbook.

### **Student Senators Council**

Ms. Webb reported that at its last meeting, the UCSL heard from David Austell, Assistant Vice President and Director of the Office of Global Services, who spoke about the newly-created Office of Global Services, which provides support for students and faculty travel within the GNU and for international students on the Square. She related that the SSC executive board met with representatives from the Students for Economic Justice group regarding a University finance issue, and with representatives from Faculty Against the Sexton Plan (FASP) to further understand their concerns. Ms. Webb advised that the SSC hosted a luncheon with the FSC at the Abu Dhabi House, and she spoke to the success of this year's Violet 100 Spirit Week, including the Violet Ball at Bobst Library, noting that tickets sold out in one week. She reported that the SSC executive board held a Skype meeting with its student counterparts in Abu Dhabi, will meet after today's Senate meeting to finalize recommendations to the administration regarding the pending NLRB case, will present to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees in March about the student experience at NYU, and will host its final Town Hall meeting with Dr. Sexton on April 2. Ms. Webb stated that student government elections will be held during the first two weeks in April for most schools, and Senator and executive board elections will occur on May 2.

## **REPORT FROM THE FACULTY COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE OF TECHNOLOGY- ENHANCED EDUCATION**

Dr. Sexton introduced Richard Matasar, Vice President for University Enterprise Initiatives, and Matthew Santirocco, Senior Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, who presented on the Faculty Committee on the Future of Technology-Enhanced Education. Mr. Matasar described the Provost-appointed Committee, which includes representatives from each school, and its three core focuses: how technology might be used to enhance teaching and learning in a multi-campus university; how

technology might be used to increase flexibility; and how technology might be used to create greater access and affordability. He noted that the Committee is creating best practices for using technology in education, and addressing student concerns about the courses currently offered online. Mr. Matasar stated that the schools currently are responsible for courses offered online and that the Committee is assisting the schools as they develop best practices for increasing the quality of their online courses. He related that the Committee also will conduct pilot courses to determine optimal methods to harness online educational technologies.

Dr. Santirocco described the Committee's goal of engaging the community about technology-enhanced education and noted that they announced in a letter to faculty a new website about Technology-Enhanced Education, <http://www.nyu.edu/about/university-initiatives/technology-enhanced-education.html>, which includes Committee meeting minutes, a bibliography of source information, and an inventory of technology-enhanced educational courses. He encouraged members of the Senate to explore the site's interactive features and to ask questions, raise concerns, and provide advice and feedback about the site. Dr. Santirocco related that the Committee will consult with University constituencies, such as the Deans Council, the FSC, and the SSC, and will host conferences on how to teach creatively online.

A Senator asked if the Committee could benefit from the inclusion of students and Dr. Sexton suggested that Ms. Webb form a student group to interface with the Committee. A student Senator noted that the SSC already has such a group. Mr. Matasar and Dr. Santirocco agreed on the value of engaging students.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Brier  
Secretary



**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT  
University Senate Meeting  
Thursday, March 7, 2013**

It is my pleasure to share with you recent news and notes from across the university.

**NEWS**

**For the sixth year in a row, NYU received a record number of applications for the freshman class: 48,606, representing a 12% increase from last year.** The number of applications represents individual applicants; when an applicant applies to more than one of NYU's campuses, it is counted as a single application. Applicants come from 150 countries, with 25% being non-U.S. citizens, an increase of five percent from the class of 2016. Of the total applications, 94% expressed interest in New York, 9% expressed interest in NYU Abu Dhabi, and, in its first year of recruitment, an extraordinary 11% expressed interest in NYU Shanghai.

**In a February ceremony joined by Mayor Michael Bloomberg, NYU announced the launch of the Marron Institute on Cities and the Urban Environment, made possible by a \$40 million gift by trustee Donald Marron.** Dean **Richard Revesz** has been spearheading the development of the Institute for more than a year, and will lead it in its next phase. Serving as the hub for work on cities and the urban environment at NYU, the Marron Institute will bring together three of our pivotal institutions—CUSP, the Institute for Public Knowledge, and the Stern School's Urbanization Project—along with other centers across the University. Advancing NYU's leadership in the study of cities, it will feature a unique multidisciplinary approach to urban questions; undertake research; and sponsor fellowships, colloquia, and events—all to support new approaches to teaching about cities.

**With a \$17 million gift from the Steven A. and Alexandra M. Cohen Foundation, NYU Langone Medical Center is establishing a new veterans' mental health research center** to study post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury and conduct biomarker research necessary to accurately diagnose these conditions. **Charles Marmar, the Lucius N. Littauer Professor of Psychiatry and chair of NYU Langone's department of psychiatry, will lead the center,** which will be named the Steven and Alexandra Cohen Veterans Center for the Study of Post-Traumatic Stress and Traumatic Brain Injury. NYU Langone is one of a limited number of places in the country to simultaneously focus on both conditions under one roof.

**NYU has established an Initiative in Data Science and Statistics,** a university-wide effort to establish the country's leading data science training and research facilities, help meet the demand for researchers and professionals skilled in using automated methods of analyzing data, and harness the potential power of big data to transform areas from health care to business to government. **Directed by Yann LeCun, Silver Professor of Computer Science at Courant, of Neural Science at the Center for Neural Science, and of Electrical and Computer Engineering at NYU-Poly,** the initiative will include the creation of a Center for Data Science

and graduate-degree programs in this emerging academic discipline. Researchers and professors from across our 18 schools and colleges will contribute to the initiative, with leadership by the new Center, by CUSP, and by Steinhardt's Center for the Promotion of Research Involving Innovative Statistical Methodology (PRIISM).

**Throughout the spring, Glucksman Ireland House will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a series of special events.** Highlights include a talk by singer, songwriter, and actor Glen Hansard; a weekend of events in honor of the bicentennial of *People v. Philips*, the landmark court case establishing the principle of freedom of religion; an appearance by writer and memoirist Edna O'Brien; and many concerts, lectures, and readings. For the full list of events, visit <http://www.irelandhouse.fas.nyu.edu/page/events.calendar>.

**On view at the Museum of Modern Art through April 8 is an exhibition by Trisha Donnelly, Clinical Associate Professor of Studio Art at the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development.** Part of the Artist's Choice series, for which contemporary artists are invited to organize an exhibition drawn from MoMA's collection, Professor Donnelly's selections are being shown in the museum's Painting and Sculpture Galleries. Also at MoMA, **Steinhardt Assistant Professor Lyle Ashton Harris** has had one of his works, "Exfoliation," accepted to the museum's collection.

## **HONORS**

**Jim Anderson, professor at the Clive Davis Institute for Recorded Music at the Tisch School of the Arts, received his tenth Grammy Award, for Best Surround Sound Album** for the album "Modern Cool" by Premonition Records. Professor Anderson is an internationally recognized recording engineer and producer for acoustic music in the recording, radio, television, and film industries. In addition to his ten Grammy Awards, he has received two George Foster Peabody Awards and two Emmy nominations.

It is also a pleasure to note an additional NYU **Grammy Award nomination**, which was inadvertently omitted from the February president's report: **Austin Wintory (Steinhardt '06)** was nominated for Best Score, for the video game "Journey"—the first-ever nomination in that category for a video game score. Additionally, Steinhardt faculty members **Paul Geluso, Alan Silverman, Alan Tucker**, and alumna **Jeanne Montalvo** served as engineers on other albums nominated for the Grammys and the Latin Grammys.

**Ang Lee (TSOA '84/Hon. '01) has won the Academy Award for Best Director for his film, "Life of Pi."** The award marks Lee's second Academy Award for directing, which he also won in 2005 for the film "Brokeback Mountain." Over the last two decades, he has received 38 Oscar nominations.

**NYU has been named to the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service**, a federal agency focused on engaging Americans in service. The Honor Roll recognizes institutions that reflect the values of exemplary community service and achieve meaningful outcomes in their communities.

