

**BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE**

Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Thursday, February 26, 2009

The Faculty Senate met from 2:30-4:00 pm in the Board of Trustees Conference Room in Irving

Present: Flesch, Jacobson, Fraden, Morrison, Bishop, Herzfeld, Hill, Watson, von Mering, Troen, Garnick

Absent: Moody, Mann, Sreenivasan, Mairson, Rakowski, Gittell

Council Meeting with Provost

Subsequent to the CRCR report, Marty met with Senate Council to discuss establishing a committee to address options for keeping the Rose open. The Provost will form the Committee of the Rose of the Future consisting of four faculty members (two of whom will be appointed by the Senate), one Rose Museum staff member, one undergraduate student, one graduate student and one Trustee. This committee will report to the Trustees for their decision by the end of March or early April.

CARS Meeting Deadlines

Senate members serving on the CARS committee clarified upcoming meeting deadlines. The March 5 Faculty meeting will address action items affecting the 2009-2010 academic year. CARS may continue beyond April depending on the response of the Trustees at the March 24 Trustees meeting.

Proposed Amendment to the Faculty Handbook

An amendment to the Faculty Handbook was discussed that would lengthen the term for individual faculty representation to the Board from two to three years. This new legislation will be brought forth at the March 5 Faculty meeting.

Role of the Faculty Senate

The Senate drafted the following statement to be read at the next Faculty Meeting:

The Senate discussed how in a time of fast moving changes and crisis, open discussion and multiple voices are particularly important. There have been many

venues, for discussion, including within departments, schools, committees, listservs, and faculty meetings. Despite all these avenues, the Senate is concerned that not all voices are being heard, since we are getting private messages from people who don't wish to go public with their views. We invite all faculty to communicate any concerns with us that they would like us to consider or that they think we should know. The Senators are listed on the Senate website, with all our email addresses. Within the Senate, as across the faculty, there are a range of viewpoints, and we strive to model open discussion. It's appropriate to approach the Senate or individual senators on any of a broad range of issues: if we can't help, we may be able to point the way to those who can. This moment of financial meltdown is new to the Senate too, but the Senate is actively considering its role in this situation.

### Adjournment

The Senate adjourned at 4:00 pm.