

**Emergency Meeting of the Faculty Senate**  
**February 10, 2009, 12-1:30 pm**  
Board of Trustees Conference Room

Present: Flesch, Fraden, Gittell, Herzfeld, Hill, Jacobson, Mairson, Mann, Morrison, Sreenivasan, Troen, von Mering, Watson

Absent: Bishop, Garnick, Moody, Rakowski

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the emergency meetings of January 13 and January 22, 2009 were approved.

**Off the record conversation**

The Senate agreed to and held an off the record conversation.

**Integrated Planning Committee**

The Senate unanimously agreed that it would like faculty representation, beyond senior administrators, on the Integrated Planning Committee. The Senate asks that two faculty members be appointed to this committee in consultation with the Senate.

**Master's Program in Global Studies**

The Senate unanimously agreed that they looked forward with particular interest to the evaluation of the International Global Studies Masters program in the report of the graduate programs subcommittee of the Curricular and Academic Restructuring Steering Committee. Some Senators expressed skepticism about the wisdom of such a program, especially in the current economic climate.

**Consideration of a Request for a Special Faculty Meeting at which the President could take questions about the current situation**

In response to an offer by President Reinharz to meet with faculty and take questions about the issues animating the faculty listserv, and his suggestion that the Senate convene such an informal meeting, one faculty member requested that the Senate formally convene a Special Faculty Meeting instead. The Senate unanimously agreed that replacing the informal gathering with an official meeting at a time when so many other emergency faculty meetings were being called, was unnecessary.

**Interim Report from Eric Hill**

Eric Hill updated the Senate on the progress of the Senate-appointed Committee to Review the Closing of the Rose (CRCR), a committee comprising him as Chair and Nancy Scott and Jerry Samet. The committee or its members have met with many people

concerned about the closing, and with several senior administrators. It seems to the committee at present that raising money by selling some assets from the Rose is a terrible but perhaps inevitable outcome, given the even grimmer alternatives. More will be known after Peter Conrad, Chair of the Budget Committee, gives his report after Spring Break. The committee will release a final report at the next Senate meeting on Thursday, February 12. Flesch reported a proposal from the Provost that a larger committee be set up after the report of CRCC, jointly appointed by the Provost, the Senate, and the Senate Council, to continue to review alternatives to closing the Rose. Such a committee would include staff, students, and members of the Board of Trustees, as well as faculty, but would not include any staff from the Rose. One Senator wished to see them represented as well. This discussion will be continued.

### **Adjournment**

The Senate adjourned at 1:30 pm.