

UFS Report for the Lehman College General Faculty, December 2, 2015

Manfred Philipp

At the Plenary last night, **Chancellor Milliken** commented on the CUNY budget, and asserted that the contract offer was the best that CUNY can do. The university is asking for a \$300 tuition increase in the senior colleges and no tuition increase in the community colleges. CUNY's Central office is taking a 6% budget cut, in contrast to the 3% cut at the campuses.

The Chancellor said that the Maintenance of Effort Bill has now formally gone to the governor, where he now has 10 days to sign. He lauded the PSC and student efforts to present cards to the governor endorsing the MOE bill.

He discussed the Strategic Planning process at some length, and said that it would not interfere with the plans at the colleges.

He was asked about problems with the administration of CUNY's graduate school of Public Health and said that he would again look into it. He was also asked about new GC Masters programs that complete with those at City College. In response to a question on getting alumni to support CUNY, the Chancellor said that the CUNY Central Office does not have CUNY alumni lists.

Vice Chancellor Rabinowitz discussed the results of the COACHE survey. Individual colleges were not identified, but there was some effort to differentiate senior and community colleges and the Graduate Center in the discussion.

In general, she said that GC faculty were much happier in general. Community College faculty were not that happy about their workload, collaboration opportunities, and clarity in criteria for tenure and promotion. Appreciation and recognition and collaborative leadership were judged to be worst at the senior colleges. Departmental leadership is the only area where senior colleges excel. Senior college faculty were least happy with their facilities.

Vice Chancellor Rabinowitz said that the university needs promotion opportunities for long-term full professors. The number of possible Distinguished Professors is too limited. She also noted that CUNY Associate Professors take too long to get promoted.

She announced faculty workshops on these issues, workshops that were criticized as not addressing the underlying problems. She was also asked about high committee loads for some new Community College faculty, and said that she would take that issue to the college provosts.

SUNY UFS President Peter Knuepfer then reported on the issues of race and race relations in rural SUNY campuses.

The UFS Committee on Higher Education in the Prisons, chaired by Prof. Emily Tai of Queensborough Community College, announces that there will be lectures sponsored by College Way at Riker's Island on Thursday, January 21

Thursday, January 28, Thursday, February 04, 2016, Thursday, February 11, 2016, Thursday, February 18, 2016, and Tuesday, February 23, 2016. Interested faculty may contact Mr. Wesley Williams, Director of College Way, at weswill121@gmail.com

The Committee encourages faculty members to participate in Resource Fairs at correctional institutions. Upcoming Resource Fairs will be at Edgecombe Correctional Facility in Manhattan, and Queensboro Correctional Facility in Queens. The Committee has materials necessary for approval of faculty entrance into the prisons.

The Committee congratulates our CUNY Faculty who presented at the recent ***National Conference on Higher Education in Prison, at the University of Pittsburgh*** last month.

<http://nchep2015.com/conference-schedule/>

Rose-Marie Äikäs, Queensborough Community College

Franca Ferrari-Bridgers, Queensborough Community College

Michelle Ronda, Borough of Manhattan Community College

Agnieszka Tusynska, Queensborough Community College

Bianca Van Heydoorn, Prisoner Reentry Institute, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Upcoming UFS Plenaries

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., CUNY Grad Center

365 Fifth Avenue, between 34th and 35th Streets

February 2

March 29

May 17

Upcoming Council of Faculty Governance Leaders

Fridays, 10:00 a.m., 42nd Street

February 26

April 15

UFS Senators from Lehman College

Nicholas Boston, Journalism Communications And Theatre

Mine Doyran, Economics and Business

Judith Duncker, Political Science, *Senator for the Part-Time Faculty*

Martin Gitterman, *Speech-Language Hearing Sciences*

James Jervis, African & African American Studies

Deirdre O'Boy, English

Manfred Philipp, Chemistry (Until 1/31/15)

<http://cunyufs.org/UFSDelegation.pdf>

The CUNY Academy's Feliks Gross Awards Competition

Any assistant professor at any unit of CUNY and whose field of expertise covers an area of the humanities or sciences is eligible to be considered for one of these awards. Recipients who present their work at the ceremony receive an honorarium and a plaque. Nominations are due on Monday, March 6, 2016. Forms are available at

<http://cunyufs.org/academy/endowment.html>

The Stewart Travel Awards

The William Stewart Travel Awards provide grants of up to \$500 to full-time assistant professors who first took up the position of CUNY assistant professor after July 2012. The award is for presenting, chairing or moderating at a scholarly conference from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Previous award recipients who are otherwise eligible may apply but may get a lower award priority. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis and early applications get special consideration.

<http://cunyufs.org/academy/award.html>

The CUNY Academy's Lane Cooper Dissertation Fellowship provides a scholarship grant of up to \$15,000 for the 2015-16 academic year to a CUNY student of superior character, attainments and promise. This student will have completed the sophomore year. The award is meant for a student who aspires to become a college or university professor of the humanities. The donor, Professor Cooper, specifically mentioned the following priority subject areas:

(a) Greek (b) Latin

(c) English language & literature, especially in the periods of Old & Middle English; and

(d) Philosophy & history, including both ancient and medieval.

The awardee this year will be Kimberly Passaro, a student of Classics at Brooklyn College

The first presentation of the Henry Wasser Awards of the CUNY Academy took place on Friday, November 6, 2015 in the Roosevelt House at Hunter College. Awardees were: **Emily Rice**, Engineering Science at the College of Staten Island, **Michael Hoyt** Psychology at Hunter College, **Robyn Marasco**, Political Science at Hunter College and **Tracy Chu**, Nutrition Sciences at Brooklyn College.

Upcoming Academy Events:

Dressing and Undressing the Renaissance Body, a seminar by Penny Jolly, Art History, Skidmore College, 6 PM on February 18, 2016, in the Graduate Center's Room C201. Cosponsored with the Society for the Study of Women in the Renaissance. This event is hosted by Prof. Susan O'Malley.

The Academy's Reception for CUNY's Fulbright Scholars, Thursday, March 3. By invitation only for CUNY Fulbright Scholars, Academy members, and guests. Please email cunyacademy@gmail.com for more details. This event is hosted by Prof. Manfred Philipp.

The Grinding Tradition: American Naturalist Cinema in Theory and Practice, by Robert Singer of Kingsborough Community College and the Graduate Center. March 10 at 6 PM in the Graduate Center room 8301. This event is hosted by Prof. Enid Stubin.

Queer Pregnancies in William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, a seminar by Alicia Andrzejewski, English, CUNY Graduate Center, 6 PM on March 17, 2016, in the Graduate Center's Room C201. Co-sponsored with the Society for the Study of Women in the Renaissance. This event is hosted by Prof. Susan O'Malley.

The Academy's Feliks Gross Awards will be given at a ceremony on Thursday, April 14, 2015. This event is hosted by Prof. Manfred Philipp.

A Lens into the Study of Early Modern Women: Ashgate's Women and Gender in the Early Modern World, a seminar by **Abby Zanger, French Literature, Ashgate Publishing**, Co-Editor of the series, *Women and Gender in the Early Modern World*, 6 PM on April 14, 2016, in the Graduate Center's Room C201. Cosponsored with the Society for the Study of Women in the Renaissance. This event is hosted by Prof. Susan O'Malley.

The 36th Annual Arthur Sweeny Jr. Memorial Lecture by Richard Schrock from MIT, Friday, April 15, 2016. Professor Schrock received the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 2015. A reception will take place in the Lehman College Art Gallery at 4:15-5:15 P.M., the lecture will be in the Music Building, Room 306 at 5:15-6:30 P.M. A dinner (reservations and payments are mandatory) will follow. This event is organized by Prof. Andrei Jitianu. Co-sponsored by the Sweeny Lecture Fund, by Lehman's School of Natural and Social Sciences, and by the Lehman College Office of Alumni Relations. Please RSVP to sharif.elhakem@lehman.cuny.edu.

The Academy's Conference on War & Sexual Violence, Graduate Center Conference Room C198 on Thursday, April 28-29, 2016, from 9am - 5pm. This event is hosted by Prof. Sarah Danielsson.