

Attachment IV

UFS Report to the Lehman College Senate, November 16, 2011

VC Schaffer presented the proposed **CUNY Bylaw changes** to the Board Committee on Faculty, Staff and Administration on October 31. They now go to the full Board at its November 28 meeting. According to the Chair of the UFS Legal Affairs Committee, much of the Graduate School Governance has been removed from the document and must be revised by the Graduate Council. The original draft of the Bylaw changes had been significantly revised after comment by the PSC and the UFS.

The proposed CUNY **International and Domestic Travel Guidelines** were passed by the BoT Committee on Academic Policy, Program and Research (CAPPE). They also go to the full Board at its November meeting.

CAPPR also passed the College of Staten Island Letter of Intent for a **Doctorate in Nursing Practice**. The Graduate Center's Doctoral Faculty Policy Committee filed a written objection based on a lack of approval from the Graduate Council. The DPPC has announced that they will continue to object to the full proposal. The DFPC is not a UFS affiliate.

Both of the above items are subject to public comment at the Board Public Hearing on November 21.

The continuing Pathways process is engendering a new round of opposing resolutions by college student and faculty groups. I had reported on the resolution of the Chairs and Program Directors of the Hunter College School of Arts and Sciences. New actions include a petition drive by language students at Hunter College, a resolution by the Faculty Council of Brooklyn College and a resolution by Queens College academic senate, which stated that the Academic Senate of Queens College concludes that the Pathways to Degree Completion Initiative **cannot be redeemed by minor changes to its individual components and rejects Pathways on pedagogical, intellectual, and legal grounds**.

Acting under the Board's Pathways Resolution, GC President Kelly has announced disciplinary committees that will **impose the first three to six courses that lead into the largest transfer majors at CUNY**. The first majors to receive this attention are biology, business, criminal justice, English, nursing, psychology, and teacher education. Other majors follow. Lehman College faculty members serving on the committees are: Alice Akan, Nursing; Grace Bullaro, English; Mario Gonzalez-Corzo, Business Administration; and Vincent Prohaska, Psychology.

Committee Chairs are:

Jennifer Adams, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education, Brooklyn
Candy Dato, -Associate Professor of Nursing, New York City College of Technology
Maria Habersfeld, Professor of Criminal justice, John Jay
Charles Kramer, Professor and Chair of the Biology Department, CSI
Seth Lipner, Professor of Law, Baruch (Committee on Business)
Joshua Wilner, Professor of English, CCNY
Jason Young, Associate Professor of Psychology, Hunter

News reports indicate possible NYPD violations of the 1985 **Handschu settlement** and the 1992 NYPD-CUNY Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Police Response to Incidents & Events Occurring at CUNY. These reported violations relate to **surveillance of groups engaged in political activities** and have been the subject of faculty resolutions at the two CUNY colleges. Last night the UFS passed a resolution supporting continued implementation of the Handshu settlement guidelines.

The CUNY Academy has announced that applications are now available for **Stewart Travel Awards**. This award, for up to \$500, is designed for full-time faculty in the first three years of service to the College. Travel must take place from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. See <http://cunyufs.org/academy/awards/Stewart2012.pdf>

CUNY held a **Veterans Fair** yesterday on the BMCC campus, meant to facilitate the enrollment of veterans as students.

Calendar Items:

The UFS Budget Advisory Committee met with Vice Chancellors Sapienza and Shaw on Friday, November 11.

The UFS Plenary met last night and was attended by Chancellor Goldstein as well as by Vice Chancellors Logue Schaffer. The next UFS Plenary is on Tuesday, December 13. Chancellors Goldstein is expected to again speak at that Plenary.

The CUNY Council of Faculty Governance Leaders meets on Friday, November 18.

The Board of Trustees Public Hearing is on Monday, November 21. The deadline to register to testify is on Friday, November 18.

The CUNY Board of Trustees meets on Monday, November 28.

The UFS Conference on **The Fall of the Faculty: the Rise of the All-Administrative University**, featuring Dr. Benjamin Ginsberg, David Bernstein Professor of Political Science at Johns Hopkins University. 9 AM-12:30 on Friday, December 9: Please RSVP to the UFS Office at 212-794-5538.

The CUNY Academy Seminar on the Modern Greek State: **The Greek Crisis Revisited: Will the Eurozone Survive?** is co-sponsored by the European Union Studies Center and the Center for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies at Queens College. This event will be at in Room C198 of the CUNY Graduate Center at 7 PM on December 15, 2011:

CUNY's BM1 will participate in a **Resource Fair** at the Queensboro Correctional facility on Friday, December 16.