



**Minutes of a Stated Meeting of the
Senate of New York University
November 13, 2014**

A stated meeting of the Senate of New York University was held on Thursday, November 13, 2014, at 2 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.

Tenure/Tenure Track Faculty Senators Council (“T/TT FSC”) Members Present:

Raghu Sundaram (Chair), Mark Adelman, Mark Alter, Awam Amkpa, Sinan Antoon, Kwame Anthony Appiah, John Archer, Jim Borowiec (for Michael Garabedian), Sewin Chan, Todd Disotell, Halina Frydman (for David Backus), James Jacob, Warren Jelinek, Angela Kamer, Mitchell Kane, Martin Klimke (by telephone), Wen Ling, Allen Mincer, Sonia Ospina (for Dan Smith), Maurizio Porfiri, Arvind Rajagopal, Victoria Stanhope, Arthur Tannenbaum (for Everett Allgood), Nancy Van Devanter, and Daniel Zwanziger.

Full-Time, Non-Tenure Track/Contract Faculty Senators Council (“N/C-FSC”) Members Present:

Ann Maurie Mauro (Chair), Amy Becker (by telephone), Joseph Borowiec, Fred Carl, Joseph Carter, Eugene Cittadino, Patrice Derrington (for Brian Mooney), David Elcott, John Gurrin, John Halpin, Mary Killilea, Peggy Morton, Randy Mowry, Ronald Rainey, Ezra Sacks, Larry Slater, Susan Stehlik, Ben Stewart, Andrew Williams, and Ethan Youngerman.

Student Senators Council (“SSC”) Members Present:

Jules O’Connor (Chair), Jonathan Bach, John Belknap, Sabrina Breher, Nikita Chaudhry, Anushua Choudhury (by telephone), Adrian Co, Victoria Ettore, Iynna Halilou, Jessica Hawk, Robert Haynes, Michael Hengerer, Jennifer Little (for Anthony Inkumsah), Kevin Jones, Magnolia Jorge, Hani Kfoury, Jeremy Lakin, Masha Leonov, Siyao Li, Yaowan Lu, Nick Marroletti, Leah McNally, Keagan Sakai-Kawada, Kaja Schmidt, Griffin Simpson, Derek Tu, and Colin Waddell.

Deans Council Members Present:

Lynn Videka (Chair), Kurt Becker (for Katepalli Sreenivasan), Tony Bertelli (for Sherry Glied), Charles Bertolami, Patricia Carey (for Dominic Brewer), Allyson Green, Randy Hertz (for Trevor Morrison), Joanne Hvala (for Peter Blair Henry), Fiona Jaramillo (for Dennis DiLorenzo), Gabrielle Starr, Fred Schwarzbach (for Tom Carew), Kathleen Talvacchia (for Lauren Benton), Diann Witt (for Geeta Menon), and Susanne Wofford.

Administrative Management Council (“AMC”) Members Present:

David Vintinner (Chair), John De Santis, Regina Drew, Justine Kelly-Fierro, Tatum Soo Kim, and Kristi Schwindt Ramos.

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

Review and Approval of the Minutes of October 9, 2014

A Senator from the N/C-FSC requested that the minutes of today's meeting clarify the October 9, 2014 N/C-FSC report in regard to the NYU Guidelines for Full-Time Non-Tenure Track/Contract Faculty Appointments. He noted that the minutes state that the Guidelines "were developed and approved before the N/C-FSC was established" and that while that reflected the N/C-FSC's understanding at the last meeting, the matter was clarified recently by Provost McLaughlin. Specifically, the Provost has advised that the Guidelines were "issued and posted on an interim basis, pending review and comment" by the N/C-FSC. It was agreed that these minutes should include the clarification.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the October 9, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Appointment of the Senate Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Sexual Misconduct

On behalf of the Senate Executive Committee, Mr. Vintinner announced the appointment of the members of the Senate Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Sexual Misconduct. A list of the members of the Committee is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A. He outlined the charges to the Committee, as previously reported to the Senate, and noted that the Committee was established as part of the implementation of NYU's Policy on Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking.

Mr. Vintinner added that the Committee also will assist NYU in complying with certain related requirements of New York Education Law, which require universities to have a committee that broadly reviews campus security-related issues. The related requirements involve reviewing, and making recommendations for the improvement of, the policy and procedures related to educating the campus community, including security personnel and those persons who advise or supervise students, about sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking offenses, and reporting sexual assaults, domestic violence, and stalking incidents, and assisting victims during investigations.

He also noted that the Committee will work closely with the Senate Public Affairs Committee, which currently oversees campus security issues more generally, as well as any general campus security advisory committee that may be established in the future to comply with the broader campus security requirements of the State law.

Mr. Vintinner reported that the Senate Executive Committee previously determined that there will be three co-chairs - a student, a faculty member, and an administrator - and

advised of the appointment of CAS Dean G. Gabrielle Starr as the dean co-chair; he announced that the student co-chair is Jeremy Lakin and advised that, at the suggestion of the chairs of the T-FSC and the N/C-FSC, the six faculty members will choose a faculty member from among their ranks who will serve as the faculty co-chair.

Proposal to Reschedule a Spring Meeting of the University Senate

Mr. Vintinner reported that, in order to accommodate the newly-elected Senators from Abu Dhabi and Shanghai, the Senate Executive Committee recently initiated a poll of Senators from the portal campuses asking them to indicate their availability to change the time of the March 26, 2015 Senate meeting to a time earlier that same day. He related that, at the December 4, 2014 meeting, the Senate will be asked to vote on the revision of the Senate meeting schedule with respect to changing the time of the March 26, 2015 meeting to either 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Academic Affairs Committee

Committee Co-Chair Tatum Soo Kim stated that there is no report of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Financial Affairs Committee

Martin Dorph, Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President for Finance and IT, reported that the Committee has met twice so far, created a working group regarding fossil fuel divestment, and compiled an agenda of budget topics that will be discussed. He described the Divestment Working Group, which was created in response to a request by NYU Divest to present a recommendation to the Board of Trustees to divest from the University's endowment the stocks of fossil fuel companies. Mr. Dorph noted that the Administration advised NYU Divest to work with one of the Senate Committees to develop a proposal and the question was referred to the Financial Affairs Committee.

He remarked that the question is multi-faceted in that it relates not only to fossil fuels and their impact on the global climate, but also how a divestment proposal would impact the endowment, and whether or not such a proposal is appropriate to take to the Board. Mr. Dorph reported that the Working Group has met three times and plans to bring its recommendation to the Senate in the spring. He noted that all information collected by the Working Group is available at <https://wikis.nyu.edu/display/DivestmentWorkingGroup>.

A Senator noted that Stanford University is divested from coal and asked if that is an option. Mr. Dorph replied that the Working Group is exploring that option, and is looking at what other universities have done.

Committee on Organization and Governance

SSC Senator Michael Hengerer reported that the Senate Committee on Organization and Governance (SCOG) recently elected him as Committee Chair and T-FSC Senator Warren

Jelinek as Committee Vice Chair, and in the tradition of Arthur Tannenbaum's moment in history, he opened with a quote from William Blake: "If the doors of perception were cleansed, everything would appear to man as it is, infinite." He stated that at the last meeting, SCOG discussed the status of the Senate and the two-year review of its size and composition. Mr. Hengerer noted that at its next meeting, SCOG plans to discuss the timeline for development of its recommendation and deliverables for this academic year.

Public Affairs Committee

Public Affairs Committee Chair Arthur Tannenbaum stated that he was recently asked why he mentions moments in history at each Senate meeting and he responded that as each day in our lives is an important day and time marches forward, it can be instructive to look back. He provided three moments in history on this date: in 1895, the first shipment of canned pineapple arrived from Hawaii; in 1927, the Holland Tunnel opened, connecting lower Manhattan with New Jersey; and in 1953, during the "Red Scare," a member of the Indiana School Textbook Commission called for all references to Robin Hood to be removed from all of that state's textbook, as the member considered Robin Hood's actions to be Communistic.

