

September 22, 2009

From: Edward Volchok, UFS Member/Queensborough Community College

To: Barbara Blake-Campbell, Secretary, QCC Senate Steering Committee  
Emily Tai, Chairperson, QCC Senate Steering Committee

Att.

### **Report on the 345<sup>th</sup> UFS Plenary Session of CUNY, September 22, 2009**

UFS Chair Manfred Philipp called the meeting to order at approximately 6:38 p.m. in Room 9204/05 at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center.

#### **I. Approval of the Agenda for September 22, 2009**

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

#### **II. Approval of the Minutes of May 5, 2008**

Minutes were approved as distributed by voice vote.

#### **III. Reports**

##### **A. Chair (Oral and Written)**

Due to time constraints, the chair gave an abbreviated oral report. The chair:

- Welcomed new senators.
- Bestowed awards to three faculty governance leaders, one of whom was Dr. Emily Tai.
- Reported that the UFS asked the chancellor to outline preparations for H1N1 and seasonal influenza. The chancellor agreed to this request and is publicizing its preparations.

Key topics in the Chair's written report included:

- The 2009 Fall UFS Conference will focus on "Funding in Higher Education."
- Preparations for the UFS Faculty Experience Survey are complete.
- The next meeting of Vice Chancellor Small's task force on the PSC-CUNY Research Awards is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>. Many campuses have voted their support of the UFS Resolution against many of the changes proposed by this task force.
- The UFS has heard of no continuing actions to limit the terms of department chairs to two consecutive terms.
- The UFS has asked the university to examine its implementation of the Workplace Violence Policy.
- The university is reexamining the utility of the CUNY Proficiency Exam as the vendor the runs this program wants over \$25 million to run this test next year. Vice Chancellor Logue has established a committee to study this question.

##### **B. Chancellor Matthew Goldstein (Oral at 6:30 pm) and Vice Chancellor Alexandra Logue (Oral at 7:35 pm)**

Key topics in the Chancellor Goldstein's report included:

- CUNY's relationships with the New York Governor's office, the New York Senate, and the New York Assembly have improved significantly.
- There are three searches for senior executives:
  1. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
  2. President of Baruch College
  3. President of City College

- The State's financial problems will get worse before it improves. Severe financial problems are being experienced with public higher education in California, Arizona, Florida, and the Mid-West. CUNY has experienced less financial trauma than many public universities, and this gives CUNY an advantage when recruiting faculty. CUNY will be aggressively recruiting faculty this year.
- Robust increases in enrollment across the university have increased revenue. Enrollment growth is, perhaps, too large on some colleges, especially the community colleges.
- Discussions continue regarding community colleges with city, state, and federal government officials. The need for additional seats at the community college as well as retaining and graduating more community college students is well recognized.
- The federal government's "Race to the Top" program is a major funding opportunity that CUNY and SUNY will be working together on. Two funding application deadlines: December 2009 and early 2010.
- The university is looking to technology (online instruction) as a way of providing quality education in times of surging enrollment and over-burdened infrastructure.

Vice Chancellor Logue's report focused mainly on the surging enrollment:

- This summer there was a 2% increase in head count and Full Time Equivalencies (By definition, FTE are lower than the head count.)
- This fall head count is up 6% and FTE is up 8.1%.
- Data also shows higher retention and students are taking more credits.
- Fall flash enrollment is 259,000. Form A enrollment is 260,000, (a record high for CUNY).
- There is a "huge" range of changes in enrollment at all colleges
- Senior colleges freshmen have a significant increase in SAT scores.
- At all schools, new students are showing higher High School GPAs.
- The chancellery is concerned about the maintenance of quality education, and is closing watching "quality indicators."
- To maintain student/faculty ratios, 600 more full time faculty was needed for the fall semester. The university did not add that many new faculty members. The need for additional faculty, therefore, remains strong.
- The university is talking to each college about spring 2010 and fall 2010 admissions.
- University will reexamine transfer and re-admission policies.
- The university is interested in online education in general and hybrid courses in particular.
- The year-end report for the CUNY Office of Academic Affairs is available online.

#### C. CUNY Trustee Honorable Frieda Foster-Tolbert

Trustee Foster-Tolbert briefly addressed the UFS. Key questions and Ms. Foster-Tolbert's responses:

**Question:** CUNY students need for "per credit" TAP. Has this issue come before the trustees?

**Answer:** The question has not come before the trustees.

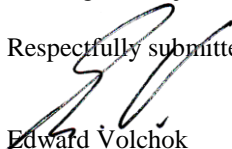
**Question:** How do you see the role of the faculty in the management of the university? **Answer:** It is integral. CUNY's management style has been evolving and will continue to evolve.

