

UFS Chair Sandi Cooper called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in Room 9204/5/6 at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center.

I. Approval of the Agenda for October 18, 2011

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

II. Approval of the Minutes of September 20, 2011

Minutes were approved as distributed by voice vote.

III. Reports

A. Chair Sandi Cooper

- Regarding CUNY Pathways, faculty representation on committee (chosen, not elected); UFS accused of misleading faculty, delay tactics, turf defense.
- Requested that faculty deliver message to campuses: We did not oppose the rational transfer policy (to counter claim to obstructionism).
- New document available, “Campus Activities/Responses since passage of Pathways Resolution, June 27, 2011,” posted on www.cunyufs.org website.
- Announcement: UFS conference, Dec 9, Baruch College, featuring Dr. Benjamin Ginsberg (Johns Hopkins), author of *The Fall of the Faculty: the Rise of the All-Administrative University and Why It Matters*.

B. Budget Overview and Implications for Faculty, Assoc. Vice Chancellor, Matt Sapienza

- Higher education budget agreement in Albany, tuition increase authorization, maintenance of effort provision, procurement reform.
- NYC budget, fiscal 2012 budget near 2011 levels.
- CUNY allocations in response to budget decisions; budget cuts (\$95 million this year, four-year total \$400 million in cuts; reductions at senior colleges, 1.75%).
- Some tuition money set aside for FT faculty lines, student support services, financial aid funds.
- TAP, maximum award \$5,130 (up from \$5,000); SUNY and CUNY must cover difference.
- Community colleges, different allocation model (based on annual available funds), no real cuts to community colleges; similar investments (FT faculty, student support, financial aid).
- Now focusing on fiscal 2013 (begins July 1), submitting budget request to BOT on Oct 31.
- State forecast, \$2.5 billion deficit for next year; revenues likely down.
- City forecast, \$4.5 billion deficit for next year.
- Nonetheless, optimistic for ‘stability’ this and coming years.
- In follow-up discussion: Chancellor in conversation with state about funding for adjunct health care.

C. How Budget Consultation Takes Place at CCNY, Prof. Rishi Raj, CCNY Faculty Senate Chair

- City College budget (61% instruction; 14% maintenance and operations; 8% general institution services; 6% student; 5% admin; remaining for academic support, etc.).
- Consultation by ‘formal’ and ‘informal’ methods, with earnest support of president and vice president.
- Committees comprised of students and faculty (FT and PT) meet regularly with admin.
- Calendar, start first week of semester and process runs through the year, including summer.

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D. Status of the Faculty Committee, CLA exam, Prof. Kathleen Barker

- Committee report available; four tests evaluated: CLA, CAT, CAAP, ETSPP.
- After analysis, recommended CLA.
- Critique of the CLA in *The Chronicle* and in Hosch, “Time on Test” (copy distributed).
- Numerous causes for concern, e.g., test is voluntary, ESL students.
- However, report is about test selection, not implementation.
- Chancellor has not announced implementation plan.
- Sandi Cooper comments: Conflict of interest?
- Phil Pecorino comments: CUNY’s report, discrepancies; recommendations suspect (test group comparisons, homogeneity); CLA testing level “severely flawed” (basic skills).
- Kathleen Barker: abstained on CLA recommendation.

IV. New Business

A. Resolution on Priorities for the 2012-13 State Budget Request, Terence Martel, Vice Chair

- Motion to endorse budget recommendations (prepared by Budget Advisory Committee and UFS Executive Committee) was approved by voice vote, with one abstention.
- Recommended that campus governance bodies get started early (this year) on budget process (for next year).

B. CUNY School of Law / Brooklyn College

- Presented memorandum of understanding, re NYPD on Brooklyn campus.
- Presented CUNY School of Law faculty resolution.
- Concerns about infiltration of Muslim student groups, surveillance, violation of student rights.
- Following lead of Brooklyn College campus.
- Request that UFS pass similar resolution; to be considered as first order of business at next senate meeting.
- Resolution will be vetted at next E.C. meeting on Nov 1.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,