**NOV 23rd MINUTES**

**The provost discussed current on-campus situation:**

* Fewer people moving into dorms then expected (550). Enrollment steady but the drop in dorms income is a financial hit to university.
* Students from abroad and states on quarantine list are quarantined in a hotel for 14 days.
* There will be a board meeting to discuss current climate on campus.
* Prior to arriving, a student gets a Covid test. Upon coming to campus they present results of test.
  + Avri asked about cases where guards were seemingly not following these guidelines.
* Special mental-health attention is being paid to students who are isolated (but also all students).
* There is a website being used to be used for Covid related news, screens, etc. (yu.edu/covid19).
* More is being done to pinpoint how to keep improving ranking (not stopping at 76). Trying to identify which variables we can still improve on. Faculty asked to broadcast themselves on media.
  + In discussion between the Provost and Avri we agreed on bringing in Mechal Haas to a faculty meeting.
* It is hard for faculty to decide if they will come back to campus without knowing if students are coming back.
* Tamar asked why we can’t have men and women be together in zoom class for a synchronous course. Asynchronous is now allowed to be for both men and women.
  + ANSWER: In part because some women are looking for a female-only learning environment (where they don’t have to be in a class where men dominate asking/answering questions, etc).
  + This is also in part because there are many men who don’t want to be in a picture next to women.
* Tamar Asked: We made changes to handbook. Julie Auster was asked for the updated version, but was not able to provide it. Where can faculty see the new version?
  + ANSWER: Tim Stevens was asked to update it and he will be asked again to update it.

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* How do we keep faculty informed about cuts, changes, etc.
  + Avri’s suggestion: Executive committee should be the first to be told about cuts.

**Paul Glassman talked about libraries.**

* Agrees that faculty should be told about changes to the resource environment. There will be a more active approach to keep faculty informed.
  + Deans should disperse information about changes.
  + Paul Glassman will now let faculty council know about changes (more active approach).
* Tamar asked: How do we get ProQuest back?

ANSWER: We won’t.

* How does budgeting work? Why did Syms lose access while other school did not.

Answer: Syms never paid for ProQuest Central. Looked at a competing product, it provided 95% of what ProQuest provided (very careful overlap analysis). Will provide 1-stop shopping for research just like ProQuest. The 5% not included are sources such as historical NY Times and dissertation/thesis global. Academic Search Premier is the new system. Faculty are encouraged to use YUFind.

* + We suggested having Paul come to faculty meeting at Syms to explain what is going on.
* Web of Science (which was also removed) provides searching techniques not available elsewhere. Looked at similar universities, and they were not able to provide access to Web of Science. Used to subscribe with Einstein (our small share was $27k, highest cost per use of anything else).
  + Suggestion to reach out to WoS and ask if they are willing to lower cost, perhaps by pooling schools together and giving them access.
* Question: How does our library budget compare to peer institutions?? Fordham, Drexel, Hofstra
  + Paul ANSWER: Our budget is pretty close.
* Paul sharing screen: Would like to collaborate with faculty to get textbook alternatives to students.

***Executive Session:***

* Discussed Chair duties and compensation.
* Salary disparity and survey.
* FSA issues.
* Last meeting minutes unanimously approved.
* Meeting concluded at 115.