

Doctoral Students' Council

minutes of plenary meeting held on 11 March 2005

Chair: Tina Lee

pending approval

Minutes: Eric Doviak

T. Lee called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the February 2005 meeting were approved as amended.

Invited Speaker: Provost William Kelly

Provost Kelly spoke about recruitment packages for incoming students and financial aid and fellowships for continuing students. He also discussed the \$1 million to be distributed among continuing students in their first five years who are teaching within CUNY and \$2 million for those students the following year.

Report from the Co-Chair for Business

A. Styers encouraged the DSC representatives to spend their departmental allocations.

Report from the Co-Chair for Student Affairs

S. Domenici-Carbonargi discussed how DSC representatives can make business cards for students in their departments and reported on adjunct project night. Ballots with nominations to be sent out.

Report from the Co-Chair for Communications

Resolution on mid-level funding approved 22-0-1.

P. McBreen discussed pay for adjuncts. He also discussed DSC trips to visit Graduate Center students who are not based at the Graduate Center. He also spoke of CUNY.org which seeks parity with SUNY.

New Business

An announcement was made for available positions at the *Advocate* for editor-in-chief and webmaster.

Constitutional Convention: C. Tipton proposed by-law changes:

1. To define the position of DSC webmaster and *Advocate* webmaster.
2. To assign some steering committee officers specific portfolios, such as: advocate for students with disabilities, advocate for Graduate Center students who are based at campuses other than the GSUC, advocate for international students and an office manager.
3. To make the USS delegate an ex-officio member of the Steering Committee and Executive Committee.
4. To make the co-chair for student affairs the alternate USS delegate if no other is found.

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Health Services: D. Golland reported on a proposal that the Graduate Center would contract with DOCS to put a nurse practitioner at the Graduate Center. The administration and the DSC would split the cost evenly. The proposal would require an increase in the student activity fee.

USS Report: D. Golland spoke with Ed Abraham and Les Gribben about the increase in application fees on all graduate applications throughout CUNY. The new fee of \$120 is much higher than the \$70 average.

D. Golland reported that articles of impeachment against USS chair L. Pisano were tabled.

M. Egan spoke about unveiling of painting by the late Charlotte Frick and the dedication to Ms. Frick.

A. Kamran introduced a motion to move the GC email system to an open source system. The resolution was approved 19-0-2.

Meeting was adjourned.