

Faculty Council 12/1/2017 at Beren Campus, 1130 a.m.

Present: Charles Swencionis Ferkauf

Alex Citanna YC

Lynn Levy WSSW

Barry Eichler YC

Anna-Lisa Cohen YC

Marina Holz Stern

Gabriel Cwilich YC

James Kahn YC

Tamar Avnet Syms

Avri Ravid Syms

Michael Strauss, Dean Syms

Selma Botman, Provost

The meeting was opened with the provost's report. The provost discussed the start-up initiative which will allow students to interact with Israeli start-ups in a dedicated space at YU. This is facilitated by a donation for that purpose.

The council members followed with questions regarding the academic nature of the enterprise and how student credits will be evaluated.

The provost distributed a fact book and a policy manual containing changes which she explained were required by the state. Dr. Botman said that Middle States now visit campuses once every seven years, but the evaluation is data driven and focuses on specifics.

The provost included in her report grants obtained by YU faculty. Marina Holz mentioned a grant she received and was not included, and a discussion of grant policy ensued.

The provost then had to leave.

The next item on the agenda was a report by Charles Swencionis on the role of faculty senates and the role of our specific senate. A survey of the role of senates in various universities was distributed.

Charles suggested that the role of the faculty council so far has been to listen and receive reports and that there was very little that was actually accomplished.

A discussion ensued. Then the senate passed several resolution:

The first resolution was approval of minutes of the previous meeting (Tamar Avnet and Marina Holz abstained).

The second resolution called for the establishment of two permanent senate committees, one an academic affairs committee and the other budget and finance committee. It was passed unanimously and the council said it would iron out the details in the next meeting.

The third resolution, also adopted unanimously said that the council would work towards obtaining approval rights of programs via changes in the faculty handbook.

The council then went into an executive session.

Submitted by Avri Ravid

