BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

Meeting of 2011-12 Faculty Senate

The meeting was held on November 4th, 2011 from 1:30m-3:30m in Shapiro 315.

Absent: Susan Dibble, George Hall, Robert Meyer, Andrew Molinsky, A. K. Nandakumar, Richard Parmentier, Harleen Singh
Guests: Bernadette Brooten and ChaeRan Freeze

Approval of Senate Minutes
The Senate approved the minutes of September 20th, 2011.

Recent Activity of the Senate Council
The Senate Council will be meeting next week with the Provost and the Deans of the three schools. The agenda will include the strategic planning process, leadership development, and faculty involvement in development initiatives.

Faculty Survey Finalization
Tim Hickey will finalize the Faculty survey and send it out to the Senate before distribution to the Faculty at large.

Sexual Violence at Brandeis
Bernadette Brooten and ChaeRan Freeze joined the meeting to discuss the issue of sexual violence on campus. A statement was read from Sue Lanser and one from Harleen Singh, both of whom spoke to issues they had encounter while teaching the introductory course in WGS. A major concern expressed regarded the amount of services on campus for victims of sexual violence and that these organizations are mostly student run. The Senate heard reports from Brooten and Freeze regarding the need for better education of students and faculty on this issue. The Senate will be discussing this issue further and the possibility of creating a task force to evaluate the current system on campus and to address possible changes or enhancements to current programs.

Harassment Policy
The Senate has received a response from President Fred Lawrence regarding the proposal for changes to the Harassment Policy. As a whole the Senate was in favor of the recommendations made by the President. They will work on a further draft of the proposal that will be sent to CFRR for review.

Strategic Planning Process
The Senate Council met with Provost to discuss the list of nominees to the UAC. The UAC will be involved in outreach to the Faculty community.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40pm.