

University Faculty Senate Plenary Session
Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016

Report by Chancellor James B. Milliken

Highlighted achievements: last year CUNY graduated the most students in its history; CUNY Cultural Corps providing paid internships at 32 NYC cultural institutions; openings of Graduate School of Public Health and Public Policy; CUNY School of Medicine at City College; Guttman named #1 Community College in the State.

Wants CUNY to be a leader in online programs; believes expansion of online learning needs to take place across the university.

CUNY Master Plan—on board for adoption at the Sept. 26th Board of Trustees' meeting.
Revised draft can be found here: <http://www2.cuny.edu/about/masterplan/>

Work continues on the CUNY-wide draft strategic plan, which will outline goals and strategies for core priorities, including higher graduation rates, improving connections across campuses and the larger community, attracting private funds, and continued administrative efficiency, especially across the 24 campuses.

Report by EVC and Provost Vita Rabinowitz

CUNY Task Force on Remediation—Spring of 2016 Task Force Recommendations issues and forwarded to Chancellor Milliken, who accepted them. Rabinowitz highlighted key points including:

Placement: better placement of incoming students, including working with DOE to identify students in high school who might need remediation; reducing reliance on tests by adding high school grades and other data to assess remediation needs; revisiting placement criteria for adult students; and providing “boot camp” for students at cut point of placement.

Improving Coursework: exploring alternate routes to math proficiency for those who do not opt for STEM or algebra-intensive majors. These might include Quantitative Reasoning or Statistics.

Exit from Remediation: wants to bring CUNY in line with national norms; reduce high stakes testing particularly overemphasis on common final exams

Report by Vice Chancellor Frederick Schaffer on the new Expressive Activity Policy and on amendments to the Conflict of Interest Policy.

<https://sites.google.com/a/cunyufs.org/cuny-ufs/UFS-blog/freedomofexpressionpolicyvcschafferrevisiondiscussionatseptember20ufsplenary>

Resolution in Recognition of former UFS chair Henry H. Wasser, presented by Sandy Cooper

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