REPORT OF ACTION BY THE FACULTY SENATE

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Senate President Micki McGee at 11:41 a.m. in the 12th Floor Lounge (Corrigan Conference Center), Lowenstein Hall, Lincoln Center campus.

Approval of Minutes from Spring 2017 (April 7; April 18; April 28; May 1 [Special meeting of the old Senate and Organizational meeting of the new Senate]; May 12)
The Senate approved the minutes from April and May by a vote of 12 – 0 – 4.

Approval of the Minutes of the December 15, 2017 Meeting
The Senate approved the minutes of the December 15, 2017 meeting by a vote of 14 – 0 – 3.

Motion on Student Journalists Attending and Reporting on Senate Meetings
The Senate approved (19 – 1 – 0) the following motion, reaffirming the Senate's November, 2015 decision to permit student journalists to attend Senate meetings, and confirming in writing the details of that arrangement:

The Senate Executive Committee will create a written agreement under which student journalists will be allowed to attend and report on Senate meetings.

Recommendation from the Salary and Benefits Committee on Merit
The Senate voted (6 – 9 – 3) against the following recommendation from the Salary & Benefits Committee:

That a sub-committee be formed to make a long-term study of merit. Until this study is completed merit should be continued as stipulated in the 2017 contract and given in the full amount.

Motion to set salary increase at 0.2% above CPI and allocate the remainder of funds to merit awards
The Senate approved the following motion by a vote of 14 – 0 – 4:

That the across-the-board salary increase for AY 2018-2019 be set at 0.2% above the CPI for calendar year 2017, which is 2.1% (as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Data Series Id: CWURA101SA0); and that the remainder of the funds be used to fund merit increments.

Recommendation from the Salary and Benefits Committee on Faculty Contracts with 2U
The Senate approved the following recommendation from the Salary & Benefits Committee by a vote of 18 – 0 – 0:
That the Senate encourage faculty to wait before entering into agreements regarding their terms in the Fordham-2U partnership and that they do not sign these contracts until Salary and Benefits has reviewed them and offered a recommendation.

Recommendation from the Salary and Benefits Committee on Paid Family Leave deductions

The Senate approved the following recommendation from the Salary & Benefits Committee by a vote of 18 – 0 – 0.

That the University enroll faculty in the PFL (Paid Family Leave) in order to preserve short term disability leave provided it does not preclude faculty in any manner or form from receiving the benefits for leave (e.g. maternity, course load relief, sick leave) that we currently enjoy. (We have asked that this assurance be made in writing.)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 pm.