

**YU Faculty Council**  
**September 23, 2016**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Charles Swencionis (Ferkauf), Melanie Wadkins (Ferkauf), Linda Carroll (Katz), Will Lee (YC), Moshe Krakowski (Azrieli), James Kahn (YC), Gary Stein (WSSW) , Lauren Fitzgerald, , Marina Holz (SCW), Avraham Ravid (SYMS), David Carlson (CSL), Daniel Rynhold (Revel)

Selma Botman was present for the open session.

Minutes of the April 15, 2016 meeting were approved.

Several recently enacted policies from the Provost were discussed. This includes a new University Hiring Team consisting of Provost Botman, Jake Harman, Josh Joseph, and Julie Auster, which is empowered to review all requests for new faculty appointments (solely from the point of view of the budget and instructional capacity) before they are approved by the Provost. In addition there are policies promulgated in January 2015 regarding faculty travel, teaching load, minimum class sizes, emeritus appointments, and faculty leave. It was agreed that Council members should submit comments to Charles by Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Provost also mentioned plans to revise the Faculty Handbook, and solicited input from the Council. She reiterated her view that Handbook revisions were ultimately up to the Provost, but that faculty input would be welcomed.