BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

Meeting of the 2011-12 Faculty Senate
This meeting was held on January 20th, 2012 from 1:30-3:30 in Shapiro 314.

Present: Elif Sisli Ciamarra, Susan Dibble, Charles Golden, George Hall, Timothy Hickey, Marya Levensn, Susan Lichtman, Robert Meyer, Andrew Molinski, A.K. Nandakumar, Carol Osler, Esther Ratner, Fernando Rosenberg


UAC
The Provost has asked that this formalization of the structure of the UAC in the Faculty Handbook be put on hold until the committee has held a few more meetings. The Senate is set to formalize this structure before the end of the academic year to be in line with the handbook. The UAC will be discussing how the new structure is working next week, and will report to the Senate for these adjustments to the handbook.

Part-Time Tenure Track Policy
The Senate Council met with Dean Birren regarding the proposal for a Part-time Tenure Track Policy. She is in favor of extending or formalizing this proposal. Currently, the handbook gives the Provost authority to appoint faculty to a part-time tenure track position, but is vague on the process of making these appointments and does not discuss the effect these appointments have on the tenure clock, benefits, etc. The Senate would like the policy to address a change to the tenure clock in these cases as well as a formal structure for period of time that a tenure track faculty member may remain as part-time.

The Senate will deliberate and bring suggestions to the department chairs to discuss potential changes or additions. The Senate will invite Lorna Laurent to the next Senate meeting to discuss this policy.

Revisiting the New Block System
Issues related to the new block system have been brought to the Senate. After discussion, it was decided that it is too early to begin discussing changes to the block system, but that there could be the possibility of rotating or changing the times of faculty meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm