**Minutes of Yeshiva University Faculty Council meeting**

**February 5, 2021 11:30 AM**

**Council members present via Zoom:** Susan Mason, Abraham Ravid, Gabriel Cwilich, Jonathan Dauber, Suzanne Stone, Jill Katz, Charles Swencionis, Nathaniel Zelinsky, Joshua Bacon, Scott Goldberg, Anna-Lisa Cohen, Tamar Avnet, Rick Zweig, Sharon Verity, Vladimir Kovtun. Alan Broder served as secretary for this meeting. Neer Asherie was present via telephone.

Ravid: Asked to approve the minutes. No objections.

Report from Provost Botman:

* Rabbi Berman and Montefiore CEO have committed to renewed collaboration between YU and Einstein. New High School to YU honors program to Medical School. YU will admit up to 10 students starting in the Fall of 22. Working with Einstein to identify areas of academic collaboration – e.g. joint programs, joint faculty appointments. Einstein wants to begin with biomedical management.
* Physics Department has submitted to NYSED a BA program for Engineering Physics. NYSED is requiring an external review since YU does not have an engineering school.
* Glaubach family made a $10mm gift to name the Career Center.
* The Faculty Handbook is done, with council’s recommended changes accepted, and will be released pending formatting
* Deans are working with faculty to prepare for the coming year.
* FYI – Middle States has a new approach for its review. Also, this April they will do an “institutional update” by pulling data from IPEDS.

Questions for the Provost:

* **Ravid: Who owns the IP rights for material furnished to Everspring?** Botman: school retains the IP. Mason: confirmed by Wurtzweiler’s experience using Everspring. Botman: However, faculty are allowed to take their IP with them to other schools.

Executive Session commenced following departure of Provost Botman:

Topics covered:

**Pay for Department Heads.**
Vote: do we support including in the draft language: “or 3% of the dean’s salary”. In favor: 10 out of 15, so the resolution passes. A final draft will be circulated.

Vote: do we support sending the document, pending revision and finalization soon, to the Provost? All were in favor.

Vote: do we support sending out a faculty satisfaction survey? All were in favor.

Swencionis – Council should send a document to the administration, asking them to not increase the cost of benefits. He will create a draft and circulate to the councilors for discussion.

Meeting adjourned 1:18 PM

Next meeting: March 12