

DSC Boot Camp for Off-campus and Program Reps

Friday February 4, Room 5409 (4:00-6:00 pm)

- All DSC representatives are invited and welcome to come -
(light refreshments—coffee, tea, and sodas—will be served)

Plenary	
Executive Committee	<i>NOTE: This workshop/boot camp is particularly designed to provide resources to DSC Program Reps and to any At-large Rep based outside the main GC campus, but all DSC Reps are invited to attend. RSVP is not strictly necessary but would be appreciated, at outreach@cunydisc.org</i>
Steering Committee	
Constitution and Bylaws	
Grants	<u>SCHEDULE:</u> The Boot Camp is divided in four sections
Health Issues	4.00-5.00pm Part One: Useful resources, strategies, and information*
Media Board	5.00-5:30pm Part Two: Open discussion of needs and issues (30 min)
	5.30-5.45pm Part Three: Hands-on brainstorming in small groups (15 min)
Outreach	5.45-6.00pm Part Four: Sharing of ideas. Suggestions for future DSC Boot Camps
Student Services	*See next page for an approximate break down of contents of Part One of the Boot Camp.

The Boot Camp is meant to be a dynamic participative resource for DSC Reps. Your participation is important for its success and for a more profitable experience as a DSC Rep.

Please, make an effort to come!

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DSC Officer for Outreach

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- Organized by the Outreach Committee of the de Doctoral Students Council -

With the participation of: Boris Daussà-Pastor, Nicole Hanson, Erica Meltzer, Tony Perri and Monique Whitaker (DSC Outreach Committee), Eero Laine and Chris Alen Sula (DSC Co-Chairs), and other members of the DSC Steering Committee. Special Thanks to Shawn Rice for his collaboration in preparing materials for this Boot Camp.

Breakdown of Part One of Boot Camp – 4:00-5:00 pm

1. Your role in Governance and Representation within your Program
 - Governance Structures at Program Level
 - Rights to Representation in Program Committees
 - Program Student Associations and other options for student participation in your program governance.
 - Interdisciplinary student groups: DSC Chartered Organizations.
 - DSC Program Rep: essential channel and voice for students in your program.
 - Off-campus DSC Reps: the most visible DSC face wherever you are.
 - Demystifying leadership and participation:
 - “Making your voice heard” or tips on Robert’s Rules of Order.
2. Off-Campus Program Reps: A Challenge
 - You are a satellite DSC contact person at your campus
 - Each campus has its particular needs and a different availability of resources
 - A sense of disconnection from the Graduate Center as an institution: Remember that you are the Graduate Center too (off-campus based students are about 25% of the student body)
3. Strategies for the DSC Program Rep:
 - Channeling questions and initiatives (don’t take everything onto yourself!!)
 - Easy steps to keep an updated announcement board in your student lounge
 - Email updates to your program’s student body
 - Participation in your program’s social events
4. Strategies for all Off-campus Reps:
 - DSC Website, a great resource.
 - Keep some DSC flyers at hand; they may be useful.
 - Don’t be shy, take condoms, lube, DSC promotional materials...
 - Anything bothersome? Don’t put up with it; put it down in writing.
5. DSC Services and Resources:
 - Discount movie tickets, free legal consultation, room reservation, lockers, lending of DSC resources
 - Office space for Chartered Orgs, open DSC office for student advice and consultation
 - Funding for events (DSC Grants), DSC Travel & Research Grants
 - Practical assistance and support for initiatives from students in your program
 - Freebies: DSC Promotional materials, condoms, lube, etc. A number of discounts in stores, etc.
 - At-large DSC-supported initiatives, projects and activities:
 - The Advocate, The Adjunct Project, OpenCUNY (free blog/web space for students)
 - Chartered Organizations, Program Student Associations, DSC Standing Committees and Ad-Hoc groups
 - Wellness Center and Fitness classes
 - DSC officers’ availability: at the office space, by email, by phone... DSC officers’ hours on website.
6. Leadership and Community Building
 - Your role at the DSC beyond Program representation