

## **UFS Report for the Lehman College Senate Meeting, October 8, 2014, submitted by M. Philipp**

1. The UFS Executive Committee will propose changes in the UFS Charter. In order to encourage new members to take their place on the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee will be expanded from 7 to 8 members in each alternate year, thus mandating the addition of a new member in that year. The offices of treasurer and secretary with their two-year terms are to be eliminated and replaced with two at-large members with one year terms.
2. Baruch and BMCC governance bodies, which had a moratorium on cooperation with Pathways, have decided to take part in the election of new members of university-wide Pathways Steering Committees. Brooklyn has maintained that moratorium.
3. The UFS Executive Committee is cooperating with CUNY CIO Brian Cohen in a plan to reduce the cost of textbooks in situations where there are TIPPS-equivalent courses on every campus. The test case is freshman chemistry for premed students. This would, if implemented, not affect the right of CUNY academic departments to choose the textbooks that they wish to use.
4. The UFS is in discussion with university management about access to on-line library-related databases for retired and especially emeritus faculty who remain active scholars. Continued access to university email is also an issue under discussion. At Queensborough, retirees get a retiree email account and incoming messages that arrive at the old employee email account are returned with a response saying that "the new email account is .... "
5. The UFS has created a new Committee on Academic Affairs which is to meet regularly with interim Vice Chancellor Julia Wrigley and her staff.
6. In response to recent calls for a boycott of Israeli academic institutions, the UFS Executive Committee has reposted its prior resolution that opposes such academic boycotts.

### **The UFS Calendar:**

1. The UFS Executive Committee is scheduled to meet with Chancellor Milliken on October 14.
2. The UFS Budget Advisory Committee meets with Vice Chancellor Matthew Sapienza on October 17.
3. The UFS Fall Conference will be on Friday October 21. The topic will be on-line education. Speakers include George Otte, University Director of Academic Technology, and Anthony Picciano, executive officer in the Ph.D. Program in Urban Education at the Graduate Center.
4. The next UFS Plenary (and the meetings of UFS Standing Committees) is on October 28.  
GC President Chase Robinson will address the plenary.
5. The Council of Faculty Governance Leaders meets with Chancellor Milliken on November 14.

**Upcoming CUNY Academy Events include:**

*The Perils of Moviegoing in America*, The Eisenstadt Lecture by Dr. Gary Rhodes of the Film Studies Department in the Queen's University of Belfast, CUNY Graduate Center Room 9205, 7 PM, Thursday, October 9, 2014. This event is hosted by Prof. Enid Stubin.  
<http://cunyufs.org/academy/PerilsMoviegoingAmerica.html>

*Greek Tragic Heroines in Shakespeare's Comedies*, A talk by Tanya Pollard, English Programs at Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center, Cosponsored by the Society for the Study of Women in the Renaissance, 6 PM, Thursday, October 16, 2014. Graduate Center Room 9206. This event is hosted by Prof. Susan O'Malley.

*The European Extreme Right and Populist Politics: The Seminar on Modern Greece*, featuring Onassis Visiting Scholar Prof. Othon Anastasakis, Director of South Eastern European Studies at the University of Oxford, Graduate Center Room C198 at 7 PM on Thursday, November 6, 2014. This event is hosted by Prof. Christos Ioannides. <http://cunyufs.org/academy/GreekSeminar-2014.html>

*Libertinism and Misogyny in Early Modern Venice*, a talk by Paolo Fasoli, Romance Languages, Hunter College and Andrea Fedi, Italian, SUNY-Stony Brook. Cosponsored by the Society for the Study of Women in the Renaissance, 6 pm, Thursday, November 13, 2014, Graduate Center Room C201. This event is hosted by Prof. Susan O'Malley.