

## **UFS Report for the Lehman College Senate, November 18, 2015, Manfred Philipp**

**At the October 27 Plenary, the new Vice Chancellor and University Provost Vita Rabinowitz reported on her priorities .**

- Remediation (a higher proportion of CUNY students need remediation than the national norm; the old ways aren't working, we need to rethink; look at successes such as CUNY Start and ASAP)
- Graduation Rates - consider Reverse Transfer (awarding of associate degrees to students who have transferred to senior colleges and subsequently achieve 60 credits; examining Pathways, no data yet, still too early)
- Teacher Ed and the relationship with the DOE.
- Workforce Development
- Creation of the new position Assoc. Dean of Faculty (AnneMarie Nicols Grinenko) and providing more faculty support
- Supporting Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (particularly Interdisciplinary and collaborative research, and research focusing on the 21st Century Urban Environment)

- Strategic Planning
- Digital CUNY (increasing online courses and programs)
- Global CUNY (currently only 1600 CUNY students study abroad annually; but how CUNY approaches globalization is still yet to be determined)

**VC Rabinowitz also answered questions on:**

- How we measure learning outcomes
- Concerns about the switch to Accuplacer from Compass for entrance exams (the VC stated that how the process is managed will be up to the Remediation Council but that she recognized the importance of multiple measures)
- Considering measuring graduation rates at the 8 yr. rather than 6 yr. point
- Expanding the Remediation council to include more Math faculty, particularly faculty from campuses where remediation is taught

- Reexamining CUNY Start success in the context of passing not the exit exam but rather performance in subsequent math classes;
- CUNY's need to take the lead on education standards back from corporate America.
- The importance of veterans as they attend our campuses
- The importance of Master's programs particularly in light of VC Sapienza's earlier presentation on the relationship between Masters programs and revenue

*VC Rabinowitz affirmed the value of Master's programs though she emphasized the connection between having masters students and the opportunities it presents for faculty to teach as opposed to a "cash cow" view; but she restated that given the numbers of masters students in relation to the student body as a whole, remediation and graduation would have to remain the top priorities.*

- Concern that with the focus on ASAP, other programs may suffer
- Consideration of continuing the Leadership Academy started by Chancellor Kelly

*Thanks to Prof. Kay Conway, BMCC, for the above material.*

- UFS Chair Terrence Martell was asked about the lack of UFS lobbying for the governor to sign the Maintenance of Effort Bill for CUNY and SUNY. Professor Martell replied that the UFS may not be the best organization for that purpose. Manfred Philipp, speaking on behalf of two other former UFS Chairs, offered the assistance of himself and the former chairs (Susan O'Malley and Sandi Cooper) in such an effort.
- CUNY's College-Specific Performance Management Goals are posted at <http://www1.cuny.edu/sites/6/about/administration/chancellor/office/performance-management/landing-page-for-pmp-college-focus-goals/>

## **UFS Senators from Lehman College**

Mine Doyran, Economics and Business

Judith Duncker, Political Science, *Senator for the Part-Time Faculty*

James Jervis, African & African American Studies

Manfred Philipp, Chemistry, *resigning as of January 28, 2016*

*2 other vacancies*

<http://cunyufs.org/UFSDelegation.pdf>

**Upcoming UFS Plenaries**

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., CUNY Grad Center  
365 Fifth Avenue, between 34th and 35th Streets

December 1

February 2

March 29

May 17

**Upcoming Council of Faculty Governance Leaders**

Fridays, 10:00 a.m., 42nd Street

November 20

February 26

April 15

## **The CUNY Academy, an affiliate of the University Faculty Senate, announces this year's Feliks Gross Awards Competition**

Any assistant professor at any unit of CUNY and whose field of expertise covers an area of the humanities or sciences is eligible to be considered for one of these awards. Recipients who present their work at the ceremony receive an honorarium and a plaque. Nominations are due on Monday, March 6, 2016. Forms are available at <http://cunyufs.org/academy/endowment.html>

## **The Stewart Travel Awards**

The William Stewart Travel Awards provide grants of up to \$500 to full-time assistant professors who first took up the position of CUNY assistant professor after July 2012. The award is for presenting, chairing or moderating at a scholarly conference from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Previous award recipients who are otherwise eligible may apply but may get a lower award priority. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis and early applications get special consideration.

<http://cunyufs.org/academy/award.html>

The Academy has received 49 applications and 47 have been funded so far. Funds are still available.

**The first presentation of the Henry Wasser Awards of the CUNY Academy** took place on Friday, November 6, 2015 in the Roosevelt House at Hunter College. This event also honored recipients of the Academy's William Stewart Travel Awards.

**The Henry Wasser awardees for 2015 are:**

- **Tracy Chu**, Health and Nutrition Sciences, Brooklyn College & Public Health at the Graduate Center
- **Michael Hoyt**, Psychology, Hunter College and the Graduate Center
- **Robyn Marasco**, Political Science, Hunter College & Critical Theory Program, the Graduate Center
- **Emily Rice**, Engineering Science & Physics, The College of Staten Island & Physics at the Graduate Center