Queensborough Community College Academic Senate

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To: Ken Pearl, Secretary, Steering Committee From: Jeff Hest, UFS representative, for QCC

Subject: Report on UFS Plenary

Items on University Faculty Senate Agenda Plenary Session, May 10, 2005

1. Report of the Chair of the Executive Committee of the UFS and CUNY BOT Member,

Susan O'Malley, Chair, presented her written report and an oral report.

2. Chancellor Matthew Goldstein made his report:

- a) CUNY Capital Budget is over \$2 billon. This money will refurbish structures and provide for new buildings including a CUNY WIDE research facility located on the CCNY Campus. It is particularly good for the community colleges as long time needs are being addressed. Community Colleges will receive the largest infusion in history, some \$560-570 million.
- b) Operating budget is not as good. There was no funding for the Master Plan 2005-2008 The budget for next year has a problem in it. CUNY will not start the fiscal year on July 1, 2005 with a deficiency.
- c) Community Colleges look "OK" as far as base aid.
- d) There will need to be "differential tuition" on the graduate level
- e) The recent loss of federal aid for special programs is being addressed and people are urged to use SupportCUNY.com to send communications to the appropriate parties.
- f) Meeting with candidates for Dean of the Graduate School
- g) Beginning a search for a new Dean of the Law School
- h) CUNY is continuing to stay focused on "building Full Time faculty".

3. Nominations and Election of Members-at-Large Executive Committee conducted by Prof. Sally Mettler of LaGuardia CC. Elected:

Stefan Baumrin (Philosophy, Graduate School)

Thomas E. Bird (European Languages and Literatures, Queens College)

Sandi E. Cooper (History, CSI and Graduate School)

Anne Friedman (Developmental Skills, Borough of Manhattan Community College) Manfred Philipp (Chemistry, Lehman College & Biochemistry, Graduate School)

4. Reports

Senior Vice Chancellor Alan Dobrin presented information on Security and campus demonstrations assisted by Special Counsel to the vice chancellor Dave Fields and several other Security specialists for CUNY. They discussed the recent protest over the presence of the military at a Recruitment Fair at CCNY which turned violent. They gave a general description of First Amendment rights of freedom of expression vs the rights of other students to learn and study in peace. They explained that implementation and modes of security enforcement is determined on a campus to campus basis.

Vice Chancellor Frederick Shaffer responded to questions concerning the legal aspects of the recent events at CCNY.

5. Resolutions

Deferred until the Fall.