

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Washington, D.C.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE FACULTY SENATE HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 14, 2012 IN THE STATE ROOM

- Present:** President Knapp, Provost Lerman, Registrar Amundson, and Parliamentarian Charnovitz; Deans Dolling, Feuer, Goldman, Guthrie, and Johnson; Professors Acquaviva, Brazinsky, Briscoe, Castleberry, Cordes, Dhuga, Dickson, Dickinson, Fairfax, Garris, Harrington, Helgert, Kim, Lantz, McAleavey, Parsons, Rehman, Shesser, Simon, Stott, Williams, Wirtz, and Yezer
- Absent:** Interim Dean Akman, Deans Berman, Brown, and Eskandarian; Professors Barnhill, Brand-Ballard, Greenberg, Newcomer, Sidawy, and Swaine

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Knapp at 2:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on May 11, 2012 were approved as distributed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY-ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED SENATE MEMBERS

President Knapp introduced newly-elected and re-elected faculty members. Newly-elected members present at the meeting were Professors Acquaviva, Brazinsky, Briscoe, Dickinson, Dhuga, Kim, Lantz, and Stott. Professor Swaine was absent. Re-elected members present were Professors Cordes, Harrington, Helgert, McAleavey, Wirtz, and Yezer. Professor Charnovitz was re-appointed as Parliamentarian for the 2012-13 session.

RESOLUTION 12/3, "A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S EMERGENCY APPROVAL OF AN INTERIM UNIVERSITY SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY"

On behalf of the Senate Executive Committee, Professor Charles Garris introduced Resolution 12/3. The Resolution seeks confirmation by the Senate of an emergency action by the Executive Committee to approve an Interim Sexual Harassment Policy, effective at the beginning of the academic year 2012-13.

Professor Garris noted that the University's Policy on Sexual Harassment was developed to meet requirements of Title IX, which had its origins in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibited discrimination on the basis of race, religion, or national origin. In the early 70's, discrimination on the basis of sex was prohibited, and other amendments, many of them applying to educational institutions, were adopted, including one which addressed parity in sports for women.