



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

A stated meeting of the Senate of New York University was held on Thursday, November 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 (FSC) Members Present: Raghu Sundaram (Chair), Everett Allgood, Mark Alter, Awam Amkpa, Efrain Azmitia (for Hasia Diner), David Backus, Adam Becker, Sylvain Cappell, Jennifer Carpenter, Sewin Chan, Pamela Cowin, Ananda Dasanayake (for Nancy Van Devanter), Michael Dinwiddie, Todd Disotell, Benard Dreyer, Miriam Ebsworth (for Mark Alter), Magued Iskander (for Maurizio Porfiri), Jim Jacobs, Warren Jelinek, Angela Kamer, Mitchell Kane, Rebecca Karl, Achiau Ludomirsky, Charlton McIlwain, Arthur Miller, Allen Mincer, Ann Morning, Arvind Rajagopal, Victor Rodwin, Eric Simon (for David Stokes), Eero Simoncelli, Celia Stewart (for Wen Ling), David Stokes, Arthur Tannenbaum, and James Uleman.

Student Senators Council (SSC) Members Present: Mariam Ehrari (Chair), Corey Blay, Jean-Claude Cantave, Anushua Choudhury, Steve Cordova, Mason Dettloff, Griffin Dooling, Jessica L. Hawk, Derek Hedbany, Michael Hengerer, Harris Inskeep-Rosenfeld, Sameer Jaywant, Kevin Jones, Daniel Kao, Ethan McCooper, Annie McWilliams, Sunny Patel, Brian Plaut, Sathya Nellore Sampat, Danyal Syed, and Patrick Ryan Totaro,

Deans Council Members Present: Lynn Videka (Chair), Charles Bertolami, Patricia Carey (for Mary Brabeck), Dennis DiLorenzo, Allyson Green (for Mary Schmidt Campbell), Randy Hertz (for Trevor Morrison), Joanna Hvala (for Peter Blair Henry), Ellen Lovitz (for Sharon Glied), Carol Mandel, Gabrielle Starr, Kathleen Talvacchia (for Lauren Benton), Diann Witt (for Geeta Menon), and Susanne Wofford.

Administrative Management Council (AMC) Members Present: David Vogelsang (Chair) John De Santis, Anita Dwyer, Tatum Soo Kim, and Kristi Schwindt Ramos.

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

Review and Approval of the Minutes of the October 3, 2013 Meeting

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the October 3, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Committee

Brian Plaut, Co-Chair of the Senate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee reviewed honorary degree nominations at its meeting last week and that these nominations will be sent for review to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Committee on Organization and Governance

Dr. Jelinek referred to SCOG's interim recommendation, provided to all members of the Senate in advance of the meeting and attached to these minutes as Exhibit A, with respect to Senate representation for the Polytechnic Institute of New York University when it becomes NYU's School of Engineering on January 1, 2014 through the end of the fiscal year. He noted that to assure timely representation for NYU-Poly, the Board of Trustees will need to amend the University's Bylaws at its December 2013 meeting. He briefly reviewed the proposal, which would add one FSC member (the current observer), two SSC members (both a graduate and undergraduate representative as determined by the SSC), and the new dean as a member of the Deans Council, increasing the size of the Senate from 84 members to 88 members. He reminded Senators that SCOG will be making additional recommendations for the Senate's consideration in the spring to deal with other Senate representation issues, including with respect to the full-time contract faculty (FTCF), and also will include more permanent recommendations with respect to NYU-Poly representation, with the expectation that the Board of Trustees will amend the Bylaws at its June 2014 meeting to reflect those recommendations.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was approved unanimously by members of the Senate:

RESOLVED, that NYU's Polytechnic School of Engineering will have the following representation in the University Senate (the "Polytechnic" "Senators"):

- (i) One member of the Faculty Senators Council selected in accordance with the March 14, 2013 Faculty Senators Council Resolution Regarding Observer Status on the FSC for the NYU-Polytechnic School of Engineering;
- (ii) One member of the Deans Council, who will be the Dean of The NYU Polytechnic School of Engineering; and

- (iii) Two members of the Student Senators Council, one of whom will be an undergraduate student at the NYU Polytechnic School of Engineering and the other of whom will be a graduate student at the NYU Polytechnic School of Engineering, both members to be selected as determined by the Student Senators Council; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the membership of the Senate Committees may be expanded to permit the Polytechnic Senators to serve on the Standing Committees of the Senate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that to effectuate this Proposal, SCOG recommends that the NYU Board of Trustees adopt a temporary Bylaw that creates the representation and membership privileges set forth above for the period beginning with the effective date of the merger and ending August 31, 2014; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate suspends its Rules of Procedure for the same period to the extent such Rules are inconsistent with this Proposal.

Dr. Jelinek then discussed the complexity of the FTCTF representation issues. He reported on the establishment of a Planning Committee on Contract Faculty Representation in the Senate, which will include FTCTF from each school, to provide advice and counsel to SCOG as it develops a recommendation to the Senate. He noted that most of the schools have chosen their representatives and he expects all of the delegates to be chosen by November 11. Dr. Jelinek advised that SCOG has asked each of the Senate Councils for recommendations regarding the size of the Senate, the necessity of maintaining the current proportion of representation from each Senate Council and on Senate committees, and the best model for representation to achieve desired balance and size, and that SCOG strongly encourages the Councils to respond by November 15. He stated that SCOG plans to bring its recommendation regarding FTCTF representation to the Senate at the March 4, 2014 meeting.

Public Affairs Committee

Professor Tannenbaum provided two moments in history: on this date in 1874, Harper's Magazine first depicted the Republican Party as an elephant; and on this date in 1917, the Bolsheviks overran Moscow.

He reported that at the last Senate meeting, Dr. Sexton tasked the Committee with considering a letter received from the Student Labor and Action Movement (SLAM), which requested that the University take certain actions relating to worker conditions in Bangladesh where certain University logo and athletic apparel are manufactured. Professor Tannenbaum noted the institutional history with regard to such actions. He advised that the Committee discussed SLAM's concerns at its last meeting, heard from Philip Christopher, Senior Director of Bookstores and NYUcard Services, and reviewed

materials from the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC), which monitors and reports on conditions in countries where University licensees manufacture athletic and other apparel. He related that that WRC recently advised its members, of which NYU is one, to add to their existing labor rights requirements for licensees a requirement that they become signatories to the *Accord on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh*, a course of action also urged by SLAM. Professor Tannenbaum stated that the Committee will continue to discuss this matter, with the goal of making a recommendation to the Senate at its December 5 meeting.

Financial Affairs Committee

Mr. Dorph reported that the Committee met last week and discussed the University's budget process, heard a presentation from Vice President for Budget and Planning Anthony Jiga on the 2014 budget, and is developing budget policy questions that the Committee will consider this year in order to formulate its budget recommendations.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Administrative Management Council

Mr. Vogelsang reported that at its last meeting: the AMC welcomed Senior Vice President for University Relations Lynne Brown, who spoke on shared governance; heard from Associate Vice President for Marketing Communications Deborah Broderick and NYU Visual Identity Director Mark Courtney regarding NYU branding; and AMC Vice Chair David Vintinner led a discussion regarding the AMC's proposal to the Senate Financial Affairs Committee on merit increases, health care benefits, sick leave, and tuition remission. Mr. Vogelsang advised that other topics under consideration include: representation of NYU's Polytechnic School of Engineering in the AMC, with the AMC expecting to hold a special election in December to elect Polytechnic's representatives; the overall composition of the Senate; and the report of the Joint Committee of NYU Stakeholders. He alerted Senators to the AMC's annual food drive for non-perishable donations for St. Xavier's Food Pantry and noted that boxes have been placed around campus.

Dr. Sexton reported that Vice President for Operations Alison Leary received a request from the AMC's Benefits Committee to consider closing the University on Monday, December 23, noting that according to the Academic Calendar, Winter Recess begins on Saturday, December 21, and the majority of students and faculty will not be on campus on December 23. The Senate unanimously endorsed the administration providing the extra day off for employees. President Sexton thanked the AMC for putting forward the request.

Deans Council

Dean Videka reported that the Deans Council met yesterday, discussed SCOG's

request for recommendations regarding the FTCF and Senate size and proportionality, and expects to respond by November 15 as requested. She noted that the Deans Council also discussed technology-enhanced education, and whether to add a Deans Council voice to the other groups working on this matter, and continued its dialogue about diversity initiatives and concerns about school communications.

Student Senators Council

Ms. Ehrari reported that the SSC launched its blog, <http://blogs.nyu.edu/ssc/>, is conducting an audit of University club life, and finalized a resolution on inclusion of FTCF in the Senate, which was sent to the Senate Executive Committee and SCOG. She related that at its last meeting, the SSC heard a presentation from NYU Divest.

Ms. Ehrari presented the SSC's proposed amendment to the Senate Rules, attached to these minutes as Exhibit B, which would retain the current three-year limit on serving as a Student Senator-at-Large, but remove the prohibition on more than two-year's consecutive service as a Student Senator-at-Large. She described the SSC's rationale for the amendment, provided an opportunity for comment, and stated that the proposal will be voted on by the Senate at its December meeting.

Faculty Senators Council

Dr. Sundaram advised that the FSC discussed a range of issues at its last meeting, including: the work of the University Space Priorities Working Group, to which the FSC has submitted a set of questions; governance and faculty election issues in the schools; and representation for the FTCF.

He reported on the meeting of the Joint Committee of NYU Stakeholders, which Board Chair Martin Lipton asked him to Co-Chair. Dr. Sundaram noted that the meeting was well attended and included roundtable discussions about what could be done better; greater transparency in the decision-making process; involving faculty earlier in the decision-making process; shared governance and communication; and representation of FTCF. He commented that the first meeting was an excellent start and expressed his hope that the Joint Committee will find meaningful solutions to the many issues raised during the first meeting. Dr. Sundaram stated that both Trustees and faculty at the meeting felt they had benefited from the face-to-face communication.

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY SPACE PRIORITIES WORKING GROUP

Dr. Sexton introduced Ted Magder, Chair of the University Space Priorities Working Group and Associate Professor for Media, Culture and Communication in the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development, who provided an update on the Working Group's progress to date. Dr. Magder stated that the Working Group plans to submit its final report by the end of the semester. He noted as a general matter that all constituencies prefer to be in the Core and the Working Group currently is studying student housing, faculty housing and academic and student space to determine needs

and to prioritize the Core. He stated that he was focusing his discussion today on student housing and the question of whether a freshman residence should be built on the southern superblock; and he would say a bit less about faculty housing.

He first described the Working Group's discussions regarding classroom size, noting that the use of space is a function not only of maximum enrollment but also of classroom configuration. Fixed-seat lecture style classrooms use the least amount of square feet per student. Seminar and group-work rooms require more space for the same number of students. If the only goal of the University were to maximize its use of space, the Working Group would recommend fixed-seat lecture style classrooms. In all likelihood the Working Group will recommend a variety of classroom configurations to meet a variety of pedagogical methods.

Regarding student housing, Dr. Magder presented information on the location of the current NYU dorms, their size, whether they are rented or owned, and whether they house freshman. He compared the room and board costs at NYU to Columbia, and suggested the difference is in part due to the fact that Columbia owns all of its student dorms. He explained why owning dorms is more cost effective, noting that approximately 33 percent of student housing fees at Columbia go to the university's general fund, whereas NYU operates on break-even basis. A Senator asked about the benefit of purchasing dorms that are currently being leased by the University, and Dr. Magder responded that it depends on a variety of factors including whether the building is for sale, the cost, and the cost of potential renovations. He stated that it is always less expensive to build a dormitory on land the University owns rather than to buy a building and the land on which it is situated. Dr. Magder also noted that the Working Group concurs with the University's current assumption that academic needs should be housed whenever possible in owned vs. leased space.

Dr. Magder stated that in examining faculty housing, it is difficult to predict faculty growth and demand, especially considering that faculty have varying family sizes and that NYU does not keep records on faculty family size. He related that there currently is a shortage of two- and three-bedroom units in University housing and that building new faculty housing on University-owned land may pose the fewest risks. Dr. Magder also noted that it may be beneficial for the University to examine new loan programs to incentivize faculty to purchase their own housing, thereby vacating faculty housing, or otherwise incentivizing faculty to move out of faculty housing, particularly empty-nesters who occupy the larger apartments (though he noted the University administration's reluctance to implement such a program regarding empty nesters).

Dr. Magder described the Working Group's discussions regarding whether to prioritize student housing or faculty housing in the Core. He spoke to the great value that students, especially freshmen, and their parents place on the benefits of living close to the Core, as well as the need for faculty and their families to live close to the Core. He also related that student housing tends to be more adaptable to other needs should demand decrease, while faculty housing is harder to convert.

In response to a Senator's question about housing provided for international graduate students, Dr. Magder stated that international students, both graduate and undergraduate, also should be located close to the Core as they adapt to a new country and language. He stated that graduate students generally can live further from the Core and in rental housing more readily than undergraduate students, and particularly freshman who should have priority.

A Faculty Senator related potential community concerns if student housing is built on the superblocks, noting that current residents are concerned about density and potential quality of life impacts, especially for those with young children. She also noted that faculty housing is not revenue-generating and it seems that revenue-generating additions such as retail space and/or student dorms are necessary to offset the cost of building on the superblocks. Dr. Magder advised that the Working Group's interim report provided a detailed assessment of the University's ten-year capital plan, concluded that NYU is well within its financial means in undertaking these capital projects, and that revenue from student dorms is not included in these calculations. He emphasized that building on University-owned land is particularly cost effective.

A Student Senator commented that many students are offended by notions that their presence detracts from the quality of faculty life. He noted that as much of what will be built (academic space, study space, a new gym) will draw students to the area in any case, it makes sense to build student housing close to these new facilities. Another Senator asked if the Working Group would consider recommending a specific new faculty loan or shared equity program to which Dr. Magder responded that the Working Group might make suggestions regarding such programs if the Committee felt that would be useful. In response to a Senator's question about whether academic space will be built on the superblocks given that classroom space is not permitted east of Broadway, Dr. Magder noted the Working Group's interim recommendation that academic space take priority. He also related that the cost of purchasing real estate near the Core is prohibitively expensive, especially when considering the cost of refurbishing buildings to meet the University's needs, and additionally, when compared with the cost of building on land the University already owns.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT & PRESIDENT'S QUESTION TIME

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

In response to the FSC's question regarding the Momentum Campaign, Dr. Sexton noted the significant impact that \$1 billion in scholarship aid can have. He advised that he anticipates that 30 percent of the total will be expended for current impact and 70 percent of the total will become endowment. He explained that a \$700 million endowment would provide an additional \$35 million annually in financial aid with a 5 percent spending rule, which would result in the University meeting an additional 16 to

17 percent of financial need. He reported that over the past 12 years the University has moved from meeting 34 percent of need to meeting 55percent of need, and that this would then bring us to the 74 percent level.

Dr. Sexton responded to the FSC's question about the importance of the physical well-being of the community during the temporary loss of the Coles Sports and Recreation Center by assuring the Senate that, in such a situation, we would be looking at options for each of our intercollegiate athletes, intramural athletes, and individual members of the University community. He stated that after the Working Group completes its work, and if the University then moves forward with the building on the Coles site, an advisory committee would be looking at interim measures that can be taken during the three to four year period before the gym would be replaced. He opined that it is likely that a combination of actions would be necessary, including greater use of the Palladium, and the use of local gyms and other resources.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Brier
Secretary

INTRODUCTION

SCOG has discussed the question of Senate representation for the Polytechnic Institute of New York University, which is anticipated to become the Polytechnic School of Engineering at New York University on January 1, 2014 (“NYU-Poly”). In order to assure representation by January 1, the Senate needs to make a recommendation to the NYU Board of Trustees in time for consideration by the Board at its December 18, 2013 meeting. SCOG expects to make more comprehensive recommendations with respect to the composition of the Senate in the spring, particularly with respect to the full-time contract faculty. It is expected that the Senate will make its recommendation with respect to these matters in time for the Board of Trustees to act at its June 11, 2014 meeting. Under these circumstances, SCOG is recommending that the Board of Trustees adopt a temporary Bylaws change in December to address the NYU-Poly representation and that the more comprehensive changes to be adopted in June 2014 subsume the NYU-Poly representation issue.

PROPOSAL

Effective with the merger of the Polytechnic Institute of New York University into New York University to become the Polytechnic School of Engineering at New York University (“NYU-Poly”), which is expected to occur on January 1, 2014, and remaining in effect through the end of the fiscal year on August 31, 2014:

- (a) NYU-Poly will have the following representation in the University Senate (the “NYU-Poly Senators”):
 - (i) One member of the Faculty Senators Council selected in accordance with the March 14, 2013 Faculty Senators Council Resolution Regarding Observer Status on FSC for NYU-Poly;
 - (ii) One member of the Deans Council, who will be the Dean of NYU-Poly; and
 - (iii) Two members of the Student Senators Council, one of whom will be an undergraduate student at NYU-Poly and the other of whom will be a graduate student at NYU-Poly, both members to be selected as determined by the Student Senators Council.
- (b) The membership of the Senate Committees may be expanded to permit the NYU-Poly Senators to serve on the Standing Committees of the Senate.
- (c) To effectuate this Proposal, SCOG recommends that:
 - (i) The NYU Board of Trustees adopt a temporary Bylaw that creates the representation and membership privileges set forth above for the period beginning with the effective date of the merger and ending August 31, 2014; and
 - (ii) The Senate suspends its Rules of Procedure for the same period to the extent such Rules are inconsistent with this Proposal.

Memorandum

From: The Student Senators Council
To: The University Senate
Subject: Bylaw Appendix Amendment
Date: 29 October 2013

Recommendation

Appendix A to the Senate Rules of Procedure sets forth the Requirements for Selection of Student Senators-at-Large. Paragraph 6 of Appendix A provides: "Student senators-at-large may serve in an at-large capacity for no more than three years in toto and for no more than two consecutive years." The Student Senators Council is asking the Senate to amend that provision to delete "and for no more than two consecutive years." As proposed, paragraph 8 would read: "Student Senators-at-Large may serve in an at-large capacity for no more than three years in toto."

Section II.9 of the Senate Rules provides as follows: "Amendments to Rules. The amendment of these Rules of Procedure must be presented for discussion at a regular meeting of the Senate and voted on at a subsequent meeting regular meeting of the Senate during the same academic year." We are presenting this proposed amendment at the November 7th, 2013 meeting for discussion and would appreciate the Senate voting on the proposed amendment at its next regular meeting.

Rationale

Over the past three years, the Student Senators Council has had two cases where interpretations of Bylaw 6 caused confusion over a student's eligibility to be elected Senator-at-Large. The most recent incident involved an undergraduate student whose eligibility was questioned because he served as the replacement of a Senator-at-Large who stepped down in the middle of an academic year. Because he served the next year as an elected senator-at-large, this individual totaled 1.5 years as a senator-at-large before his senior year. Electing this person as a senator-at-large again would raise that total to 2.5 years.

The Student Senators Council believes it is unable to make decisions in its best interests without running the risk of violating the University Senate Rules of Procedure. Arbitrarily determined factors outside of the control of the Student Senators Council constrain its ability achieve its mission of developing student leadership and preserving institutional memory (which in some circumstances are at odds with other appendices) in order to advocate for and serve the needs of the student body. In addition to limiting the Student Senators Council's capacity to make well-reasoned judgments on matters concerning the election of its senators-at-large, Bylaw 6 disincentives undergraduate student leaders from taking on greater responsibility in student governance in their first two years since they could be unfairly penalized for it as upperclassmen.

The Student Senators Council does not dissent in the belief that students should only be allowed

to serve on its body with term limits. It shares the broader concern embedded in Bylaw 6 about individuals serving as senators for too protracted a period. Unfortunately, because Appendix A only addresses Senators-at-Large, Bylaw 6 doesn't prevent students from serving on the Student Senators Council for more than three years. For instance, a student can be elected an undergraduate school senator sophomore year, Senator-at-Large junior and senior year, and possibly as a graduate school Senator should that person pursue an advanced degree at NYU upon graduating college – totaling four or even five years as a Senator.

