

DATE: October 22, 2013

TO: QCC Academic Senate

FROM: QCC Faculty Representative to CUNY UFS, Barbara Rome

SUBJECT:

**The 378th Plenary Session of The University Faculty Senate of
The City University Of New York
Tuesday, October 22, 2013, 6:30 p.m.**

UFS Chair Terrence Martell called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in Room 9204/5/6 at the CUNY Graduate School and University Center.

I. Approval of the Agenda for September 10, 2013

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

II. Approval of the Minutes of September 10, 2013

The minutes were approved as distributed by voice vote.

III Invited Quest, Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget Matthew Sapienza

- The Budget Request for next fiscal year Budget runs from July 1st to June 30th. Planning for 2015 must be submitted in November. Gathering feedback from all communities of interest to make sure it is covering wide range of initiatives: number one priorities are; the addition of more full time faculty, Universities master plan, academic support, counseling, expansion of programs, instructional technology and IT, libraries. CUNY 2020 initiative (the university has put together a community to review applications from colleges for funds and will decide which ones to move forward).
- TAP Report submitted to Board of Trustees and state which includes increasing the amount of the award to \$6,500. Also to look at undocumented students, more transparency in process, look at ways to save state money while maintaining equity.

IV Invited Guest, Prof. Peter Knuepfer, SUNY Faculty Senate President from Binghamton Campus

- Start Up New York primarily for SUNY schools upstate with limited number of opportunities CUNY
- In the midst of implementation of SUNY seamless transfer system
- Open SUNY initiative Chancellor announced she wanted to engage students online offering more degrees online. When fully launch it will offer better opportunities for both teachers and students.
- New admission criteria in SUNY, not admitting students with less than a 3.0 GPA
- This academic year faculty Senate with CUNY will have University Research Symposium for undergraduates in Albany on April 1, 2014.

V Old Business – Vote on Charter Amendment Proposal 1st reading done at September meeting to change one aspect of the charter which is to amend who the charter is changed. Second reading tonight with a vote.

Voted unanimously in favor of accepting change to charter

VI Reports

A. Academic Freedom Committee on proposed Expressive Activity Policy (ability to hold demonstrations on community campuses) the language is vague and broad, many problems with document. Committee chair will meet with Vice Chancellor to discuss policy. Discussion and motion to reject policy draft as it violates first amendment, seconded. Motion voted on and failed.

B. Representatives to Committees

- **Budget Advisory** questions raised about new faculty hired and whether it has made a difference in relation to number of students. (See FTF to FTE attachment) TAP report, giving students per credit TAP, School for Professional Studies is moving to new space looking to expand F2F classes
- **Student Affairs** Resolution unanimously passed

C. Chair

- CUNY first (see attached)
- New Doctoral Science Program Steering Committee comprised of 25 individuals from several schools (2 faculty members and 1 Dean of Research) appointed committee from Interim Chancellor Kelly

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.