

**Minutes of the Three Hundred & Thirty-Sixth Plenary Session  
of the University Senate of the City University of New York**

**May 6, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by the UFS Chair Manfred Philipp at 6:45 p.m. in Room 9206/07 at the Graduate School and University Center.

**I. Approval of the Agenda**

A revised agenda was approved. As Chancellor Matthew Goldstein was not in attendance, his report was replaced with Vice Chancellor Iris Weinshall's report on the 5-year funding plans for CUNY by New York State and New York City.

**II. Approval of the Minutes of April 2008**

Minutes were approved as distributed.

**III. Introduction of New Senators and Alternates**

New senators and alternates were introduced to the UFS.

**IV. Reports**

**A. Chair**

The chair's report is posted on the UFS website, at <http://www.cunyufs.org/>

**B. Vice Chancellor Iris Weinshall**

Vice Chancellor Iris Weinshall presented a report on the current 5-year funding plan for CUNY. The City and State have reduced the 5-year funding for CUNY from \$8 billion to \$1.8 billion. Vice Chancellor Weinshall, however, stated that both the state and city expected CUNY to request additional funding next fiscal year. With the \$8 billion plan, requests for additional funding during the 5-year period would not be considered.

**C. Representatives to Board Committees**

These reports are posted on the UFS website, at <http://www.cunyufs.org/>

**V. New Business**

**A. Fitterman Hall Project**

A motion to restore funding to demolish Fitterman Hall and replace this facility was passed unanimously by voice vote.

**B. Nomination & Election of Officers and Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee**

The following Senators were nominated and elected:

Chair: Professor Manfred Philipp  
Vice Chair: Professor Lenore Beaky  
Secretary: Professor Martha Bell

Treasurer: Professor Karen Kaplowitz  
Members at Large: Professor Albert Levine  
Professor Sandi Cooper  
Professor Phil Pecorino  
Professor Anne Friedman  
Professor Stefan Baumrin

**C. Discussion and Approval of UFS Draft Statement on Academic Freedom**

A motion to support this draft in principle was passed by voice vote. The draft is subject to revisions.