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CUNY Graduate Center  
Doctoral Students' Council  
Plenary Minutes

September 9, 2005

**Chairperson: S. Domenici**

**Minutes: D. Golland**

**Meeting called to order at 6:17 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

Anthropology: Tina Lee, Andrea Morell

Biology: Adam Kavalier, Selena Ahmed

Chemistry: Marie Thomas

Classics: Pat Brooks

Criminal Justice: Charles Lieberman, Brenda Vollman, Meredith Dank (Alt.)

Earth & Environmental Science: Lee Hachadoorian

Engineering Biomedical: Ericka Calton

Engineering Civil: Rouzbeh Nazari

English: Adriana Tomasino

French: Chong Wojtkowski

German: Marie Giurrieri

History: Kevin McGruder, David Golland

Linguistics: Alexandra Ionnidou

Music DMA: Barbara Podgorski

Music PhD: Dan Partridge, Megan Jenkins

Political Science: Christopher Poulos, Aleta Styers

Psychology Clinical: Nora Goudsmit

Psychology Environmental: Stephanie Domenici

Psychology Forensic: Virginia Fineran

Psychology Social Personality: Valerie Futch

Theatre: Kate Wilson

At Large: David Aliano, Celia Braxton, Moira Egan, James Hoff, Ian Jones, Pamela Proscia, Spencer Sunshine

**Members Absent:**

Art History: Alison Moore, Daniel Quiles

Biochemistry: Jianghua Yin

Business: Kate McPadden

Chemistry: Hasan Yumak

Classics: Paul McBreen

Comparative Literature: Joanna Giuttari

Computer Science: Sumon Azhar, Allen Harper

Educational Psychology: Kallen Tsikalas, Mariya Shyko, Leslie Craigo (Alt.)

Engineering Biomedical: Kelly Brook Emerton, Abaishek Datta (Alt.)

Engineering Electrical: Muhammad Salim

English: Chamutail Noiman

Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Literature: Hyon Kim

Mathematics: Hieu T. Nguyen

Philosophy: Jennifer Jensen, Robert Palese

Political Science: Billy Kamaras, Nirit Ben Ari (Alt.)

Psychology Developmental: Aloka Star Felty

Psychology Learning Processes: Adrienne Robek

Psychology Social Personality: Sarah McClelland (Alt.)

Social Welfare: William Cabin

Sociology: Emily Mahon, Antonia Levy, Stephen Sheets (Alt.)

Urban Education: Donal Mulcahy

At Large: Jen Adler, Christina Benavides, Acacia Berry, Holly Brown, Sarah Friedline, Agnieszka Kajrukszo, Dorian Luey, Ulyana Munoz, Binh Pok, Nelly Saint-Maurice, Nelson Tiburcio, Camille Tipton, Michael Westbrook

**Guests Present:**

Eric Doviak

Yan Qin

Francois de Paul Silatchom

Zeeshan Suhail

Rolf Meyersohn

Sean Murray

Ellen Zitari  
Sandor John

**Total Members Present: 34. Members Absent: 39. Guests present: 8.  
Quorum established to conduct business.**

- I. Guest Speakers:
  - A. Prof. Rolf Meyersohn, Graduate Center Ombuds Officer, gave prepared remarks and distributed printed materials.
  - B. Hon. Lauren Fasano, Chairperson, University Student Senate, did not appear.
  - C. Matthew Schoengood, Vice President of Student Affairs, gave impromptu remarks.
  
- II. Approval of Agenda. Motion to approve the agenda.  
**Moved by D. Golland; seconded by A. Tomasino.  
Motion Passed.**
  
- III. Approval of Minutes from May plenary. Motion to approve the minutes of the May, 2005, 5:00 and 6:00 plenary meetings.  
**Moved by M. Giurrierri; seconded by C. Lieberman.  
Motion Passed.**
  
- IV. Co-chair for Student Affairs Report. S. Domenici gave an introduction on the duties of reps, discussed the ARC Center, the new grants program, chartered organizations, and business cards.
  
- V. Health Services Committee
  - A. Appointment of Celia and Ericka co-chairpersons. Motion to appoint C. Braxton and E. Calton as 2005-2006 committee co-chairs.  
**Moved by A. Styers; seconded by K. McGruder.  
A. Styers asked for the ayes and nays.  
Motion passed unanimously.**
  
  - B. Update on referendum status and upcoming activities. C. Braxton gave a brief update on the referendum timeline.
  - C. Volunteers for this year's committee. C. Braxton and E. Calton asked for committee volunteers to sign up.

VI. Old Business

- A. Movie Ticket Price (again). T. Lee gave a brief presentation on the current movie ticket price and informed the body that the wholesale price would be going up during the next year. Motion to increase the selling price of movie tickets purchased from the DSC from \$5.50 to \$6.00 and not increase it again when the wholesale price increased.

**Moved by C. Lieberman; seconded by A. Kavalier.  
Motion passed.**

- B. Steer. Comm. Coordinator Positions. A. Morrell discussed the Adjunct Project. Motion to create an ad hoc adjunct project committee.

**Moved by T. Lee; seconded by C. Wojtkoski.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

A. Tomasino discussed publicity; C. Braxton discussed office management; C. Wojtkowski discussed international students; E. Calton discussed student health; L. Hachadoorian discussed campus outreach; B. Vollman discussed students with disabilities.

VII. Co-chair for Business Report.

- A. Budget Update (including outstanding 04-05 bills). T. discussed these items.
- B. New Program: Conferences, Publications and Professional Development. T. Lee discussed these items.
- C. Medical Test Subsidies 70%. Motion to decrease the DSC medical test subsidization from 90% to 70%.

**Moved by C. Lieberman; seconded by A. Tomasino.  
Motion passed by a vote of 24-1-2.**

- D. Budget Vote. T. Lee led a discussion on various points of the budget, including the Wellness Center and Travel and Research, as well as several other budget lines of interest to individual members. Motion to approve the budget.

**Moved by C. Lieberman; seconded by C. Wojtkoski.  
Motion passed by a vote of 24-0-2.**

- E. Reminders: check request forms, dept. and chartered org. allocations. T. Lee spoke on this item.

VII. Co-Chair for Communications Report.

- A. Tuition Increase Protests. D. Golland discussed organizing silent protests in May and June to fight the impending tuition increases.
- B. New GC President and Acting Provost (Correspondence, FAS Committee). D. Golland reported on the appointments of President Kelly, Acting Provost Edwards, and Acting Associate Provost Julian Wrigley.
- C. Other FAS Committee items. D. Golland discussed the action of the Board of Trustees Standing Committee on Faculty, Administration, and Staff naming Nathaniel Cruz as Acting Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Management at Hostos Community College.

D. Golland reported that The Advocate was proceeding towards its first edition of the new year and was in need of a designer; Quark proficiency preferred; reported that the website had been updated with a new look including the new DSC logo.

IX. New Business

- A. Student Funding Issues. T. Carayannis gave a brief presentation on student funding. There is a \$20,000 cap, which discourages students from seeking large external grants.
- B. Confirm Auxiliary Enterprises Board members. Motion to nominate former Co-Chair for Student Affairs C. Fischer (not present) and C. Lieberman to the Auxiliary Enterprise Corporation Board of Directors for 2005-2006.

**Moved by t. Lee; seconded by S. Domenici.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

- C. 2 reps needed for the College Association. Motion to nominate A. Styers and C. Braxton to the College Association for 2005-2006.

**Moved by C. Lieberman; seconded by A. Tomasino.  
Motion passed by a vote of 23-0-0.**

- D. Standing Committees Reps needed - (1) Structure, (1) Curriculum & Degrees, and (1) Student Services. Motion to request that the Graduate Council Committee on Committees nominate D. Golland for the Committee on Structure, Chris Poullos for the Committee on Curriculum and Degrees, and A. Levy (not present) for the Committee on Student Services, with the understanding that S. Domenici would serve on the latter committee if A. Levy declined the nomination.

**Motion passed by general acclaim.**

- E. Cultural Affairs Committee needs members. K. Wilson, V. Futch, B. Podgorski, A. Tomasino, A. Styers, and M. Egan volunteered to serve on the Cultural Affairs Committee.
- F. Miguel Malo case. C. Wojtkowski gave a brief report on her recent remarks at a rally at Hunter in support of the position that CUNY ask the Bronx District Attorney's Office to drop all charges against Miguel Malo. Motion to extend for the 2005-2006 session of the Doctoral Students' Council the endorsement of the position that CUNY ask the Bronx District Attorney's Office to drop all charges against Miguel Malo.

**Moved by C. Wojtkowski; seconded by K. McGruder.**

**Motion passed by a vote of 17-0-2.**

- X. USS Update. C. Lieberman gave a brief report on the issues he'd like to address this year as USS delegate.
- XI. Other New Business. C. Poullos discussed difficulties obtaining New York resident status. Z. Suhail discussed the possibility of wi-fi access in the Graduate Center.
- XII. Announcements (5 mins)
- A. Party—volunteers needed. D. Golland discussed the upcoming party arrangements.
- B. Other Announcements. D. Golland passed around a sign-up sheet for an upcoming PSC rally at the request of S. John (who had departed). A. Styers discussed copier problems in the library. A. Styers discussed book donations by students in the Political Science program to benefit student victims of Hurricane Katrina.

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XIII. Motion to Adjourn.

**Moved by D. Golland; seconded by C. Poulos.  
Motion passed by general acclaim.**

S. Domenici adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. Golland.