

UFS Report to the Lehman College Senate, September 10, 2014

Chancellor James B. Milliken addressed the UFS Plenary session last night and answered questions from the floor. Items discussed include articulation, student admissions standards, CUNYFirst, and Pathways. The Brooklyn College delegation expressed its rejection of Pathways. Faculty members expressed their opposition to the termination of the doctoral program in Forensic Science.

The CUNY Board is moving to amend Section 6.1 of the Bylaws to establish the titles Assistant Affiliated Medical Professor, Associate Affiliated Medical Professor and Affiliated Medical Professor, which are titles that will be used in the B.S./M.D. granting program at The City College of New York. On November 25, 2013, the CUNY Board of Trustees approved a letter of intent regarding the creation of the B.S./M.D. granting program at The City College of New York. The City College of New York has applied for accreditation by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) and, if granted preliminary accreditation, will offer an M.D. granting program in August 2016.

The CUNY Board is also moving to amend Article XV of the Bylaws. The proposed amendments contain substantial revisions to the student disciplinary procedures largely in order to comply with recent changes in federal law, regulations and guidance with respect to the handling of cases involving allegations of sexual assault, stalking and other forms of sexual violence. The proposed amendments are also intended to reorganize this Article of the Bylaws in a more logical manner

The CUNY Board has established a Medical Amnesty/Good Samaritan Policy. Under the Policy, students who call for medical assistance for themselves or others will not be disciplined for the consumption of alcohol or drugs if they meet two basic conditions. First, the students involved must complete assigned alcohol and/or drug education, assessment, and/or treatment. Second, the students must not have engaged in any other conduct that would trigger disciplinary action, including, for example, unlawful distribution of alcohol or drugs, sexual assault, sexual harassment, causing or threatening physical harm, causing damage to property, or hazing.

A student & faculty group has demanded that CUNY **disinvest from investments that promote fossil fuels.**

Vice Chancellor Iris Weinshall has become head of the NY Public Library; she is replaced on an interim basis by her deputy, Judith Bergtraum.

Hostos President Félix V. Matos Rodríguez assumed the presidency of Queens College on August 28.

Lehman's **Peter Alexanderson** begins a new term as chair of the **UFS Academic Freedom Committee.** Manfred Philipp becomes the Executive Committee's liaison to the UFS Student Affairs Committee and is a voting member of the CUNY Board of Trustees Committee on Student Affairs and Special Services.

The Council of Faculty Governance Leaders meets on Friday, September 19.

The **CUNY Academy for the Humanities and Sciences** has published this year's competition for the **Feliks Gross awards**. The Stewart Travel Awards are in abeyance until the Academy finds out if there is a practical way to provide those awards under CUNYFirst.

The CUNY Academy is holding major events this month.

Only a God Can Save Us—a documentary by Jeffrey van Davis on Heidegger's philosophy and his relationship to Nazism; to be followed by a panel discussion. CUNY Graduate Center, Elebash Hall, 6:30 pm, Thursday, September 11, 2014. Hosted and organized by Distinguished Prof. Richard Wolin. <http://cunyufs.org/academy/HeideggerConference.html>

Heidegger's Black Notebooks: An All-Day Conference featuring Karsten Harries (Yale University); Steven Crowell (Rice University); Peter Trawny (University of Wuppertal); Sidonie Kellerer (University of Cologne); Emmanuel Faye (University of Rouen); & Thomas Sheehan (Stanford University). CUNY Graduate Center Elebash Hall, 9:30-6:30, Friday, September 12, 2014. Hosted and organized by Distinguished Prof. Richard Wolin. <http://cunyufs.org/academy/HeideggerConference.html>

***The Mystery of Austerity*, a talk by Professor and Nobel Laureate Paul Krugman** in the Hunter College North Building's Assembly Hall, 7 - 9 PM, Wednesday, September 17. This event is hosted by Manfred Philipp and Hunter College President Jennifer Raab. Prof. Krugman will be introduced by Prof. Janet Gornick. <http://cunyufs.org/academy/TalkbyPaulKrugman.html>

Manfred Philipp will step down as President of the CUNY Academy in October. An election is in progress.