**Bruce Kleiner, professor of mathematics at the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, has won the National Academy of Sciences Award for Scientific Reviewing.** The award, which includes a cash prize of \$10,000, honors authors whose reviews have synthesized extensive and difficult material. Professor Kleiner and a professor from the University of California, Berkeley, were honored for their explication of a solution of the Poincaré Conjecture, a century-old theorem explaining three-dimensional spheres. The prize annually rotates the discipline it recognizes; work in the field of mathematics is spotlighted once every 17 years.

**Robert Bauer, distinguished scholar in residence at the School of Law and a top attorney for the Obama campaign, has been named a co-chair of the bipartisan Presidential Commission on Election Administration** alongside top Romney campaign attorney Ben Ginsberg. President Obama announced the formation of the commission in his 2013 State of the Union address. It will focus on improving the experience of all voters, addressing the problem of long lines at the polls, and removing voting obstacles for members of the military, overseas voters, voters with disabilities, and voters with limited English proficiency.

**University Professor Joseph Weiler, the Joseph Straus Professor of Law and the European Union Jean Monnet Chaired Professor at the School of Law, was made a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic,** the country's senior order of knighthood and highest civilian honor. Professor Weiler, a former faculty member at the European University Institute in Florence, conducts research in European integration, globalization, and democracy.

The Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) Accreditation Committee has awarded the second annual **Frank B. Murray Award for Innovation and Excellence in Program Self-Study to Steinhardt's Teacher Education Program.**

**Hannah Carlan (CAS '12) has been named a Gates Cambridge Scholar for 2013, one of 39 Americans who received this honor.** Carlan, who graduated summa cum laude and received highest honors in anthropology and linguistics, will use her scholarship to pursue a graduate degree in social anthropology at the University of Cambridge. She is NYU's fourth Gates Scholar in the last four years.

**Loni Bordoloi Pazich (Steinhardt '14) received a 2013-14 Fulbright US Student Award to study in Brazil.** Pazich, a doctoral student in Steinhardt's higher education program, will look at issues of access to higher education in Brazil and will be sponsored locally by the University of Campinas.

## **GRANTS**

**NYU, in consortium with CUNY and Columbia University, has been awarded a \$3.7 million grant from the National Science Foundation as part of the NSF's Innovation Corps (I-Corps) effort.** I-Corps aims to create a network of regional public-private partnerships, or "nodes," to prepare academic researchers to become entrepreneurs and speed the commercialization of their research. The New York City Regional Innovation Node will provide innovators with a structured portal for access to our region's unique combination of world-class universities, venture capital investment resources, and a fast-growing start-up environment. The

grant's co-PIs include **Kurt Becker, NYU-Poly Associate Provost for Research and Technology Initiatives.**

**Judith Haber, associate dean of graduate programs and the Ursula Springer Leadership Professor in Nursing at the College of Nursing, has received a three-year, \$1.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.** The grant will fund an initiative aimed at expanding access to oral health care for vulnerable and underserved populations, through integration of oral-systemic health as a curricular thread in graduate nursing programs and in primary-care clinical settings.

**With a three-year, \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation, four FAS faculty members have established a project to examine the impact of social media use on political attitudes and participation** by applying methods from a range of academic disciplines. The project, Social Media and Political Participation (SMaPP), is led by **Richard Bonneau, Associate Professor of Biology and Computer Science; John Jost, Professor of Psychology and Politics; Jonathan Nagler, Professor of Politics; and Joshua Tucker, Professor of Politics and Russian & Slavic Studies.**



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**TO:** Arthur Tannenbaum, Ph.D., Associate Curator, Collections & Research Services  
Chair, Senate Public Affairs Committee

**FROM:** Alicia Hurley, VP Gov't Affairs & Community Engagement

**DATE:** February 28, 2013

**RE:** Government Affairs and Quality of Life Report to Public Affairs Committee

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The NYU Office of Government and Community Affairs (OGCA) works with elected officials and government agency officials at all levels of government (federal, state, city) on a host of public policy issues important to NYU faculty, students and staff and other higher education institutions.

