

**UFS Report to the Lehman College
General Faculty April 22, 2015,
Manfred Philipp**

The UFS Spring Conference: Globalizing Education takes place tomorrow at John Jay College. Speakers include:

Daniel Kramer, Director, Fulbright U.S. Study Program,
Institute for International Education

Sabeen Altaf, Sr. Program Manager, Institute for
International Education

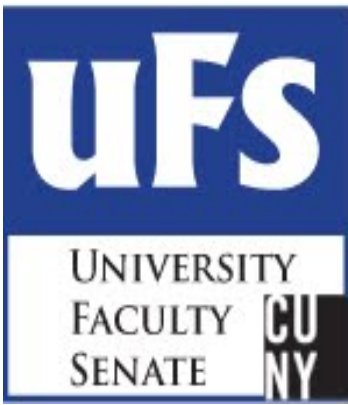
Sigrid Berka, International Engineering Program,
University of Rhode Island

Amra Dumisic, German Academic Exchange Service

Jon Rubin, Director of the SUNY Center for Collaborative
Online Learning

Richard Mitten, Dir. Study Abroad, Weissman Center for
Int'l Business, Baruch College

Robert Cowan, Assoc. Prof. & Study Abroad Coordinator,
KBCC



The UFS Spring Conference: Globalizing Education: Speakers (continued)

Helen Gaudette, Dir. Office of Global Education Initiatives, Queens College

Alice Gail Bier, Sr. Dir. of Intern'l Educ. and Global Engagement, Brooklyn College

Chancellor James B. Milliken

Terrence Martell, Baruch College, Chair of the University Faculty Senate

Yolanda Martin, Borough of Manhattan CC

Gail Levin, Baruch College

Alice Gail Bier, Sr. Dir. of Inter'l Educ. and Global Engagement, Brooklyn College

UFS Chair Martell, along with Peter Knuepfer, President of the SUNY UFS, and Tina Good, President of the SUNY Faculty Council for the Community Colleges, had written to Dr. James Malatras, Director of State Operations in the Governor's office, to describe the problems in the governor's budget language, seen below:

Section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 18 to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, **the city university of New York board of trustees shall pass a resolution by December thirty-first, two thousand fifteen, providing that students enrolled in an academic program of the city university of New York shall be required to participate in an approved experiential or applied learning activity as a degree requirement.** Such resolution shall define approved experiential or applied learning activities, methods of faculty oversight and assessment, responsibilities of business, corporate, non-profit or other entities hosting students, and a plan for full implementation of this requirement.

This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2015.

The state's enacted Budget contains the following revised text:

§ 2. Section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 18 to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the city university of New York board of trustees shall pass a resolution by June first, two thousand fifteen, to develop a plan to make available to students enrolled in an academic program of the city university of New York beginning in the two thousand sixteen--two thousand seventeen academic year, approved experiential or applied learning activities. **Such experiential or applied learning activities may include completion of activities related to students' program of study, including, but not limited to, service-learning activities completed as part of a course, paid or unpaid internships, faculty-supervised undergraduate projects and activities leading to publication of research in journals or similar publications, production or performance of creative works, and iterative "co-op" partnerships that explicitly link the curricula to a temporary, paid position in industry or the public sector. Such plan, to be completed by June first, two thousand sixteen, shall be developed in consultation with university faculty senate, the university student senate and other stakeholders.** Such plan shall define approved experiential or applied learning activities, methods of faculty oversight and assessment, responsibilities of business, corporate, non-profit or other entities hosting students, and include a requirement for collecting and reporting data associated with such experiential or applied learning activities. **Such plan shall have each college examine the feasibility of including such experiential or applied learning activities as a degree requirement.** Such college shall examine its ability to administer and provide such opportunities to students; the local community's capacity to support such experiential or applied learning activities; the impact such requirement would have on the local workforce, if any; potential for such a requirement to enhance learning outcomes for students; **and whether adding such a requirement would cause potential delays in graduation for students.**

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Chancellor Milliken has stated that:

Our top priority continues to be the funding needed to help reach a successful resolution of collective bargaining with faculty and staff. As I have said many times at Trustee meetings, public appearances and in numerous meetings with state and city elected officials, if CUNY is to attract and retain talented faculty—both full-time and adjunct—and staff, we need an agreement with competitive salaries and benefits, including retroactive increases.

CUNY also needs significant additional funding to cover other mandatory costs, such as fringe benefits, salary step increments, energy costs and building rentals. We have also asked for improved funding for full-time faculty positions, capital repair and construction, community college base aid and the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP).



The **Council of Faculty Governance Leaders** met on Friday, April 17, and were addressed by Vice Chancellor Sapienza, and Zak Ivkovic, Executive Director of the CUNY Athletic Conference. *There was a vigorous discussion of the proposed revised CUNY textbook policy.*

The UFS Committee on Higher Education in the Prisons meets on Friday, May 1.

