

## **MINUTES OF THE TISCH FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 6, 2016**

The New York University Tisch School of the Arts Faculty Council (TFC) met at 8:30am on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 in the Dean's Conference Room at 725 Broadway, 12<sup>th</sup> floor.

In attendance were Departmental Representatives and Alternates: Editha Mesina, Sam Helfrich, Nathan Flower, Lenore Doxsee, Jeremy Nelson, Scott Illingworth, Julianne Wick Davis, Dan Streible, Yemane Demissie, Peggy Rajski, Charles Pratt, Lauren Davis, Karen Finley, Malik Gaines. At 9:30am, Dean Allyson Green and Dean Louis Scheeder joined the meeting as invited guests.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 25, 2016 TFC meeting were approved.

### **DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FROM THE TFC TOWN HALL OF NOVEMBER 17, 2016**

- A motion was made and approved to use the name "TFC Faculty Forum" for future open meetings. The TFC will decide on a case-by-case basis as to whether future Faculty Forums will be open to faculty with administrative responsibilities.
- Members discussed hiring and promotions procedures and the transparency surrounding this. Each Representative agreed to gather information from his/her department prior to the next TFC meeting. Peggy Rajski will collect and review this information.
- Members agreed to look into several topics that were brought up at the town hall, including
  - gathering information on race and gender in relationship to salary parity (Editha Mesina)
  - policies on faculty housing (Jeremy Nelson)
  - questions surrounding the policies of the Office of Student Affairs as they relate to student /faculty relationships at Tisch (Julianne Wick Davis)
- Scott Illingworth will follow up with the Office of Faculty regarding the TFC website

### **PRESENTATION FROM DEAN GREEN REGARDING QUESTIONS ABOUT ONLINE EVALUATIONS**

Deans Green and Scheeder joined the meeting at 9:33am. Dean Green gave the following answers to the questions the TFC submitted to her following the Nov. 17 town hall:

- students requested online evaluations; the initiative is not top-down
- the roll-out for Tisch has been delayed until Fall 2017
- the evaluations will include the 7 university-wide questions plus specific questions crafted by each department
- the online evaluations are just one of many factors considered during faculty reviews; each department makes its own guidelines for faculty reviews
- in Nov. 2015, the online evaluations were discussed with the Contract-Faculty Senators Council
- there will be assessments of the online system on departmental, school & university levels
- each department should vote on whether to make the responses to its specific departmental questions available online
- results of the evaluations will be available online for 5 years and archived permanently offline

Members asked to see how this information will be presented to students online, and asked whether data from multiple semesters will be merged or averaged. Dean Green agreed to look into these matters.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

Respectfully submitted by Lenore Doxsee