The October meeting of the University Faculty will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2003, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Langone Center Forum. Professor Michael Payne will preside. If there are any amendments to the September, 2003 minutes, please send them to Andrea Halpern, Secretary of the Faculty, in advance of the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Amendments to September 2003 minutes

2. Announcements and remarks by the President and members of his staff

Question

Faculty have asked for decades for a figure for the athletic department/activities budget. No one on campus seems to have the slightest idea. Yet at the dinner with faculty/administration/trustees Chair of the Board Crawford stated that our budget was 7th in the Patriot League in aggregate figures and 8th on a per student basis. What is that budget figure she quoted? What is in it and not in it? Is this a regular submission to the NCAA or the Patriot League?

We understand that budgets are complex and often manipulated for reporting purposes by some universities. Still it would be useful to have that figure - so may we or Planning and Budget have it?

3. Announcements by the Chair of the Faculty

Report on the Presidential Search

4. Old Business

Report from the Committee on Academic and Faculty Personnel: Allen Schweinsberg

Vote on updated Faculty Handbook

Related motions from Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure: David Evans

CAFT makes two friendly motions, the first motion has two parts.

1a. Section VI (University Policies & Documents”) of the proposed Handbook should be removed from the Handbook.
1b. Following removal of Section VI from the Handbook, CAFT moves that all references to Section VI, Policies & Documents, be omitted from Sections I through V of the proposed Handbook, and replaced with language that directs the reader to the appropriate resource pertaining to the policy and document in question.

2. The second friendly motion relates to current Section III-Q: Sexual Harassment Policy. CAFP has recommended that this policy be removed from the main body of the proposed Handbook, and be replaced by a more elaborate version (current version dates from September, 2000) in proposed Section VI. CAFT moves that this section on sexual harassment be placed back into the Faculty Handbook.