

Minutes of Yeshiva University Faculty Council May 3, 2019

Present: Neer Asherie, YC; Barry Eichler, YC; Silke Aisenbrey, YC; Rachel Mesch, YC; Anna-Lisa Cohen, YC; Maria Blekher, Katz; Daniel Rynhold, Revel; David Bleich, Cardozo; Chaya Rapp, Stern; Tamar Avnet, Syms; Abraham Ravid, Syms; Charles Swencionis, Ferkauf

- 1) Approval of minutes
- 2) Meeting with Chairman Straus: Progress has been made in the last four years on the budget deficit. We expect to follow administrative plans in the next four years to get to balance. Donors have been more specific on topics and content they wish to support, rather than giving general support. Plans are being carried out to upgrade classrooms, facilities, research funding, retention of faculty, and investment in faculty.
- 3) Provost's report: There are new hires in Grants Administration, Accounts Payable, Institutional Advancement, and Undergraduate Enrollment. There are plans for a MS in finance and one in Real Estate. Wendy Williams was introduced and an Authors' reception announced.
- 4) Report on meeting with the CFO Harman: health spending has levelled off; we are adding 1% to retirement matching; and donations are on the order of \$30M.
- 5) New survey of faculty was conducted and some results reported in The Commentator. A white paper is being developed by the FC to advise the Administration and Board on policy.