

PROPOSED MINUTES
The 455th Plenary Session
of The University Faculty Senate
of The City University of New York
Rooms 0818/0819
Tuesday, September 15, 2026
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda – Adopted as Proposed
2. Approval of the Minutes of May 5, 2026 – Adopted as Proposed
3. Remarks by Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Alicia Alvero – 6:35 – 7:15 p.m. – After some brief autobiographical remarks, EVC Alvero updated the body on the recently updated Title VI online training and announced that a document clarifying CUNY’s attendance policy will be made available very soon. She then discussed the ethical use of Artificial Intelligence, CUNY’s transfer policy, and current enrollment and retention practices to ensure greater student access and success. She then took questions. She stated that CUNY does not plan to adopt a classroom recording policy in the near future and encouraged interested campuses to adopt their own policies in the meantime.
4. Vote on Proposed Amendments to the UFS Charter – Martin J. Burke – 7:15 – 7:25 p.m. – Prof. Burke reminded the body of the nature of and justification for the proposed changes to UFS Charter Sections _____. The amendments were then brought up for a vote via paper ballot. The amendments were passed by majority vote of the body.
5. Honoring Former UFS Chair Robert Picken – Stasia Pasela – 7:25 – 7:30 p.m. – Ms. Pasela apprised the body of the passing of former UFS Chair Picken, In addition to their personal relationship, Chair Picken’s scholarship, his contributions to shared governance at CUNY, and his legacy within the organization.
6. Presentation of UFS Plenary Procedures – Victoria Chevalier – 7:30 – 7:40 p.m. – After Chair Coughlin provided some introductory remarks, Prof. Chevalier provided an overview of and justification for proposed time limits for Senators during questions for invited guests and under New Business and other proposed new Plenary procedures. She then took questions and feedback from the body.
7. Approval of Standing Committee Chairs and Members – 7:40 – 7:50 p.m. – Chair Coughlin introduced each of the nominated Chairs and Members of the UFS Standing Committees, which were unanimously approved by the Senate according to its Charter. She also announced the nomination of Jonathan Cornick of Queensborough Community College to serve as the UFS elected member of the CUNY Student Elections Review Committee (SERC). Prof. Cornick was also unanimously approved by the Senate for this role.

8. New Business/Open Discussion – 7:50 – 8:00 p.m. – Prof. Puri announced that thanks to the recent efforts of the UFS Student Affairs Committee the University is providing free OMNY Cards for roughly 1200 students beginning in October 2026. Prof. Chinn offered some further suggestions regarding the time limits for Senators and requested of the Chair to engage of Office of General Counsel on sharing the updated Title VI online training with faculty before its distribution. Chair Coughlin acknowledged the request and announced to the body that a UFS review of the University's proposed Freedom of Expression policy would begin soon. Prof. Amarante offered a suggestion on the appropriate order of speakers when asking questions. Prof. Stenberg noted some of the challenges adjunct faculty are facing and that concerns about Workday ought to be discussed by the UFS in the near future.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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