

**Report to QCC Academic Senate
On UFS Plenary Meeting**

DATE: January 27, 2014

TO: QCC Academic Senate

FROM: QCC Faculty Representative to CUNY UFS, Barbara Rome

SUBJECT:

**The 379th Plenary Session of The University Faculty Senate of
The City University Of New York
Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 6:30 p.m.
The Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue
Room 9204/5/6**

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

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

II. Approval of the Minutes for October 22, 2013

The minutes were approved as distributed by voice vote.

III Reports

A. Representatives to Board Committees

- a. Faculty Staff Administration Domestic Violence Policy Amendment
Director of campus security will discuss with employee how to proceed with orders of protection to protect employee (see proposed revision to policy attached) CUNY complies with order of protections
- b. Fiscal no new business

B. Standing Committees (Mid-year)

- a. **Academic Freedom: Proposed Policy on Expressive Conduct**
solicited comments across the board and a second draft was done general concession that the document was too broad at Nov 26th meeting document revised again and asking for additional input. The second item was the Assessment Tool discussion but nothing finalized and will be put on next agenda.
- b. **Libraries and Information Technology:** Committee's charges are to monitor effectiveness of CUNY library system and information technology meet 3 times this semester. Institutional Repository-embrace open access concept was part of resolution formed in past, looking into different ideas about which is the best one. Specific mandates review NYS regents 2020 and compare to CUNY master plan in addition Science Forward Proposal exam how hybrid/mooks can be used to open up chronically closed classes and textbooks. Pilot programs Breaking the log Jam/Science Forward/Virtual lab/Open Textbook. CUNY Data center is outdated and have problems plan to develop new Data Center on Hudson Street. Textbook initiative to save money for students on textbooks.

- c. **Status of the Faculty:** Concerns: Adjunct and part-time faculty extent to which different campuses are treating adjuncts and departments may invite adjuncts to departments meeting importance to have departments make invitations open to them but not obligatory to them, also workload, class cap size, quality of life concerns, P&P mechanism to evaluate campuses and college presidents and how faculty are involved in the process especially the process. Working to streamline the process CUNY wide.
 - d. **Student Affaire: Best Practices for Supporting Student/Faculty** (see attached report from committee chair)
- C. Special Committees**
- a. **Budget Advisory: Budget Request Priorities per faculty questionnaire** Eight campuses submitted responses consistently the top two items: more full time faculty needed and more time for research. PMP Cheryl Littman met with committee. While Kelly is Chancellor would like to change the PMP has asked all of the Presidents for 5 key things that they would like to measure.
- D. Chair**
- a. 2 new trustees appt
 - b. the process for selecting a new chancellor is on tract
 - c. Conference last Friday The Future of Doctoral Education (see attachment)

V Old Business

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.