

Faculty Council 12/1/2017 at Beren Campus, 1130 a.m

Present Charles Swenson, Chair

Alex Citron, YC

Lynne Levy, WSSW

Barry Eichler, YC

Anne-Lisa Cohen, YC

Marina Holz, Stern

Gabriel Cwilich, YC

James Kahn, YC

Tamar Avn, et Syn

Avri Ravid, Syn

Michael Strauss, Dean, Syn

Sela Botwin, Provost

The meeting was opened with the provost's report. The provost discussed the strategic plan which will allow students to interact with Israeli students in a dedicated space at YU. This is facilitated by a donation for that purpose.

The council members followed with questions regarding the academic nature of the student credit evaluation.

The provost distributed a fact book and a policy manual containing information required by the state. Dr. Botwin said that Middle States now visit campuses once every seven years but the evaluation is data driven and focuses on specifics.

The provost included in her report a plan to be implemented by YU faculty. She received an endorsement from the faculty and a discussion of the plan.

The provost then had to leave.

The next item on the agenda was a report by Charles Swenson on the role of our specific senate. The role of senates in various universities was discussed.

Charles suggested that the role of the faculty council so far has been to listen to reports and that there was very little that was actually accomplished.

A discussion on the senate passed several resolutions:

The second resolution called for the establishment of two permanent academic affairs committee and the other budget and financial committee. It was passed and the council said it would iron out the details in the next meeting.

The third resolution, also adopted unanimously said that the council would work toward approval rights of programs via changes in the faculty handbook.

The council then went into an executive session.

Submitted by Avri Ravid

