

Graduate Center, CUNY
Doctoral Students' Council Plenary
Minutes

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February 4, 2005
Chair: Eric Doviak

Meeting called to order at 6:09PM

- I. Approved of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes with changes from December Plenary
- III. IR Report by Gloria Barlow with regards to the E-mail outage from January 15-20: The e-mail system is 7-8 years old and heavily used beyond its capacity, leading to the outage. In November 2004 a proposal for an upgrade has been approved, however, the migration of about 7000 mailboxes, which needs significant planning and coordination still needs to happen. No significant data loss was reported, 38 out of 45 GB were recovered, the 7 GB reduction was primarily due deletion of 'junk' including mailboxes of departed student and faculty. About 25000 queued incoming e-mails, received during days of the outage, were delivered after the system was restored. The problems pertained to the e-mail system only as files such as documents run on a different system and are backed-up.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. USS update: David Golland reported on various activities and events, including a new graduate program at York College, the promotion of Professor Kessner of History to Distinguished Professor, new facilities on various CUNY campuses, and the student-led prevention of an implementation of Homeland Security Program at BMCC.
 - B. Campus Outreach Dates: Tomo Imamichi announced that campus visits are being planned on Thursdays that are to be coordinated with the various representatives based on non-GC campuses.
- V. New Business
 - A. Coffee Hour: Moira announced the Coffee Hours taking place on February 10 from 3-6 in Room 5414.
 - B. Update from the Co-Chair of Communications (Paul Mc Breen):
 - Paul Mc Breen provided an update from the search committee for VP for Information Resources (IR) of which Jose Zambrana is a member. Soon

interviews will be held, which students can attend. Student input about what is wanted in an IR VP are welcomed.

-Cultural Affairs Fund: The Cultural Affairs Fund is available for students to apply functions, such as conferences. A resolution to increase the amount from \$500 to \$600 was voted on, which passed by 1 abstention.

- Visit from Assembly-member Ronald Canistrari: Assembly-member Canistari knows that CUNY graduate students do not have support (tuition remission), is supportive of getting an annual allocation for CUNY including graduate student support. Paul Mc Breen called upon the plenary attendees to find out and contact their representatives in their representative to obtain parity with SUNY.

- C. Update from the Co-Chair of Student Affairs (Paul Mc Breen for Stephanie Domenici): Paul Mc Breen stated that with the new recruitment package mid-level students will be ineligible for support and that demands should be solicited. Spring dates for upcoming events were announced.

VI. Report from Co-Chair of Business (Aleta Styers):

A. A revised budget was presented. A motion was made to accept the Budget, which was seconded by James De Marco. The budget passed unanimously.

B. Audit Report: The audit fee for Law School students is paid by 80th St.

VII. Other new business:

-Shukhan Ng expressed concern about the depleted travel fund. A possibility to dispense the part of the matched fund coming from the DSC in the spring semester is to be discussed at the May plenary.

-Pamela Proscia expressed concerns about the application fee hike, and further pointed out the Graduate Center is not getting the fees.

VIII. Announcements:

Fair Trade Coffee: Carrie Fischer informed the group about Fair Trade Coffee and proposed Free Trade Coffee to be made available by the Food Services at the Graduate Center. Fair Trade Coffee is a certification of the way coffee is traded, which includes several criteria, such as: grown by small family owned farmers, organized around a cooperative and sustainable system, receives low interest from trading companies, and fees are paid by traders. Carrie announced that she is looking for volunteers and supporters to help with the implementation of Fair Trade Coffee at the Graduate Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM