Tisch Faculty Council
MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 2018

The New York University Tisch School of the Arts Faculty Council (TFC) met at 5:30pm on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 in the Dean's Conference Room at 725 Broadway, 12th Floor.

In attendance were Departmental Representatives and Alternates Rob Benevides, Naomi Clark, Julianne Wick Davis, Lauren Davis, Yemane Demissie, Nathan Flower, Malik Gaines, Sam Helfrich, Scott Illingworth, Kasi Lemmons, Editha Mesina, Dan Streible, and Andy Teirstein.

The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
Minutes of the meeting of November 7th, 2017 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS
The council discussed the results of the fall survey and town hall and key areas of interest that were identified. These include: faculty workload and course relief, training and review processes for faculty supervisors (i.e. Chairs and area/studio heads), online course evaluation response rate, departmental bylaws.

The council discussed the ongoing collaboration with the Faculty Welfare and Governance Committee to draft new Tisch Bylaws. The members of that subcommittee shared that a draft was due in the coming weeks and the intention was still to bring the Bylaws to a vote of the full faculty by the end of the current academic year.

NEW BUSINESS
We discussed the upcoming elections for the council and how best to ensure that turnover is not near 100% given that almost all members are completing their term this year. It was agreed that we would digitally poll the council to see who intends to run for re-election and attempt to stagger terms in this way.

It was also agreed that all departments would be offered TFC and Office of Faculty support to hold the elections, but that some departments, especially small ones, may use an informal method to select their TFC representative.

The council discussed the increasing number of Tisch departments housed in Brooklyn. The representative from Games Design shared the department’s concern that transit time from Manhattan and the 15 minute window between classes allowed for in Albert does not acknowledge the actual time needed to travel between campuses. The council decided that C-FSC senators Lauren Davis and Scott Illingworth will investigate how to address this issue as it is cross college rather than simply internal to Tisch.
NEXT MEETING
The next is scheduled to occur on April 26th, 2018 at 8:30am in the Dean’s Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 6:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Illingworth