While it concurs with the spirit behind Bylaw 6, the Student Senators Council contends that the real-world application of this bylaw damages the integrity of the council more than upholds it. Furthermore, the members of the Student Senators Council believe that students should determine its Rules of Procedures and be in full control of its operations, as its counterparts have the right to do. Neither the Faculty Senators Council nor the Administrative Management Council is subjected to stipulations regarding the election of its members being imposed upon them by the University Senate. Thus, the Student Senators Council believes it can - and should - amend Bylaw 6 on justifiable grounds to strike "and for no more than two consecutive years"; to simply read: "Student Senators-at-Large may serve in an at-large capacity for no more than three years in toto".



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

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

NEWS

As announced at last month's meeting, October marked the official kickoff of the Momentum Campaign, NYU's effort to raise \$1 billion to expand and improve scholarship aid. The six-year campaign will raise both current funds and gifts for the endowment to provide financial aid assistance in perpetuity. The campaign has already raised \$200 million, including more than \$75 million in a collective lead gift from a group of "partner" trustees. NYU is starting two new scholarship programs as outgrowths of the campaign: the **Finish Line grant** program, which will provide assistance to undergraduates receiving federal aid as they approach their final semester; and the **Global Pathways Scholarship (GPS)** program, which will add to students' financial aid packages to cover the additional costs of studying abroad.

NYU is the university whose racial diversity improved most between 1992 and 2012, according to a "diversity index" published by the Chronicle of Higher Education using data from the U.S. Department of Education. The index measures diversity at member institutions of the Association of American Universities on a scale from 1-100, representing the probability that any two students at an institution are from different racial or ethnic groups. NYU topped the list of most improved universities over the past decade, moving from a diversity index of 34.41 in 1992 to 69.41 in 2012.

NYU was one of the top producers of Fulbright awards in 2013-14. NYU ranked among the top ten research universities for Fulbright Scholar grants, with 5 faculty awards this year, and ranked among the top thirty research universities for Fulbright Student grants, with 11 awards this year.

A successful Alumni and Parents Day 2013 was held on October 19. NYU welcomed over **1,400 alumni and 1,650 parents to Washington Square** for an array of events, including a robotics demonstration and panel discussions; an alumni edition of UltraViolet Live, NYU's talent show; the Alumni Alley street fair; a variety of workshops from career preparation to study away; and my annual "State of the University" address.

HONORS

NYU Langone Medical Center scored number one for overall patient safety and quality among leading academic medical centers across the nation that participated in the University HealthSystem Consortium (UHC) 2013 Quality and Accountability Study. In addition, NYU Langone received the UHC Quality Leadership Award for demonstrated excellence in the delivery of high-quality care, achieved five stars for its overall performance,

and ranked number one in the domains of safety, effectiveness, and equity. This year, 101 UHC member institutions were included in the analysis.

Two NYU faculty members have been elected to the Institute of Medicine (IOM), considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine. **Ann Kurth, professor and executive director of NYUCN Global at the College of Nursing and associate dean for research at NYU Global Institute of Public Health, and Danny Reinberg, professor in the department of biochemistry and molecular pharmacology at the School of Medicine,** were among 70 new members and 10 foreign associates elected this year.

Four NYU leaders—Dean Mary Schmidt Campbell of TSOA, Dean Peter Blair Henry of Stern, President Katepalli Sreenivasan of NYU-Poly, and Director of CUSP Steven Koonin—were among 18 educators named to Crain’s New York’s 2013 “People to Watch in Higher Education” list. The four were praised for, along with other accomplishments, Stern’s nine-day Launch orientation program; TSOA’s program to recruit talented but financially needy students; Poly’s third-in-the-nation ranking for its 30-year financial return to students; and CUSP’s potential to add 4,600 jobs and 200 startups to New York City’s economy.

Professor of Law Jerome Cohen has received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society of Comparative Law, given to legal scholars whose writings have changed the shape or direction of American comparative or private international law. Professor Cohen, a leading scholar in Chinese law and government, was a pioneer in the field.

Friedrich Ulfers, associate professor of German in the Faculty of Arts and Science, has been awarded the Officer’s Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. Bestowed by the President of Germany, the decoration honors Professor Ulfers’ commitment to the support of German-American exchange in the areas of culture and education.

Elizabeth Capezuti, the John W. Rowe Professor in Successful Aging at the College of Nursing, has received the American Academy of Nursing and Hartford Foundation’s Nurse Leader in Aging Award for 2013. Her work focuses on care of older adults in hospitals and nursing homes.

Perry Halkitis, professor of applied psychology, public health and medicine at the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development and associate dean of academic affairs at the Global Institute of Public Health, has received the World AIDS Day 2013 Commissioner’s Award from the New York State Department of Health. The award honors “unknown heroes” in the fight against AIDS. Professor Halkitis’s research focuses on the synergistic epidemics of HIV/AIDS, drug abuse, and mental health disease.

Wen-Jui Han, professor of social work and co-director of the Institute for Social Development at the Silver School of Social Work, was the recipient of the 2014 Society for Social Work and Research Excellence in Research Award for her article entitled, “Bilingualism and Academic Achievement.” In addition, **Professor Han and Tazuko Shibusawa, associate professor of social work and associate dean of professional programs at SSSW, were awarded the 2013 Nobuo Maeda International Research Award by the**

American Public Health Association for their paper, “Trajectory of Physical Health, Cognitive Status, and Psychological Well-Being Among Chinese Elderly.”

Maurizio Porfiri, associate professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at NYU-Poly, has received the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Dynamic Systems and Controls Division 2013 Outstanding Young Investigator Award. Professor Porfiri, whose most widely known research centers on biomimetic robotic fish, was honored for his contributions to underwater robotics and collective dynamics of networked dynamical systems.

Several faculty members in the College of Dentistry’s program in prosthodontics have received honors in their field. Professor **Gary Goldstein** is the 2014 recipient of the Golden Medallion Award given by the American Prosthodontic Society. Professor **Stephen Bergen** has received the Dan Gordon Award and Clinical Associate Professor **Graziano Giglio** has received the Private Practice Award, both from the American College of Prosthodontists. In addition, student **Dane McMillan (’15)** has received the predoctoral student award from the American College of Prosthodontists.

Additional faculty news is available in the Faculty News Brief, emailed regularly to faculty members. To view the latest issue online, visit <http://nyu.is/1az52ah>.

GRANTS

Researchers at The Cancer Institute at NYU Langone Medical Center are leading a \$6.25 million, five-year research initiative funded by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to develop new therapies and advance the cure rate for children and young adults with acute lymphoblastic cancer, the most common form of childhood cancer. **William Carroll, the Julie and Edward J. Minskoff Professor of Pediatrics and director of The Cancer Institute,** is principal investigator on the grant, which encompasses four separate research projects at six institutions; two of the projects will take place at NYU Langone.

Keith Micoli, postdoctoral program director at the School of Medicine, and Carol Shoshkes Reiss, professor in the department of biology and the Center for Neural Science at FAS, have been awarded a five-year, \$2 million grant by the National Institutes of Health. It will fund the new NYU Scientific Training Enhancement Program (NYU-STEP), a partnership between the School of Medicine and NYU to help prepare graduate students and postdoctoral scholars in the sciences for careers that extend beyond university campuses and into the for-profit industry, government, communication, and non-profit corporations.

The European Research Council has awarded Georgi Dvali, professor of physics, a \$1.5 million grant to investigate the properties of black holes. Under the five-year grant, Dvali and a collaborator from Madrid’s Instituto de Física Teoría will seek to determine if black holes possess matter marked by properties outlined by Albert Einstein and Satyendra Nath Bose.

Mamta Tahiliani, assistant professor in the department of biochemistry and molecular pharmacology at the School of Medicine, has been named one of 16 recipients of a 2013 Packard Fellowship in Science and Engineering. Professor Tahiliani will receive a grant of \$875,000 over five years from the program, one of the nation’s largest non-governmental

fellowships, to pursue novel research into the relationship between DNA and genomic regulation.

Ted Rappaport, the David Lee/Ernst Weber chair of electrical and computer engineering at NYU-Poly, has received a \$500,000 grant from the National Science Foundation's highly competitive Networking Technology and Systems program. Professor Rappaport and a collaborator from Auburn University are exploring the ultra-high frequency (60 gigahertz) radio-wave spectrum, with the goal of accelerating deployment of more powerful, ubiquitous, and cheaper wireless applications and services.