



UFS Report to the Lehman College Senate, April 29, 2015 Manfred Philipp

The UFS Spring Conference on Globalizing Education took place last Friday at John Jay College. Speakers from outside CUNY included:

Daniel Kramer, Director, Fulbright U.S. Study Program, Institute for International Education

Sabeen Altaf, Sr. Program Manager, Institute for International Education

Sigrid Berka, International Engineering Program, University of Rhode Island

Amra Dumisic, German Academic Exchange Service

Jon Rubin, Director of the SUNY Center for Collaborative Online Learning

The event featured an introduction by John Jay College

President Jeremy Travis and a talk on international education by **Chancellor Milliken**.

Chancellor Milliken speaks at the IIE and One-to-World gala events.



UFS Calendar Items

The **Council of Faculty Governance Leaders** met on Friday, April 17, and were addressed by Vice Chancellor Sapienza, and Zak Ivkovic, Executive Director of the CUNY Athletic Conference. *There was a vigorous discussion of the proposed revised CUNY textbook policy.*

Mr. Ivkovic presented data showing higher graduation rates for CUNY athletes.

The UFS Committee on Higher Education in the Prisons meets on Friday, May 1.

The next **UFS Plenary** will be on Tuesday May 5, at which new at-large members of the UFS Executive Committee will be elected. The first meeting of the new UFS Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, June 2nd.

The Faculty Advisory Council of the CUNY Research Foundation meets on May 15 and the RF Board of Directors meets on May 20.



Graduate Center President Chase Robinson has issued a draft report on the science doctoral programs.

Specific recommendations proposed in the draft report are:

- 1. The consortial model should be preserved and strengthened**
- 2. The cap on cohort size for CUNY Science fellows should be raised, subject to financial commitments from participating colleges and the ASRC**
- 3, Recruitment and admissions should be revamped to accommodate campus needs and leverage campus resources.
4. In order to attract higher quality applicants and concentrate students upon their research, stipend levels should be raised, and the ceiling on student teaching during years 2-5 lowered from 8 to 4 contact hours per week per semester.
5. During the spring and fall semesters of 2015, The Executive Committees of Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, and Physics should undertake curriculum reviews, which focus especially on first year rotations and course offerings for those intending to pursue non-academic careers, and accelerate reviews of faculty membership.
6. The Graduate Center should strengthen its role in the teaching and training in the sciences.
7. A CUNY-wide oversight committee for the Bench Sciences should be established.

All 103 pages of the full text of the draft and its appendices are given here:

<http://1drv.ms/1wEjfm7>

It was emphasized in the discussion that the draft does not yet deal with financial issues. Two faculty members at the meeting who favored purely campus based programs were not happy with the proposals.



The Board of Trustees Committees met on April 6. The Committee on Student Affairs and Special Programs passed a proposal to change the governance of college associations. The full Board of Trustees meets on May 4.

<http://cunyufs.org/Manfred/Lehman/AMENDMENTstoArticleXVI.pdf>



The CUNY Academy presents or cosponsors the following upcoming events.

The Academy's 2015 Interdisciplinary Humanities Conference on War and Geography will be held in the Graduate Center, Room C198, on Friday, May 1, from 9 AM to 7 PM. This event is hosted by Professors Sarah Danielsson and Frank Jacob and is cosponsored by the Society for Military History.

From the Structure and Function of the Ribosome to New Antibiotics, a lecture by Thomas A. Steitz, 2009 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry and Sterling Professor, Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry and Chemistry at Yale University. This event takes place at Lehman College. Reception at 4:15 in the Art Gallery, the lecture begins at 5:15 in the Recital Hall - Room 306 of the Music Building on Friday, May 1. Please RSVP before April 21 to cunyacademy@gmail.com with the word Sweeny in the subject line. This is the 35th Arthur Sweeny Jr. Lecture, co-sponsored by The Sweeny Lecture Fund of Lehman College's Chemistry Department, Lehman College's Dean of Natural and Social Sciences, Lehman College's Office of Alumni Relations & the CUNY Academy, The event is organized and hosted by Professor Andrei Jitianu.

Victory in Europe, The Otto & Fran Walter Memorial Lecture on the 70th Anniversary of the Defeat of European Fascism, 6pm on Tuesday, May 5, in the Graduate Center's Elebash Recital Hall. Frank G. Helman, Otto & Fran Walter Foundation; Ira Katznelson, Columbia University; Stephen Kotkin, Princeton University; Charles Maier, Harvard University. This event is moderated by Prof. John Torpey of the PhD Programs in Sociology & History and Director, the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies. Cosponsored by the American Council on Germany, the Leon Levy Center for Biography, the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies, & the CUNY Academy. To RSVP and for further information, please e-mail Partrizia Nobbe, acting director of the European Union Studies Center, at pnobbe@gc.cuny.edu.

The Global Financial Crisis and the Moral Economy: Local Impacts and Opportunities. The Annual Conference of the Commission on Urban Anthropology. This is the Academy's Feliks Gross Seminar on Visual and Urban Ethnography. The Woody Tanger Auditorium of the Brooklyn College Library, June 18-20, 2015. This event is co-chaired by Prof. Emeritus Jerome Kruse.



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