

**BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE**

Minutes of the Second Meeting

16 October 2008

The second meeting of the Faculty Senate was held at 3:00 pm, 14 October 2008, in the Shapiro Center, Room 314. Senators present: Christine Bishop, William Flesch (Chair), Deborah Garnick, Judith Herzfeld, Eric Hill, David Jacobson, Catherine Mann, Harry Mairson, Robert Moody, David Rakowski, Govind Sreenivasan, Ilan Troen, Sabine von Mering, Malcolm Watson. Senators absent: Seth Fraden, Jody Gittel, Bradley Morrison, Visitor: Aida Yuen Wong, chair of the Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities

Senate Agenda:

Discussion and approval of minutes

Senate approved revised minutes for the August 28, 2008 meeting.

Announcements:

Dawn Skorzewski has resigned from the Senate.

Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities (CFRR)

Aida Wong and the Senate discussed, at length, language that we hope will address some of the Administration's concern regarding the respective roles of the CFRR and the Provost in relation to the handbook. Wong will be taking the Senate approved language back to CFRR for their response in hopes that the Administration can endorse the new statement at a future Faculty Meeting.

Fall Calendar

The task force comprising Judy Herzfeld, Sabine von Mering and Malcolm Watson reported on their meeting with Mark Hewitt and their consultation with Scott Bemis. Given work currently in progress on the 2010-2011 calendar, the Senate agreed that it would be good to find out sooner rather than later whether the faculty was amenable to teaching on Labor Day in order to give off the day before Thanksgiving. The faculty will be surveyed on this issue as soon as possible.

Discussion of Senate with Respect to Financial Crisis

General discussion included expectation of further department budget costs; hiring freeze to remain in effect; and overall effect on doctoral programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm