

YU Faculty Council  
April 28, 2017  
Minutes

Present: Sumanta Goswami (YC), Marina Holz (SCW), James Kahn (YC), Moshe Krakowski (Azrieli); Lynn Levy (WSSW), Avri Ravid (Syms); Daniel Rynhold (Revel), Leslie Salzman (CSL), Charles Swencionis (Ferkauf),

Present for open session: Selma Botman, Michael Straus (Syms)

Faculty Council approved March Minutes.

Provost's Report:

NYSED is processing request to permit acceptance of credits from on-line courses across state lines.

The University Author's reception will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM in the Sky Café.

Carol Cronin (x 863) will be the person responsible for maintaining President Berman's schedule. President Berman will be developing ties with Israeli Universities.

YU is working on developing its STEM programs and considering graduate programs in Health, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistants, Risk Management, and Taxation.

The University is currently engaged in an active effort to develop a master's degree in Special Education at Stern College.

There has also been some consideration of developing a JD/MBA dual degree program with Cardozo, but needs further consideration and planning. At present time, Syms will focus on the development of a master's program.

Another initiative under consideration is to allow Yeshiva and Stern College undergrads to take some graduate-level courses that will be accepted by the relevant YU master's program. YU currently allows this for the master's in mathematics.

The Provost suggested that in addition to inviting Pres Berman to an FC meeting next year, the FC might want to invite the librarian to discuss technological development and to hear from Phil Goldfeder, head of YU Governmental Relations, about fundraising and other initiatives in his office.

Speaker's Report-

Charles Swencionis is working on the Speaker's Annual report and sent a first draft to FC members. Notably, many of the FC's activities were advisory. The FC continues to seek a clearly

defined role in faculty governance. Will Lee, Linda Carroll and Charles are looking at other institutions to see how they structure faculty governance and define the powers and responsibilities of faculty councils and senates at those schools. The subcommittee expects to report back to the FC on the status of the report early next year.

It was noted that Middle States has softened its position on faculty governance. The FC will speak to representatives at AAUP to discuss its position on faculty governance.

One other significant FC issue is the Council's involvement in faculty contract policy with oversight of hiring, promotion and faculty contract language. Other universities have this type of oversight or compliance committee and