

Yeshiva University Manhattan Campuses Faculty Council  
Brookdale Campus, Room 304  
December 12, 2014  
Minutes

Council Members present: Joan Beder, David Carlson, Archishman Chakraborty, Gabriel Cwilich, Paula Geyh, Abraham Givner, Marina Holz (by conference call), Joanne Jacobson, Joseph Kerstein, Nora Nachumi, Emil Prodan, Abraham Ravid, Will Stenhouse, Charles Swencionis, Lynn Wishart, and Marnin Young.

Present from the YU administration were Provost Selma Botman, Associate Provost Scott Goldberg, Dean Karen Bacon, and Associate Dean Michael Strauss.

Present from the YU faculty were Gaetano Bloise from the Economics Department, Cynthia Wachtel from the SCW English Department; and Zafira Cohen, from the Hebrew Department and member of the SCW Executive (Faculty Welfare) Committee.

The Council approved the minutes of the 31 October 2014.

Provost Botman provided some details of the ongoing negotiations between Yeshiva University and Montefiore Medical Center. She stated that she is optimistic regarding the final outcome of those negotiations, in which Mr. Jake Harman, Mr. Avi Lauer and Dr. Henry Kressel are representing the University.

She also addressed, together with Vice Provost Goldberg, the process of restructuring the undergraduate units. She mentioned that the meetings with Department Chairs are moving forward and will accelerate; they are helpful for A&M to collect and analyze data on courses and enrollment, and act as advisors to the Provost and the Board. A similar process engaging the faculty will take place in the graduate and professional schools soon.

At 12:15 the Council went into Executive Session.

The Council discussed the resumption of the salary freeze and the postponement of the restoration of the pension benefits; what to include in a list of the most acute problems that the Faculty Council should concentrate on; and the possible strategies, internal and external, to address those problems.

It was agreed that the representatives of the different units will consult with their faculties about these issues and in the next meeting on January 30, based on that input, the Council will determine a course of action.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.