

Yeshiva University Manhattan Campuses Faculty Council – Agenda Building Meeting
Wilf Campus, Belfer Hall, Room 1214
February 10, 2012
Minutes

Present: Bill Arsenio, Joan Beder, Gabriel Cwilich, Marc Dratch, Anatoly Frenkel, Paula Geyh, Malvina Halberstam, Arthur Hyman, Jesse Itzkowitz, Joanne Jacobson, Nora Nachumi, Aliza Rotenstein, Linda Shires, Louise Silverstein, Will Stenhouse, Lynn Wishart, Marnin Young

Others present: Nathan Maidenbaum (Cardozo student representative); Shulamith Berger (Libraries alternate representative)

The agenda building part of the inaugural Faculty Council meeting convened at 11:10 am.

Joan Beder volunteered to assemble contact information needed for an email list of the membership.

Discussion opened with the need to select leadership in conformance with the existing Faculty Council By-laws. A seeming conflict defining the composition of the Executive Committee was pointed out between section 2.2 and the first paragraph in section 4 of the Faculty Council By-laws. Moved by Nora Nachumi and seconded that a Bylaws committee will address the question of four officers and their roles on the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Motion passed that the officers now selected will serve throughout the remainder of this semester until May 15. Nora Nachumi volunteered to serve as Parliamentarian and Lynn Wishart volunteered to serve as Secretary. Accepting temporary assignments by acclamation were Joanne Jacobson as Speaker and Joan Beder as Vice Speaker.

The group identified the following issues as the most critical to address:

- Power of the Faculty Council (the Executive Committee will come up with a range of possibilities)
- Faculty benefits and compensation
- Bylaws of the Faculty Council, including roles of student and library representatives
- Faculty Handbook, including appeals process and tenure guidelines
- Faculty life, including workload, numbers of tenure track and adjunct faculty, service
- Faculty research
- Current status of YU finances and budget

Discussion followed regarding the need first to clarify the nature of the authority of Faculty Council. As needed, members of the university administration and others who can address specific concerns will be invited to meet with the Faculty Council.

It was agreed that each Council member would serve on a committee. The following ad hoc committees were established:

- Faculty benefits and compensation: Paula Geyh, Linda Shires, Malvina Halberstam, Nora Nachumi
- Bylaws: Will Stenhouse, Aliza Rotenstein, Lynn Wishart
- Handbook (including appeals process and tenure guidelines): Marnin Young, Linda Shires, Revel representative
- Faculty life: Revel representative, Gabriel Cwilich
- Current YU finances and budget: Carl Feit, Jesse Itzkowitz, Bill Arsenio, Louise Silverstein, Dennis Hoover (nominated in absentia)
- Faculty resources (including research, library, technology): Anatoly Frenkel, Gabriel Cwilich, Lynn Wishart

Moved by M. Halberstam and seconded that 3 to 5 faculty should serve on each ad hoc committee. Motion carried.

Moved by J. Jacobson and seconded that the Council should meet approximately once each month for the remainder of the current semester. Motion carried.

Moved by N. Nachumi and seconded to rotate meeting locations among the three campus locations: Wilf, Beren and Cardozo (Brookdale Center). Motion carried.

Moved by M. Halberstam to start meetings at noon when Shabbat does not start until after 5:30 pm. A. Frankel offered a friendly amendment to establish a starting time of 11 am. Amendment accepted; motion carried. The next meeting of the Faculty Council is scheduled for 11 am on Friday, March 16 at Stern College.

Moved by G. Cwilich and seconded that each ad hoc committee set three top priorities immediately and inform the Faculty Council. Motion carried.

Moved by N. Nachumi and seconded that each ad hoc committee should meet once prior to the next Faculty Council meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by N. Nachumi and seconded that representatives should communicate to their respective faculties in whatever manner appropriate about this first meeting.

Moved by J. Itzkowitz and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. The agenda-building portion of the Faculty Council meeting concluded at 12:07 pm.

Minutes submitted by Lynn Wishart, Secretary for the Agenda-Building Meeting