Mr. Tannenbaum read and asked the Senate to pass the Commencement Resolution that was included in the mailing. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Senate unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the University Bylaws state that the Senate will determine the time, place, and manner of the University's Commencement Exercises; and

WHEREAS, the Rules and Procedures of the University Senate provide that the Senate Public Affairs Committee shall be concerned with matters relating to the timing and location of the Commencement exercises.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Public Affairs Committee, the 2015 All-University Commencement Exercises will take place on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 in Yankee Stadium. Accordingly, Grad Alley will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Administrative Management Council

Mr. Vintinner reported that, at its November 4 meeting, the AMC voted to create a new Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Development and affirmed AMC Representative Michael McCaw, Faculty Affairs Administrator in the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, as its first chair. He stated that the committee's two initial projects involve establishing a mentorship network for administrators at all levels across NYU's schools and administrative offices, in consultation with existing professional staff development programs, and enhancing the emphasis of administrators' role in University

governance through the AMC.

Mr. Vintinner related that, also at its November 4 meeting, the AMC announced a change in its processes for requesting and allocating AMC programming expenses, discussed the current University-wide Food Drive, announced a survey of administrators regarding University benefits, and addressed questions about the loans administered by TIAA-CREF against employee contributions to the NYU Supplemental Tax Deferred Annuity Plan.

Deans Council

Dean Videka reported that the Deans Council met on November 5 and discussed promoting communication across the schools, graduate admissions procedures, and workshops to encourage school councils to work together to raise funds for school priorities.

Tenured/Tenure Track Faculty Senators Council (T/TT-FSC)

Dr. Sundaram reported that, in the past month, the T/TT FSC's Administration and Technology Committee worked on the University's Social Media Policy and the Policy on the Privacy of Electronic Communications; the Benefits and Housing Committee worked with the University Benefits Office on the structure of medical plans for next year, and on new proposals to help alleviate faculty housing shortage; the Council received progress reports from colleagues on the Stewardship and Coles Relocation Committee; and the Finance Committee continues its work from last year of examining the University's and the schools' budgeting processes. He noted that, last year, the Affirmative Action Committee, which has now been renamed the Inclusion, Equity, and Diversity Committee, studied affirmative action at an aggregated University-level, and, this year, will examine policy operations at the school level. He also reported that the Committee on Educational Policies and Faculty-Student Relations will soon begin to work with Linda Mills, Vice Chancellor of Global Programs and University Life, and her office to understand and contribute to the process of undergraduate admissions, and that each of these, and other, reports should be available by the end of this academic year.

Full-Time Non-Tenure Track/Contract Faculty Senators Council (N/C-FSC)

Ann Marie Mauro reported that the N/C-FSC has representatives on all Senate and University committees, including the Presidential Search Committee; has formed several ad hoc committees; and has started work on the Council's governance structure, operating procedures, and finding an inclusive, positive Council name. She related that the Council also has formed a Coordination Committee, which has started to meet with the T/TT-FSC to explore opportunities for collaboration, and was invited to and appointed ex-officio representatives to several T/TT-FSC committees.

Dr. Mauro noted that the Council has received requests for feedback from the Provost regarding the current Full-Time Non-Tenure Track/Contract Faculty Appointment Guidelines and the proposed revisions to the Faculty Handbook and from General Counsel

and Secretary Bonnie Brier regarding the draft Social Media Policy, and that two separate task forces have been appointed to review these documents and to provide recommendations to the full Council. She reported that the Steering Committee met with Provost David McLaughlin, Senior Associate Provost and Chief of Staff Carol Morrow, and Deputy President Diane Yu on November 5 and discussed the Council's progress to date, as well as how to foster participation in governance by the senators from the portal sites.

Dr. Mauro related that the N/C-FSC website is up and running and invited members of the Senate to visit the site, noting that the website will be updated as the Council continues its work.

Student Senators Council

Jules O'Connor reported that since the last Senate meeting, the SSC has worked to solidify the global impact on the overall student experience by establishing the Global Committee on Student Life (GCSL), and related that the second UCSL meeting focused on Sexual Assault Prevention and included Mary Signor, Executive Director, Office Of Equal Opportunity, Zoe Ragouzeos, Assistant Vice President for NYU Student Mental Health-GNU and Director of Counseling and Wellness, and Karen Ortman, Assistant Director, Policies and Training Development. She related that the SSC held its second Town Hall with President Sexton this week and that the SSC continues to work on student worker's rights issues and its budget recommendations. Ms. O'Connor announced that the Student Activities Board has approved ten new clubs to start in the spring, and has concluded its process of overhauling the All Square Student Budget Allocation Committee internal budget policy.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

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

He also noted that emerging trends in higher education should be the focus of the University's leaders, particularly the next president. He highlighted the Deans as a group who can be particularly helpful to the next president, as well as the talented team of next-generation senior University administrators. Dr. Sexton remarked that the NYU presidency is viewed as an exciting, dynamic, and unique position in higher education, and that while he is not, and should not be privy, to the deliberations of the Presidential Search Committee, he is aware of a number of outstanding candidates interested in the position.

