

Doctoral Students' Council Old Plenary Minutes UNOFFICIAL  
May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Chair: Stephanie Domenici

Minutes: Paul McBreen

I. Minutes Approved Unanimously.

II. Agenda approved with following additions: VII Old Business B. Bylaw Vote and VIII Announcements A. USS Report

III. Old Business

A. Motion to raise movie ticket price to \$6.50 was discussed. A motion was made to Table the discussion until September. The motion was seconded and passed.

B. The winner of the DSC logo contest is James Trimarco.

C. Referendum and Constitutional Changes

1. Referendum: We still need about 150 petition signatures. We will continue to collect them in the fall.

2. Constitutional changes did not pass because there was not a large enough return.

IV. Report of the Co-chair for Student Affairs

A. Presidential search: 2 of the on-campus interviews have been completed. The winner will be announced at the June Board of Trustees Meeting.

B. DSC Accomplishments.

1. Tuition remission for mid-level students was instituted for 2005-2006. One million dollars has been set aside for this. Another one million dollars has been promised by the administration for the following year.

2. The Wellness Center Subcommittee worked to keep health services on campus and has devised a plan to keep these services on campus. We have a petition out to call for a student vote.

3. Fitness Center Committee Victory: GC students can fully participate in Baruch's ARC center.

4. We have enjoyed a better than ever relationship with the USS.

5. The Tech Fee committee has obtained full disclosure to students of expenditures by the committee.

6. We got rid of the scaffolding around the outside of the building.

7. With help from last year's SC and Co-chairs, we are attempting to implement important changes to our constitution.

8. Paul and Stephanie made off-campus visits. Business cards and social events were very successful with this group.

#### V. Report of the Co-chair for Business Management

- A. The Final Budget for 2004-05 was passed.
- B. Departmental Allocations have been largely unspent. Ms. Styers introduced two resolutions to utilize these funds:
  - 1. Resolved that the Co-chair for Business Management be authorized to transfer any funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year into the budget line title Travel and Research for its matched travel and research grant program.  
The Plenary moved, seconded and passed the above motion.
  - 2. Resolved that the Co-Chair for Business Management be authorized to reassign up to \$4,000 (four thousand dollars) total from the budget line titled Departmental Allocations and also from the budget line titled Chartered Organizations in order to pay for additional Cultural Affairs grants which need to be paid before the end of the current fiscal year.  
The Plenary moved, seconded and passed the above motion.

#### VI. Report of the Co-Chair for Communications

- A. The Tech Fee Committee has completed a record of all transactions and expenditures of the Tech Fee. This is available for student inspection. It was suggested that this report be made available on the DSC website. Flashdrives are going to be made available to all incoming students. Students present suggested that flashdrives be purchased for all students registered through the GC. The preliminary steps toward the technological outfitting of the DSC Social Lounge (5414) are underway. The equipment has been ordered; the room must be inspected by engineers before wiring is done. P. McBreen made a request that reps interested in running for the upcoming vacant positions on the Tech Fee Committee do so.
- B. The Media Board met and approved the establishing of procedures for advertising in the *Advocate*. The changing of the title *Advocate* “webmaster” to “online editor” was approved. The *Advocate* positions becoming vacant were discussed: editor-in-chief, layout editor and online editor.

#### VII. Old Business

- A. French Interdisciplinary Group for Seventeenth-Century Studies: A vote was held on the constitution for this group. It was approved unanimously.
- B. Bylaw # 11, DSC Webmaster and Responsibilities, were voted on and approved with minor changes.
- C. Bylaw #12, Steering Committee Coordinator Positions were voted on and approved with minor changes.

#### VIII. Announcements

- I. USS Report: Quorum was not reached for a meeting on 5/14. In a meeting with Fiscal Vice Chancellor Malave, it was learned that CUNY is facing a \$30 million budget gap that cannot (per Albany) be filled with undergrad tuition. The current plan is to fill 2/3 of the gap with graduate tuition. The Law and Journalism students will be hit hardest. The consolidate fee will also increase. Golland suggested to Malave that this must be accompanied by an increase in consolidated services—like access to wellness centers CUNY wide for GC students.