

YU Faculty Council
September 23, 2016
Minutes

Present: Charles Swencionis (Ferkauf), Melanie Wadkins (Ferkauf), Linda Carroll (Katz), Will Lee (YC), Moshe Krakowski (Azrieli), James Kahn (YC), Gary Stein (WSSW) , Lauren Fitzgerald, , Marina Holz (SCW), Avraham Ravid (SYMS), David Carlson (CSL), Daniel Rynhold (Revel)

Selma Botman was present for the open session.

Minutes of the April 15, 2016 meeting were approved.

Several recently enacted policies from the Provost were discussed. This includes a new University Hiring Team consisting of Provost Botman, Jake Harman, Josh Joseph, and Julie Auster, which is empowered to review all requests for new faculty appointments (solely from the point of view of the budget and instructional capacity) before they are approved by the Provost. In addition there are policies promulgated in January 2015 regarding faculty travel, teaching load, minimum class sizes, emeritus appointments, and faculty leave. It was agreed that Council members should submit comments to Charles by Friday, September 30th. The Provost also mentioned plans to revise the Faculty Handbook, and solicited input from the Council. She reiterated her view that Handbook revisions were ultimately up to the Provost, but that faculty input would be welcomed.

It was agreed that the fall semester meetings of the Council would take place on Friday, November 18th and Friday, December 16th, both at the Wilf Campus.

The Provost reported on meetings with faculty from the natural sciences, and with the Deans, to discuss their hiring needs in light of recent attrition and plans for new programs, particularly Masters-level programs. She also met with Ruffalo Noel Levitz regarding the enrollment efforts and goals for these programs. She also discussed a major new initiative in Data Science, centered in the Math Department and Syms, funded by an earmarked donation.

Finally, there was discussion of the location of some new Masters Programs in the Katz School due to the lack of a Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and concerns were raised about the impact of that placement on the quality and reputation of the new programs.

In order to obtain an up-to-date list of faculty, it was agreed that the Council would reach out to David Pahmer in Institutional Research.