

May 15, 2012

From: Edward Volchok

To: Dr. Emily Tai, Chairperson
Dr. Peter Bales, Vice-Chairperson
Dr. Lana Zinger, Secretary

**The 367th Plenary Session of The University Faculty Senate of
The City University Of New York: Tuesday, May 16, 2012**

UFS Chair Sandi Cooper called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in Room 9204/05 at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center.

I. Approval of the Agenda for May 16, 2012

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

II. Approval of the Minutes of April 17, 2012

The minutes were approved as distributed by voice vote

II. Reports

A. Chair Sandi Cooper

- Election meeting: Chair Cooper reviewed the election procedures.

B. Invited Guest, Executive Vice Chancellor Frederick Schaffer on proposed revisions to the Computer Use Policy (6:30 pm)

Vice Chancellor Schaffer asked for questions to follow-up on this recent presentation to the UFS.

- **Question:** Proposed policy has no statement that CUNY supports academic work in computer security nor is there a mention of program waivers. **Answer:** The policy is a general policy. Many “wonderful activities” are not acknowledged by this policy nor should they be. Waiver policy should not significantly change except now there will be proper documentation of requests for waivers.
- **Question:** The current policy should be scraped, as it is out-of-date. Policy is suitable for businesses not higher education. University is moving online, but this policy does not recognize this change. **Answer:** Nothing in this policy is inconsistent with academic freedom or the goals of the person who asked the question. Schaffer said that he agrees with many of this person’s concerns.
- **Question:** Tonight the Library & Info Technology Committee passed a resolution that requests the current policy be scraped and a new computer use policy be developed. The resolution was read into the record **Answer:** Schaffer stated that the “whereas” statements in this resolution are false.
- **Question:** The statements regarding the use of computers for “partisan” political activity needs clarification **Answer:** Schaffer stated that this is not directed to union organizing. It deals with elections to public office.
- **Question:** Clarification of false identify statement is needed. **Answer:** CUNY employees cannot send anonymous emails.
- **Question:** Clarification of the computer videos policy is needed. **Answer:** Bandwidth is a limited resource. Goal is to prevent heavy use of bandwidth for non-academic purposes; i.e. downloading movies solely for entertainment.

C. CUNY Academy for the Humanities and Sciences (Prof. Manfred Philipp)

- On May 2nd four Feliks Gross Endowment Awards were awarded
- Over 100 William Stewart Travel awards were granted

D. Diversity Action Plan (summary by Prof. Kay Conway)

- Student body more diverse than the faculty
- Every campus will have to have a Diversity Action Plan

IV. Nominations for and Election of Officers and Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee

A. For Officer

1. **Chair:** Terrence Martell (Finance, Baruch College)
2. **Vice Chair:** Karen Kaplowitz (English, John Jay College of Criminal Justice)
3. **Secretary:** Anne Friedman (Developmental Skills, BMSS)
4. **Treasurer:** Philip Pecorino (Social Sciences, Queensborough Community College)

The above-mentioned candidates were elected.

B. For Members-at-Large (10 nominees for five vacancies)

1. Kathleen Barker (Psychology, Medgar Evers)
2. Stefan Baumrin (Philosophy, Graduate School)
3. Virgena Bernard (Nursing and AH Sciences, Bronx Community College) (withdrew)
4. Roberta Brody (Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, Queens)
5. Kay Conway (Business Management, BMCC)
6. Síocháin Hughes (Art, Hunter)
7. Mojubaolu Okome (Political Science, Brooklyn)
8. Emily Tai (History, Queensborough Community College)
9. Mike Vozick (Science, BMCC)
10. Jay Weiser (Law, Baruch)

The following candidates were elected:

1. Kathleen Barker
2. Kay Conway
3. Mojubaolu Okome
4. Emily Tai
5. Jay Weiser

V. New Business

A. Resolution in Appreciation of Sandi Cooper was approved

B. Sandi Cooper asked for and received approval of a unanimous resolution for naming Distinguished UFS Emeritus

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Edward Volchok