### **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT**

- **In Albany:** On Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual Albany Advocacy Day where a group of over 25 students, alumni and faculty meet with state legislators about the importance of funding the state student aid and opportunity programs. Assemblymember Felix Ortiz, a Wagner Alumni, spoke to the group following their advocacy meetings.
- Overall, higher education programs fared well in Governor Andrew Cuomo's State Executive Budget Proposal for FY 2013-14. Most of the programs important to NYU students – the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) and the Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP) and its collegiate counterpart C-STEP – were all proposed to be funded at current levels. Additionally, funding for the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) was proposed at a \$19.81 million increase over last year's enacted budget.
- **In Washington DC:** We have been working with the associations to limit the effects of the pending federal automatic budget cutting process known as "sequestration," which if takes effect, would reduce research agency grants to faculty and reduce funding for Federal Work Study (FWS) and the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) program.
- On Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our annual Washington D.C. Advocacy Day where students meet with Members of Congress and congressional staff about the importance of the key federal student aid programs – Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), Federal Work Study (FWS) and the Perkins Loan Program. We expect somewhere between 25-30 students participating this year.
- With DC Advocacy Day corresponding with Congress grappling with long-term tax and spending issues and the release of the Administration Budget FY14 Budget Proposal, NYU students will be in DC at the opportune time to make their voices heard in support of these programs.

## **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REPORT**

Community Affairs in partnership with Government Affairs, Civic Engagement and the Center for Student Activities, Leadership & Service served as a major resource to students, faculty and staff in post-Super Storm Sandy coordination. We worked with our university non-profit partners to determine their needs after the storm and organized food and clothing drives for those most affected by the storm throughout the city, and we are still seeking volunteers to aid in post storm clean-up. A few Sandy-related efforts we engaged in are:

- We worked directly with NYU College of Nursing student volunteers to provide home care visits to seniors and home bound residents in NYU owned buildings and 505 LaGuardia during the week long power outage caused by Super Storm Sandy.
- Created webpages (<http://www.nyu.edu/community/neighbors/volunteer-hurricane-sandy.html> & <http://www.nyu.edu/life/student-life/nyu-service/hurricane-sandy-relief.html>) and coordinated outreach opportunities with Student Affairs for volunteers seeking to help in the aftermath of Super Storm Sandy.
- The 22<sup>st</sup> Annual Greenwich Village Children's Halloween Parade was cancelled due to Super Storm Sandy, but we were still able to distribute 1,500 bags of candy to children throughout the city who were unable to celebrate Halloween this year, including residents of the Rockaways, West Village and the Lower East Side.

Otherwise, our office once again collaborated with AMC to support the 9<sup>th</sup> Precinct's Toy drive, and aided in the collection of over 670 toys (an increase in over 100 toys from last year) for children in the Lower East Side.

We actively keep up to date a [Construction website](#) which details the current status of construction in and around the University as well as putting out a [bi-weekly events blog](#), detailing the many events on campus open to the public.

We continue to link local businesses through our partner BIDs to provide discounts to our students and are focusing on a program to have those same BIDs target discounts for faculty going forward.

The following, are the types of events that we co-sponsor and invite the community to:

- Collaborated with students to co-sponsor the keynote address by Dr. Roscoe Brown – Steinhardt Alum (Ph.D., '49); current Director of the Urban Education Policy Center at CUNY Graduate Center; founder and former director of the NYU Institute of African American Affairs; former president of Bronx Community College and a former WWII Tuskegee Airman for this year's African Heritage Month Kickoff event.
- Held two Edgar Allen Poe events, in which community, faculty, staff and students perform their interpretations of Poe's works.
- Co-sponsored the 101<sup>st</sup> Triangle Shirtwaist Fire Commemoration held in front of the Brown Building. Attendees included Speaker Christine Quinn, Comptroller John Liu and labor leaders.
- Worked with Tisch School of the Arts to show the winning films from the 2012 First Run Film Festival.
- One again collaborated with CB-2 to sponsor a forum on transportation. This year we focused on Downtown Bridge Traffic and if tolls were the answer.
- Collaborated with the John Brademas Center for the Study of Congress for a Constitution Day discussion on voting rights and 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment protections.