The next **UFS Plenary** will be on Tuesday May 5, at which new at-large members of the UFS Executive Committee will be elected. The first meeting of the new UFS Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, June 2nd.

The Faculty Advisory Council of the CUNY Research Foundation meets on May 15.



Robert Ptachik, Senior University Dean for the Executive Office & Enrollment, described his efforts to get CUNY senior colleges to increase masters degree enrollments and to increase enrollments in certificate programs. Masters student enrollment and retention is the first sector goal for senior colleges in the **CUNY Performance Management Process** for 2014-5.

http://www1.cuny.edu/sites/6/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2014/06/pmp_goals_2014-15_final_201405301.pdf

The Chancellery has received Graduate Center President Chase Robinson's report on the **science doctoral programs**. That report is linked here:

<http://1drv.ms/1wEjfm7>



The Board of Trustees Committees met on April 6. A proposal to change the governance of college associations was passed. The full Board of Trustees meets on May 4.

<http://cunyufs.org/Manfred/Lehman/AMENDMENTstoArticleXVI.pdf>

The CUNY Academy for the Humanities and Sciences' **Stewart Travel Awards for Assistant Professors** have received 43 applications. *All available funds have been expended.*

The CUNY Academy has announced six recipients of the **Feliks Gross Endowment Award for Assistant Professors** this year. The awardees are:

Elizabeth Alter, Biology, York and GC

Justin Garson, Philosophy, Hunter

Michael Sharpe, Behavioral Sciences, York

Azita Mayeli, Math, QCC and GC

Stephanie Rupp, Anthropology, Lehman

John Wing, History, CSI

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The CUNY Academy presents or cosponsors the following events in April:

I like it, 'twill be new': Women's Acting, Artifice, and the Making of the Literary Celebrity in James Shirley's *Bird in a Cage*, a talk by Allison Deutermann, English, Baruch College, 6 PM, Thursday, April 23, 2015, Graduate Center Room C201.

Modern Greece and the West: A Record of Ambivalence, a seminar by Dr. Ioannis Stephanides, Senior Onassis Visiting Scholar, University of Thessaloniki, Graduate Center Rooms 9205/9206 at 6:30 PM on Thursday, April 23, 2015.

The Academy's 2015 Interdisciplinary Humanities Conference on War and Geography will be held in the Graduate Center, Room C198, on Friday, May 1, from 9 AM to 7 PM. This event is hosted by Professors Sarah Danielsson and Frank Jacob and is cosponsored by the Society for Military History.

From the Structure and Function of the Ribosome to New Antibiotics, a lecture by Thomas A. Steitz, 2009 Nobel Laureate in

Chemistry and Sterling Professor, Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry and Chemistry at Yale University. This event takes place at Lehman College. Reception at 4:15 in the Art Gallery, the lecture begins at 5:15 in the Recital Hall - Room 306 of the Music Building on Friday, May 1.

Please RSVP before April 21 to cunyacademy@gmail.com with the word Sweeny in the subject line. This is the 35th Arthur Sweeny Jr. Lecture, co-sponsored by The Sweeny Lecture Fund of Lehman College's Chemistry Department, Lehman College's Dean of Natural and Social Sciences, & Lehman College's Office of Alumni Relations, The event is organized and hosted by Professor Andrei Jitianu.

Victory in Europe, The Otto & Fran Walter Memorial Lecture on the 70th Anniversary of the Defeat of European Fascism, 6pm

on Tuesday, May 5, in the Graduate Center's Elebash Recital Hall. Frank G. Helman, President, Otto and Fran Walter Foundation; Ira Katznelson, Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History, Columbia University and President, Social Science Research Council; Stephen Kotkin, John P. Birkelund '52 Professor of History and International Affairs and Acting Director, Program in Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies, Princeton University; Charles Maier, Leverett Saltonstall Professor of History & former Director, Center for European Studies, Harvard University. This event is moderated by Prof. John Torpey of the PhD Programs in Sociology and History and Director, the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies. Cosponsored by the American Council on Germany, the Leon Levy Center for Biography, the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies, & the CUNY Academy. To RSVP and for further information, please e-mail Partrizia Nobbe, acting director of the European Union Studies Center, at pnobbe@gc.cuny.edu.



The Global Financial Crisis and the Moral Economy: Local Impacts and Opportunities. The Annual Conference of the Commission on Urban Anthropology. This is the Academy's Feliks Gross Seminar on Visual and Urban Ethnography. The Woody Tanger Auditorium of the Brooklyn College Library, June 18-20, 2015. This event is co-chaired by Prof. Emeritus Jerome Krase.