

UFS Chair Manfred Philipp called the meeting to order at approximately 6:35 p.m. in Room 9204/05 at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center.

I. Approval of the Agenda for September 23, 2008

One piece of Old Business was added to the Agenda: Approval of the UFS Standing Committee Roster.

Agenda was approved by voice vote.

II. Approval of the Minutes of May 6, 2008

Minutes were approved as distributed.

III. Reports

A. Chair

The report of UFS Chair Manfred Philipp was posted on the UFS website.

B. Chancellor Mitchell Goldstein: 6:30 pm

Chancellor Goldstein discussed the implications of the financial crisis on the University. Here is a summary of his comments:

- The nation's financial crisis is far more serious than anyone had expected.
- Congress must quickly approve the bail out of failing financial institutions if the situation is not to worsen.
- This crisis has serious implications for the University's budget.
- The City and State governments will probably make some budget cuts for the current fiscal year after the November election.
- More severe cuts would take place the following fiscal year. (In response to questions from the Senate, Chancellor Goldstein said that he did not, at present, anticipate that these cuts would be "Draconian.")
- Tuition will increase next year, and that he hopes to avoid the "spikes" in tuition that occurred during the 1990s.
- Chancellor Goldstein stated that there is presently a "pause" on hiring new staff, but there is no cessation of recruitment and hiring of new faculty.
- In closing, Chancellor Goldstein said that the University's would manage the problems caused by this financial crisis in such a way as to avoid undue disruptions in the lives of students, faculty or staff.

Following Chancellor Goldstein, Alexandra W. Logue, Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost, made a few remarks.

C. Representatives to Board Committees

Reports are posted on the UFS website.

D. Committee Chairs

Chairs of the following committees made brief remarks about the current work of their committees:

- Morris Hounion, UFS Library & Information Technology
- Kathryn Richardson, UFS Research Awards Committee
- Robert Nolan, UFS Facilities Advisory Committee
- Campbell Dalgligh, UFS Status of the Faculty Committee.

IV. Old Business

A. Approval of UFS Draft Statement on Academic Freedom

Draft Statement on Academic Freedom was passed by voice vote.

B. Approval of UFS Standing Committee Roster

Motion approved by voice vote.

V. New Business

A. Election of one at-large member of the Executive Committee to fill vacancy left by Professor Alfred Levine

Three Senators were nominated. The tally of the votes were:

Senator	Votes
Prof. Leslie Jacobson from Brooklyn College	28
Prof. Michael Barnhart from CCNY	26
Prof. Rishi Raj from CCNY	21
Abstentions	2

As the elections for at-large members of the Executive Committee are determined by a plurality of the votes, Professor Jacobson was declared the winner to succeed Professor Levine.

B. Other Business

A motion was made to form a committee on the relationship of full-time and contingent faculty to the University. This motion was not seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm