

DATE: May 9, 2013
TO: QCC Academic Senate
FROM: QCC Faculty Representative to CUNY UFS, Linda Meltzer
SUBJECT:

**The 375th Plenary Session of The University Faculty Senate of
The City University Of New York
Tuesday, May 7, 2013, 6:30 p.m.**

UFS Chair Terrence Martell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the Room 9203/9204 at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center.

I. Approval of the Agenda for May 7, 2013

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

II. Approval of the Minutes of April 9, 2013

The minutes were approved as distributed by voice vote.

II. Reports

A. 1.

Invited Guest, Matthew Goldstein, Chancellor, City University of New York

In his swan song to the UFS, Chancellor Goldstein discussed his recent decision to resign after 14 years as Chancellor this July 1st. He described the position as "the best 14 years of his life" despite the rough job, hand-to-hand combat mixed with the joy of accomplishments. Overall, Goldstein said he was truly blessed.

Goldstein never expected to do this after being President of Baruch College, let alone remain 14 years. He believes CUNY is in a good place with a strong balance sheet and no financial problems. Goldstein referred to the \$3 B capital campaign which he began and will continue as Chairman Emeritus. Raising capital is an important goal. He will also be writing a book discussing what he sees as "not a pretty terrain in higher education". While equity markets are at all time highs, the same cannot be said for state and local governments which are key for public education.

Bill Kelly will serve as interim Chancellor as previously announced, and he is already involved though he doesn't formally begin until July 1st. Benno Schmidt, Chair of CUNY Board of Trustees, is forming a search committee to find a permanent Chancellor. Goldstein will play a "quiet" role in the search process. Positively, Goldstein expects a big pool of candidates if the recent search for head of CUNY Medgar Evers College's Public Health is any guide. New York remains an attractive market for good people. Goldstein expects to soon make his recommendation at Medgar Evers rather than Bill Kelly.

Goldstein said he leaves as Chancellor when CUNY enrollment is strong and extraordinary faculty are coming next year. CUNY is looking for 250 additional faculty next year because of CUNY's stronger financial position.

In Sciences, several four year CUNY schools are actively involved in reviewing expansion in PhD programs. Goldstein said Technology presents wonderful opportunities for CUNY but also hazards. CUNY and other higher education institutions will have to grapple with that. In a somewhat nostalgic note, Goldstein sees resiliency and creativity all around with great students. It was his privilege to serve CUNY. The projects should emphasize “transformational goals” that involve CUNY and the community and stakeholders (corporate partners) and have a job focus on industry sectors in NYC.

Question and answer session with Matthew Goldstein:
Any regrets on Pathway? No reservations at all.

Will our budget be fully funded? We now have a predictable path on tuition policy though TAP needs to be reformed. Goldstein believes we are a good slope.

Will there be enhanced funding for Master's Programs? We need to support Master's programs, citing the Cornell partnership with an Israeli tech company investing in a Master's program. Goldstein said it is not clear we need as many PhD. programs.

Goldstein was asked what the future will be for journalism? Goldstein was thanked for his support of the CUNY School of Journalism. Goldstein will be supportive of any effort to help our students to write better.

A concern was raised about CUNY First and its seemingly dysfunctional and problematic nature. Goldstein said any large system will have problems and our system will reform as well. Many larger institutions such as University of California spent significantly more and have problems too.

How will the new 250 faculty coming next year be distributed campus-wide? Goldstein said there was a protocol for that and will be worked out. He reiterated his interest in full time faculty (rather than Adjunct faculty) as something he hopes future Chancellors will value.

Many attending and addressing questions expressed appreciation for Goldstein's tenure, including a fellow classmate of his going back to Class of 1962-1963. In wrapping up, Chancellor Goldstein expressed respect and admiration to the UFS body. He expects that there will be continued conflict and healthy debate between faculty and administration which must be done with respect. Chancellor Goldstein remains as Chancellor Emeritus until 2019.

B. Chair's Report, Terence Martell, Chair of UFS.

Chair Terence Martell confirmed Chancellor Goldstein's future role and the upcoming search for permanent Chancellor. As the votes were being counted for the election below, Martell informed the body:

Capital raising for the CUNY resulted in two large contributions; \$25M from the Gutman family including \$15M for the naming of the new Community College and \$9M in scholarship. Another \$30 million for CUNY was associated with the Colin Powell School of Civics Education including \$5 million in cash from the General and rest from various sources.

III. New Business

Chair Martell held the election for 5 vacancies for At Large Candidates for the Executive Committee, UFS. Martell called for any additional nominations to the 9 (one candidate removed himself from contention before the meeting) nominations that were assembled in the previous plenary. There were none. Each candidate was asked to introduce and speak for no more than 2 minutes

The following senators were elected for the five seats at-large on the UFS Executive Committee for the upcoming term.

Manfred Philipp (Lehman) 66 votes

Kathleen Barker (Medgar Evers) 60 votes

Kay Conway (BMCC) 56 votes

Jay Weiser (Baruch) 51 votes

Emily Tai (Queensborough) 46 votes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

