

**FAS Senate**  
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**SCIENCES**  
**YALE UNIVERSITY**

FAS Senate Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 2019, Wright Laboratory Rm. 216, 272 Whitney Avenue

**Closed meeting – summary**

**In attendance:**

Senators: William Nordhaus, Chair, Jill Campbell, Deputy Chair, Sybil Alexandrov, Arielle Baskin-Sommers, Marijeta Bozovic, Emily Erikson, John Geanakoplos, Shiri Goren, Matthew Jacobson, Jennifer Klein, Ruth Koizim, Maureen Long, Rajit Manohar, Charles Schmuttenmaer, Theresa Schenker, Mark Solomon

Newly-elected Senators present: Alessandro Gomez, H el ene Landemore, Timothy Newhouse

FASS Program Coordinator Rose Rita Riccitelli

**Absent:** Senators – Howard Bloch, Alexandre Debs, Brad Inwood, Nikhil Padmanabhan, Ruzica Piskac, Ian Shapiro

Agenda and Senate actions in **bold**

**1. Chair’s welcome: introduction of new Senators; plans for new-Senators meeting; procedures for electing officers and Executive Council**

Chair William Nordhaus called the final meeting of the year of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences Senate (FASS) to order at 4:05 PM.

**2. Approval of minutes, FASS meeting, April 11, 2019**

FASS Deputy Chair Jill Campbell presented the minutes from the April 11, 2019 FASS meeting and requested electronic approval of them after further review by those in attendance.

**Approval of April 11, 2019 minutes was deferred for electronic vote.**

**3. Committee reports**

Mr. Nordhaus requested that each committee prepare a short report of their activities for the year and carry-over business for next year. He said the report will be distributed to the FASS and be an important document for incoming committees to refer to.

Committee reports:

- Governance Committee – no report.

- Budget Committee – no report.

- Nominations Committee – Mr. Nordhaus noted that this committee completed its tasks for the year and thanked Mr. Schmuttenmaer and the committee for their work.

- Elections Committee – Mr. Nordhaus reported for Chair Alex Debs who was not present, noting that the committee had a new member, Matt Regan, who was running the election with the help of Jay Emerson who had overseen FASS elections in the past, and that the process went smoothly. He thanked the entire committee for their work, which yielded more voters this year than last.

- Instructional Faculty Committee – Shiri Goren reported on the announcement of the creation of a new prize that is specifically for instructional faculty. Also, she noted, it was announced that the names of faculty who have advised students who receive prizes at graduation will be noted and their names mentioned at graduation.

**4. Peer Advisory Committee on proposal for university ombudsperson**

Ms. Campbell presented a slightly revised proposal for a university ombudsperson with the Peer Advisory Committee’s recommendations.

**The recommendation to the President and Provost by the FAS Senate Peer Advisory Committee for the creation of a University Ombuds Office at Yale was unanimously approved, and the proposal will be posted on the FASS web site.**

**5. Ad Hoc Diversity Committee report on Faculty Resources Committee system**

Maureen Long presented the Ad Hoc Diversity Committee’s revised report on the Faculty Resources Committee (FRC).

**The vote to adopt the Ad Hoc Diversity Committee’s Report on the Faculty Resources Committee System was unanimous.**

**6. Faculty Advancement Committee proposal for creation of ad hoc Committee on Yale College Admissions**

Mr. Geanakoplos introduced the proposal to create an ad hoc Committee on Yale College Admissions for the fall of 2019, with the incoming Executive Council to be in charge of forming this committee.

**A vote was taken to approve the creation of an ad hoc Committee on Yale College Admissions; it was unanimously approved by the FASS.**

Mr. Nordhaus and Ms. Campbell thanked all of the senators who are about to complete their terms as senators: Alex Debs, Marijeta Bosovic, Maureen Long, Rajit Manohar, Brad Inwood, and Mark Solomon.

## **7. Discussion of Resolution of Concern**

Following discussion, a motion was made to take up the *Resolution of Concern*.

**The vote in favor of discussing the *Resolution of Concern* was unanimous.**

**The vote to retain the current form of the document was 14 in favor, 1 against.**

Mr. Jacobson moved to call a vote on adoption of the *Resolution of Concern*. Mr. Geanakoplos seconded.

**The vote to adopt the Resolution of Concern was 13 in favor, 2 against.**

There followed a discussion of how and when to disseminate the *Resolution of Concern*. Mr. Nordhaus delineated three potential audiences: the FAS faculty (individuals with active ladder, instructional, or emeritus status); the Yale Corporation (via the Senior Fellow); and the public at large (via the FAS Senate website, once the faculty and Corporation members have been notified). A vote was taken on each of these.

**The vote to distribute the Resolution of Concern to the faculty was unanimous.**

**The vote to distribute the Resolution of Concern to the members of the Corporation was unanimous.**

**The vote to make the Resolution available to the public through posting on the FASS website, on or about June 30, was 12 in favor, 3 against.**

Mr. Nordhaus reminded the Senators that the Executive Council election will be taking place soon. He thanked Senator Campbell for her service and welcomed the new Senators. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM.