

Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Delegate Assembly

September 16, 2015

1:15-3:00

Room HE 1203

- I. Call to Order: Welcome by VP Tony Doyle
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. FDA Update from VP Tony Doyle
 - a. Upcoming meetings with Provost; President still pending
 - b. COACHE survey results
 - c. Seeking Executive President and committee members
- IV. Invited Lecturer: Ellen Schrecker, Emeritus Professor at Yeshiva
Introduction: Foremost scholar on McCarthyism in higher education, author of numerous books on the subject, including *The Lost Soul of High Education*

Universities restructured to fit into the neoliberal corporatization of America, through marginalization of faculty and violation of academic freedom

Decline in state funds for public education from 70% to teens, shift from direct funds to grants for individuals who can choose in the educational “marketplace,” universities need to look elsewhere for money: research for private sector (with conflicts of interest), invited corporate marketing, increase tuition

Students as customers, amenities arms race, external consultants, recruited higher paying students, vocationally oriented programs, high profile faculty and sports coaches, outsourced services, technology MOOCs, replacing tenure faculty with part time instructors (75%), corporate style management

What next?
- V. Discussion
 - a. Why do departments (department chairs) not come together and approach administration? The need for strategizing
 - b. Obfuscation of information, ie: budget, hiring processes
 - c. Student perspectives? Junior faculty perspectives?

- d. Reorganize as CUNY faculty, rather than campus
- e. Loss of activist culture
- f. FDA/Senate should insist on participation; ie: greeting new faculty, etc.

VI. Old Business

- a. PSC-CUNY: see website
 - i. AAUP Salary Survey
 - ii. Chapter Exec Committee: need department contacts to broadcast emails- email fmeyer@hunter.cuny.edu
 - iii. Oct 1, 7:30am at Chancellor Milliken's apartment to protest contract

VII. New Business

PS: make sure future flyers and announcements say 1:15pm start time.

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