#### IV. Approval of Committee Slate (See Attachment)

The committee slate was approved by voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: The University Faculty Senate Committee Slate — 2009-2010

**Academic Freedom—Chair: Stephen Stearns (History, CSI); Liaison: Lenore Beaky (English, LaGuardia)**

Philip A. Belcastro (FGL, BMCC)  
Philip Lerman (Humanities, LaGuardia)  
Marie Marianetti (History, Lehman)  
Costas Panayotakis (Social Science, NYCCT)  
Kathryn Talarico (Modern Languages, CSI)  
Eben Wood (English, KCC)  
Richard Woytowich (FGL, NYCCT)  
Robert Viscusi (English, Brooklyn)

**PSC-CUNY Research Awards—Chair: Kathryn Richardson (Nursing, NYCCT); Liaison: Manfred Philipp (Biochemistry, GSUC)**

Timothy Aubry (English, Baruch)  
Tom Bird (Eur. Lang. & Lit., Queens)  
Lisa Ellis (Library, Baruch)  
Yakov Genis (CIS, BMCC)  
Tony Gonzalez (Art, Queens)  
Mary Clare Lennon (Sociology, Graduate Center)  
Paula Massood (Film, Brooklyn)  
Concetta Mennella (Law, NYCCT)  
Hyacinth Martin (Nursing, BMCC)  
Caroline Bank Muñoz (Sociology, Baruch)  
Robert Nolan (Earth & Environmental Sci. GSUC)  
Alan Zimmerman (Business, CSI)

**Status of the Faculty—Chair: Leslie Jacobson (Health/Nutrition Science, Brooklyn); Co- liaisons: Stefan Baumrin (Philosophy, GSUC) & Anne Friedman (Dev. Skills, BMCC)**

Judith Barbanel (Basic Skills, QCC)  
Kathleen Barker (Psychology, Medgar Evers)  
Rosalind Carey (Philosophy, Lehman)  
Robert Cermele (Math, NYCCT)  
Kay Conway (Business, BMCC)  
Glenn Lewis (English, York)  
Jane R. Soto (Nursing, BMCC)  
Stanley Wine (Statistics, Baruch)

**Facilities Advisory—Chair: Ned Benton (Public Management, John Jay); Liaison: Karen Kaplowitz (English, John Jay)**

Lance Brown (Architecture, CCNY)  
Lois Dreyer (Dental Hygiene, NTCCT)  
David Krauss (Science, BMCC)  
Chris Rosa (Univ. Coord. of Disability Services)  
Gary Sarinsky (Biology, KCC)  
Charles Tobey (Physical Education, Brooklyn)  
Erica King-Toler (SEEK, JJ)  
Ashok Vora (PhD Program in Business, GC)  
Cliff Wymbs (Marketing & Int. Business, Baruch)

**Legal Affairs (includes UFS elections issues)(J.D. required)—Chair: Jay Weiser (Law & Real Estate, Baruch); Liaison: Stefan Baumrin (Philosophy, GSUC)**

David Bloomfield (Educ., Brooklyn)  
Marissa Moran (Law, NYCTC)  
Steve Penrod (Psychology, JJ)

**Library & Information Technology—Chair: Morris Hounion (Library, NYCCT); Liaison: Philip Pecorino (Social Science, QCC)**

Linda Michelle Baron (Teacher Education, York)  
Roberta Brody (Grad. School Library & Information Studies, Queens)  
Jill Cirasella (Library, Brooklyn)  
Don Davidson (CIS, LaGuardia)  
Lou Folen (SASW, CSI)  
Hal Grossman (Library, Hunter)  
George Hill (Music, Baruch)  
Nikos Kalogeropoulos (Science, BMCC)  
Roberta Klibaner (Computer Science, CSI)  
Claudia Lascar (Library, CCNY)  
Colin Persaud (CIS, BMCC)  
Nicholas Petraco (Science, JJ)  
Jean-Jacques Strayer (Library, Hunter)  
Edward Volchok (Business, QCC)

**Student Affairs—Chair: Carmen Martinez-Lopez (Business Management, BMCC); Liaison: Martha Bell (SEEK, Brooklyn)**

Rebecca Arliss (Health, Phy. Ed., & Recreation, Kingsborough)  
Aranzazu Borrachero (Foreign Lang. & Lit., QCC)  
Bill Crain (Psychology, CCNY)  
Alex d'Erizans (Social Sciences, BMCC)  
Jane Katz (Health & PE, JJ)  
Julie Maybee (Philosophy, Lehman)  
Frances Ruoff (English, KCC)  
Helene Silverman (Early Childhood Ed., Lehman)