## Graduate Center, CUNY Doctoral Students' Council Plenary Minutes

Tomo Imamichi December 10, 2004 Chair: Aleta Styers

## Meeting called to order at 6:08PM

- I. Approved of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes from November Plenary
- III. Presentation by Vincent De Luca Senior Registrar (demo on new online registration system)

Detailed information is available in the registration package sent by mail and on the web via the 'Inside 365' page with a link to 'Access Web Registration': Students need personal pin that allows access to Student Web Students need advisor pin a randomly assigned number obtained from the advisor or the program administrator, which is valid for the whole semester Some courses may be blocked; the advisor should be seen to 'overide' the block, then a student can register.

<u>Consortium</u>: Since it is possible to register online for a course not listed in the Graduate Center Bulletin, it will be done by Cross Registration Forms.

<u>Register on Record/ Weighted Instruction Unit</u>: In order to maintain fulltime status Level II students should register for WIU. WIU can be found under 'Register on Record' and vary from 1 (CRN 66781) to 7 credits (CRN 66787). A 7 total of credits are needed to maintain fulltime status.

## IV. Old Business

- A. Benchmark satisfactory progress: Paul Mc Breen reported that the Benchmark Committee proposed that students should be at Level III (passed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Doctoral Exam) after a maximum of 10 semesters or there will be a hold on the registration which will have to be negotiated with the Executive Officer of the Program. There was no objection from the student body
- B. Webite: Camille Tipton reported the new look, which will have a calendar where events can be submitted. It will also have a weekly polling question.
- C. Budget update: Aleta Styers reported that the money for the semester has been received and that we are running slightly under budget. Urged departments and organizations to spend cultural activity grant moneys.
- D. Presidential search committee: Stephanie Carbonargi mentioned the desirable qualities, which included: commitment to a consortium system, a

large university in a large city, diversity, and fundraising history/activity. Students pointed out the emphasis on a public university, that should not be profit driven, operate under corporate sponsorship, or private interest. Bill Clinton was mentioned as a desirable candidate.

- E. Health Services Committee: Celia Braxton and David Golland provided an update on the current status.
- F. USS update: David Golland reported on his lobbying trip to Albany.
- G. Business Card Update: Stephanie Carbonargi reported that students who are interested in Graduate Center Business Cards must go through their representatives who can put in the request.
- H. Adjunct Project Update: Mariya Gluzman reported that there will be no wage increase, and urged students to show up for the negotiation meeting on Dec. 17.

## V. New Business

- A. Proposal to revise Grad Council bylaws: David Golland reported that it is unclear whether students/co-chairs are voting members, which needs to be clarified.
- B. Petition for tuition remission and Tabling volunteers: Stephanie Carbonargi reported that it will be postponed to the next plenary in February.
- C. DSC Logo contest: Camille Tipton announced that there is a \$150 prize, submission deadline is March  $1^{st}$  and must be in digital format. Details on the web.
- D. Campus Outreach: Stephanie Carbonargi reported that she and other steering committee members and off-campus reps will organize campus visits with Pizza.
- F. Other new business: Concerns of the admission fee hikes (Pamela Proscia), a resolution will be drafted/ A suggestion was made that Minutes should appear in the Advocate (Rebecca Bucht)/Jose Zambrana announced that 3 candidates for the IR Assistant Vice President position have been interviewed.
- IV. Announcements: Stephanie Carbonargi addressed the plenary with a end of the semester message

Meeting adjourned at 8:08PM