Dr. Sexton announced that he has finished his "reflection" on access to and financing of higher education—topics that have garnered significant attention in the media lately—and it will be available shortly. He spoke to the importance of each of us more accurately framing these issues in the national conversation and expressed the hope that his reflection will help in that effort.

Impact of 2014 Midterm Elections

Dr. Sexton introduced Bruce Gyory, senior advisor in the Government & Regulatory Policy Division, at Manatt, Phelps, and Phillips, LLP, who made a presentation on the implications of the 2014 midterms elections on higher education. Mr. Gyory noted that the 2014 midterm elections saw the lowest national turnout since 1942, which was during World War II and was prior to widespread absentee balloting for Service members. He related that dysfunction in Washington is likely to continue and that many voters are unhappy with the available candidates, so they often vote against one candidate more than in support of another. Mr. Gyory noted that in New York State, voter turnout was its lowest since 1934, and highlighted conservative trends in voter turnout, reporting that: 42% of the population is in New York City, but only 27% of actual voters were from NYC; 37% of the population is from Upstate, but they comprised 48% of the voters; and 21% of the population is from the four suburban counties, which comprised 25% of the voters. He compared this with the three elections prior to 2014, in which 30% of voters came from New York City, 46% from upstate, and 24% from suburbs.

Mr. Gyory stated that, historically, the Republican State Senate has supported private sector higher education as so many private colleges and universities are located Upstate, and he noted the importance of placing higher education in the context of economic development, particularly Upstate, which struggles with continuing population and job declines, especially young people. He compared the issues Upstate with those in New York City, which faces population growth rather than decline, but faltering transportation infrastructure. Mr. Gyory emphasized that higher education can encourage economic growth throughout New York State.

Dr. Sexton asked if it is significant that, at the national level, the Republicans are now in the majority. Mr. Gyory responded that Republicans typically want to cut back government funding and therefore one might be pessimistic about things such as student financial aid and research, but politicians sometimes do the right thing. He also noted that Republicans will be held to a higher standard where they control both houses and are more likely to lose the presidential election if they do not produce.

In response to a Senator's question regarding whether the low rate of turnout is related to no-contest elections, Mr. Gyory responded that four things promote high voter turnout: love, hate, perception that a vote is consequential, and a close race. He stated his opinion that candidates should focus more on midterm elections, as they often are taken for granted by voters.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Brier,
Secretary

Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Sexual Misconduct

Name	Council	School
Sinan Antoon	T-FSC	Gallatin
John Belknap	SSC	Gallatin (UG)
Carolyn Cole	SSC	Law
Gabrielle Gold-von Simson	N/C-FSC	Medicine
Thomas Grace	Senior Univ. Admin.	N/A
Jessica Hawk	SSC	Steinhardt (UG)
Daniel Holub	AMC	CAS
Christine Janick	Senior Univ. Admin.	N/A
Kevin Jones	SSC	GSAS
Jeremy Lakin*	SSC	CAS
Masha Leonov	SSC	Stern (UG)
Zoe Ragouzeos	Senior Univ. Admin.	N/A
Victoria Stanhope	T-FSC	SSSW
G. Gabrielle Starr *	Deans	CAS
Susan Stehlik	N/C-FSC	Stern
Randy Stephan	Senior Univ. Admin.	N/A
Nancy Van Devanter	T-FSC	Nursing
Andrew Williams	N/C-FSC	Law

***Co-Chairs**



**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
University Senate Meeting
Thursday, November 13, 2014**

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

NEWS

NYU Langone has opened NYU Langone-Cobble Hill, a free-standing emergency department at the site of the former Long Island College Hospital (LICH) in Brooklyn that is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. The renovated interim location is staffed by an experienced, interdisciplinary team of more than 100 skilled clinicians and support personnel. It also features high-definition telemedicine capabilities, enabling NYU Langone's Manhattan-based experts in orthopaedics, cardiology, and plastic surgery to consult on cases and further extend the highest quality specialty care to those in neighboring Brooklyn communities. NYU Langone-Cobble Hill will have the full capabilities to care for acutely-ill patients, but if admission to a hospital is required, two ambulances are available to transfer patients to NYU Langone in Manhattan or to a Brooklyn-based hospital. Future plans for the site include the building of a new ambulatory care facility with multispecialty medical care, medical imaging, ambulatory surgery, a satellite of the Perlmutter Cancer Center, and a new free-standing emergency department.

In October, the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court issued a decision regarding the legal proceeding that sought to overturn the City Council approvals related to NYU's Core Space Plan. The Court affirmed the validity of the approvals process for our project and overturned the lower court's ruling that some parcels of land abutting proposed new facilities constituted implied parkland. The Court's decision makes clear that NYU has the legal right to proceed with developing a building that fulfills the recommendations of the University Space Priorities Working Group, which call for a mixed-use building to include classrooms, student study and meeting spaces, a new athletic facility, academic spaces for the performing arts, student residences, and faculty housing. For updates about the Coles Redevelopment project, please visit this [website](#).

In order to serve near-term needs while the Coles project is underway and long-term needs once the project is complete, NYU recently purchased the currently vacant, connecting buildings 404 Lafayette Street and 708 Broadway. During the closing of the Coles Sports and Recreation Center (which will not occur before the end of the 2014-15 academic year), 404 Lafayette will fulfill the fitness and recreation needs of the NYU students, faculty, and staff. Once construction on the Coles site is complete, 404 Lafayette and 708 Broadway will help address some of the space needs near our Washington Square Core that cannot be entirely addressed through construction on the superblocks. These buildings will also allow us to consolidate the campus footprint in buildings that we own instead of lease, reducing costs over time and creating more stability in our planning.

In its inaugural ranking of Best Global Universities, U.S. News & World Report has placed NYU at #36. The rankings encompass the top 500 universities across 49 countries, and evaluated global and regional research reputation, publications and citation impact, and international collaboration, among other factors.

HONORS

The Stern School of Business's TRIUM Global Executive MBA program has been ranked #1 in the world by the *Financial Times*. Each year, the Financial Times evaluates Executive MBA programs offered by 100 top business schools worldwide, assessing the career progress of alumni, academic standing of the faculty, and the programs' international scope. An alliance between Stern, the London School of Economics and Political Science, and the HEC School of Management in Paris, TRIUM uniquely combines study in New York, London, and Paris as well as in the emerging markets of China and India.

For the second year in a row, NYU Langone Medical Center scored number one for overall patient safety and quality among leading academic medical centers across the nation by the University HealthSystem Consortium (UHC) 2014 Quality and Accountability Study. In addition, NYU Langone received the UHC Quality Leadership Award for demonstrated excellence in high-priority patient care areas, achieved five stars for its overall performance, and ranked number one in the domains of equity and mortality. This year, 104 UHC member institutions were included in the analysis.

Katepalli R. Sreenivasan, Dean of the Polytechnic School of Engineering and Executive Vice Provost, has been elected a Foreign Fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering. The academy was established as a body of India's most distinguished engineers and engineer-scientists; membership for academicians or industry figures residing outside of India is a rare honor.

The New York Law Journal has honored three members of the NYU community – Martin Lipton, chair of NYU's board of trustees and founding partner of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz; Frederick Schwarz, Jr., chief counsel of the School of Law's Brennan Center for Justice; and Peter Zimroth, adjunct professor of law and director of the Center for Civil Justice – with its Lawyers Who Lead by Example Awards. The three were among nine attorneys who received Lifetime Achievement awards in recognition of their passion to work to solve problems facing the profession and fight injustice.

Ned Block, Silver Professor of Philosophy, Psychology, and Neural Science in the Faculty of Arts and Science, has been awarded the Jean Nicod Prize by France's Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), awarded annually to a leading philosopher of the mind or philosophically oriented cognitive scientist. As part of his recognition, Professor Block delivered this year's Jean Nicod Lectures at the École Normale Supérieure in Paris.

