BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Friday, January 23, 2009

The Faculty Senate met from 10:30-12:00 noon in the Carl J. and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center

Present: Bishop, Flesch, Garnick, Gittell, Herzfeld, Hill, Jacobson, Mairson, Morrison, Troen, von Mering Absent: Fraden, Mann, Moody, Sreenivasan. Watson

Emergency Senate meeting to consider appointments to the Steering committee on Academic Restructuring

Informal discussion took place until a quorum arrived, at which point Flesch called the meeting to order.

Size of Steering Committee

Flesch announced a modus operandi for appointing the steering committee, proposed and announced at the Faculty Meeting of the previous day: the senate would appoint three members, the Provost would appoint three, including Adam Jaffe as Chair; and the Senate Council would jointly appoint three people with the Provost.

The Senate voted to propose expanding the committee to eleven members, instead of the nine contemplated. The additional two members would include representatives from the Heller School and from the International Business School. The Senate could either propose those two members, or Heller and IBS could each nominate one person to the committee. Flesch would take the proposal to the Provost for consideration

Deciding on Senate Appointees

Flesch would solicit nominations for the committee through the faculty mailing list. After assessing all nominees' willingness to serve, the Senate would vote in an electronic straw poll, and then have a phone meeting to appoint three members willing to serve. The Senate agreed to seek appointees representative of the heterogeneity of the faculty.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Follow-up remark: In a phone meeting on January 25, not officially called to order, and so functioning as a committee of the whole whose actions were accepted by the Senate, we decided to appoint Sarah Lamb, Sacha Nelson, and Sabine von Mering to the Steering Committee.