**September 1st ,2023 meeting starts at 11:30am**

In attendance: Avri Ravid, Vladimir Kovtun, Gabriel Cwilich, Tamar Avnet, Ana-Lisa Cohen, Maria Zaitseva, Charles Swencionis, Selma Botman, Neer Asherie, Michael Schreiber, Richard Zweig, James Kahn, Elisabeth Mlawski,

Provost Report:

Strong enrollment growth at both undergraduate colleges and graduate schools. Over 2200 enrollment of undergraduate. Housing if full on Beren and good on Wilf.

New Deans and/or Associate Deans were appointed at Wurzweiler and Ferkauf

Technology improvements in some buildings.

Ed Berliner and colleagues from USC and Courant were asked to look at our math curriculum. The consensus is that we have fantastic faculty for teaching math, but we do not have higher level math classes for the exceptional students.

Creating a nursing program. With a masters degree. Also a post-bac for those that do not have enough science/med background to get into a masters program.

20 YU Stern undergraduates leave for a nursing program at NYU.

Trying to launch two masters programs in computer science, one for those who have no experience programming and one for the more advanced students. Submitted to NYSED, have not yet been approved.

Middle-states reaccreditation is going well. Finishing up self-study. Middle states chose Father McShane from Fordham as lead reviewer. He will come in November for a preliminary visit and then again in April.

US News will soon come out with its rankings. They have changed some of the indicators as well as their weights. We have no way of anticipating what our ranking will be. We will dive deep into it once we receive what the new weights are. It may be that indicators do not favor us.

**Q&A:**

Avri: In light of the good news and the Form 990 which indicates surpluses we should revisit our proposals. We are planning to release the survey results soon to the faculty.

Selma: We should invite the CFO again to explain things.

James Kahn: Part of the delay in accreditation was because we needed some program updates.

Gabe: It’s a big achievement that we are increasing enrollment particularly because there is a loss across the board in higher education. We have been promising our students that the physics/engineering program will get off the ground. The ball is in the hands of the university.

Selma: Albany said they would not approve engineering/physics unless we had engineers on the faculty, which is a very expensive endeavor.

Gabe: It’s a matter of the school investing in it. At this point we are divesting (such as removing journals from the library).

Selma: Libraries undergo evaluation every couple of years. They are studying how many users use the various journals and remove the ones with very low use. It’s not that you can’t do research, the articles will still be available, so users will just need to use a different system.

Avri: We could try to get a collaborative license with some other similar universities which may ultimately be cheaper.

Selma: Should ask Paul Glassman.

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**Meeting Dates:**

October 20th

November 10th

December 8th

**Officer Elections:**

Chair Election: Avri Ravid

Co-chair: Gabe Cwilich

Secretary: Vladimir Kovtun

Parliamentarian: Tamar Avnet

**Executive Session:**

Agreed on sending out

1. Year-end letter to faculty on activities
2. Report on faculty survey

A special meeting on October 20th, 1130.

In attendance Avri Ravid, Vladimir Kovtun, Gabriel Cwilich, Charles Swencionis, Selma Botman, Neer Asherie, Richard Zweig, Jill Katz, James Kahn.

The meeting was dedicated to a discussion of the steps the university was taking in view of the war in Israel. The provost and the chair discussed events, the President’s actions and how we can prepare for an uncertain number of students for the spring.

Other issues raised included enhanced security on campus and possible recruiting of professors from other universities. The meeting adjourned at noon.