Theodor Meron, the Charles L. Denison Professor of Law Emeritus, has been made a Grand Officier of the National Order of Merit by a decree of President François Hollande of France. A leading expert on international humanitarian law, human rights, and international

criminal law, Professor Meron's scholarship helped form the legal foundations for international criminal tribunals.

Norman Dorsen, the Frederick I. and Grace A. Stokes Professor of Law, has been named winner of the Hugh M. Hefner Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award, one of the foundation's group of First Amendment Awards. Professor Dorsen, a former president of the ACLU who has argued groundbreaking Supreme Court cases, was honored for his work at the "forefront of the fight to advance fundamental freedoms and protect civil rights and civil liberties."

Susan Neuman, professor of early childhood and literacy education at the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, has received the A.B. Herr Award from the Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers. The award recognizes an educator who has made outstanding contributions to the field of literacy education.

Roger Bagnall, the Leon Levy Director of the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, has been elected president of the Society for Classical Studies. The Society, founded in 1869, is the principal scholarly organization in North America for classical studies.

Pedro Noguera, the Peter L. Agnew Professor of Education at Steinhardt, has received two recent awards: the 2014 SAGE-CASBS Award, presented by SAGE Publications and the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University, recognizing outstanding accomplishments in advancing the understanding of behavioral sciences; and the Distinguished Service Award for Service to Education from the National Association of Secondary School Principals, recognizing his work on culture, equity, and access.

The following faculty members were listed among the 2014 Thomson Reuters Highly Cited Researchers, which includes scientists and social scientists whose papers rank in the top 1% most cited in their subject field and year of publication:

- **Henry R. Black**, Adjunct Professor, School of Medicine
- **Michael B. Blanton**, Associate Professor of Physics, FAS
- **Gyorgy Buzsaki**, Biggs Professor of Neuroscience, School of Medicine
- **William Easterly**, Professor of Economics, FAS
- **Elza Erkip**, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Polytechnic School of Engineering
- **Xavier Gabaix**, Martin J. Gruber Professor of Finance, Stern
- **Dan R. Littman**, Helen L. and Martin S. Kimmel Professor of Molecular Immunology and Professor of Pathology, Microbiology, and Molecular Pathogenesis, School of Medicine
- **Danny Reinberg**, Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, School of Medicine

Israel Kirzner, professor of economics emeritus at FAS, has been selected as a 2014 Thomson Reuters Citation Laureate for contributions to the field of economic sciences. This distinction highlights the significance of a scholar's work based on the number of times fellow researchers have cited his or her papers.

Marilyn Nonken, associate professor of music and music education and director of piano studies at Steinhardt, is the recipient of the Nouveau Classical Project’s Visionary Award, which recognizes innovative leaders whose work has made a significant impact on the new music community. A celebrated pianist, Professor Nonken is a noted champion of the modern piano repertoire.

A book by Michael Shenefelt and Heidi White, both master teachers in the Liberal Studies Program, has been named the gold winner in the “Philosophy Nonfiction” category of Foreword Reviews’ IndieFab Book of the Year Awards. Their book, *If A, then B: How the World Discovered Logic*, tracks the 23-century-history of the development of logic as a discipline.

TorchTech, a university-wide group of NYU’s IT professionals, has won a 2014 Innovators Award from *Campus Technology* magazine. The brainchild of Evan Silberman, IT director for the Silver School of Social Work, the group brings together IT employees from across NYU’s schools and global sites to build community and share ideas.

Jayson Browder, a student in Wagner’s Global Executive Master of Public Administration program, has been named a Carnegie New Leader by the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs. He joins a select group of future public service leaders who will develop their skills through seminars, formal events, online dialogue, and analysis opportunities. Jayson is a multi-decorated U.S. Air Force and Iraq veteran and a U.S. Fulbright Scholar.

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

GRANTS

Researchers at Langone Medical Center will lead a consortium of five institutions on a five-year, \$6.5 million contract from the National Institutes of Health. Led by Gregg Silverman, professor of medicine and pathology, the consortium aims to identify the antigens to the bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus* that are fundamental to effective immune defenses, with the goal of helping to reduce the number of MRSA infections, which lead to 10,000 deaths each year.