

FAS Senate

AN ELECTED BODY OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
YALE UNIVERSITY

**Minutes for the FAS Senate Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2017
KGL Auditorium, 210 Whitney Avenue
APPROVED**

In attendance: Chair Emily Greenwood, Deputy Chair/Secretary Doug Rogers, David Bercovici, Jill Campbell, Beverly Gage, John Geanakoplos, Shiri Goren, John Harris, Ruth Koizim, Christina Kraus, Kathryn Lofton, Reina Maruyama, Mark Mooseker, Yair Minsky, William Nordhaus, William Rankin, Charles Schmuttenmaer, Vesla Weaver, Karen Wynn

Absent: Matthew Jacobson, Ian Shapiro, Katie Trumpener

Faculty of Arts and Sciences Senate (FASS) Chair, Emily Greenwood, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Ms. Greenwood noted that the FASS meeting would be abbreviated in order to present a panel discussion on the role of the university and academic expertise in the current political climate and that there would be seven speakers presenting: Beverly Gage from the Department of History, William Nordhaus from the Department of Economics, Trude Storelvmo, from the Department of Geology & Geophysics, Jennifer Klein, from the Department of History, Vesla Weaver, from the Department of African American Studies and the Department of Political Science, Kathryn Lofton, from Religious Studies, American Studies and the Department of History, and guest speaker Irene Mulvey, representative from the AAUP (Association of American University Professors) and from the Department of Mathematics, Fairfield University who will address threats to academic freedom and the pressure on universities. She said that their presentations would be followed by a question and answer period.

Ms. Greenwood presented the minutes from the January 19, 2017 FASS meeting and asked for questions, comments, or changes from the floor. There were none. Mark Mooseker motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Ruth Koizim seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes from the FASS December 8, 2016 meeting were unanimously accepted.

Ms. Greenwood adjourned the FASS meeting at 4:10 PM and introduced the panel to begin the discussion on the role of the university and academic expertise in the current political climate.