



**Graduate Center, CUNY - Doctoral Students' Council
Plenary Minutes - April 28, 2006**

Members and Voting Alternates Present:

Anthropology: Tina Lee, Andrea Morrell
Biochemistry: Jianghua Yin
Classics: Pat Brooks
Criminal Justice: Charles Lieberman (by proxy: B. Pok), Brenda Vollman
Earth & Environmental Science: Lee Hachadoorian
Economics: Francois de Paul Silatchom
Educational Psychology: Kallen Tsikalas
Engineering Biomedical: Ericka Calton
French: Chong Wojtkowski
History: David Golland, Kevin McGruder
Mathematics: Hieu T. Nguyen
Political Science: Annelies Kamran (alt.)
Psychology Environmental: Stephanie Domenici (by proxy: C. Braxton)
Psychology Forensic: Virginia Fineran
Speech and Hearing Sciences: Jung Moon Hyun
Theatre: Kate Wilson
Urban Education: Donal Mulcahy (by proxy: P. Proscia)
At Large: David Aliano, Samrat Singh Batth (by proxy: B. Vollman), Celia Braxton, Moira Egan, James Hoff, Patrina Huff, Ian Jones, Binh Pok (failed to sign in), Pamela Proscia, Nelly St. Maurice, Zeeshan Suhail, Spencer Sunshine, Nelson Tiburcio (by proxy: P. Huff), Camille Tipton (by proxy: D. Golland)

Members Absent:

Art History: Daniel Quiles
Biology: Adam Kavalier, Selena Ahmed
Business: Kate McPadden (excused)
Chemistry: Marie Thomas (excused), Hasan Yumak
Comparative Literature: Joanna Guittari (excused)
Computer Science: Sumon Azhar (excused)
Engineering Civil: Rouzbeh Nazari (excused)
Engineering Electrical: Muhammad Salim
English: Adriana Tomasino (excused)
German: Marie Giurrieri
Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Literature: Hyon Kim
Liberal Studies: Cam McDonald
Linguistics: Alexandra Ioannidou
Music DMA: Barbara Podgurski (excused)
Music PhD: Dan Partridge, Megan Jenkins (excused)
Philosophy: Jennifer Jensen, Christopher Sula

Physics: Huafeng Xie
Political Science: Christopher Poulos, Aleta Styers (excused), Jen Gaboury
Psychology Biological: Alicia Walton
Psychology Clinical: Nora Goudsmit
Psychology Developmental: Aloka Star Felty
Psychology Industrial/Organizational: Marissa Agin
Psychology Learning Processes: Adrienne Robek (excused)
Psychology Social Personality: Valerie Futch (excused)
Social Welfare: William Cabin
Sociology: Emily Mahon (excused), Antonia Levy
At Large: Aaron Ibur (excused), Matt Lau, Thomas Rodman, Joseph Valley (excused),
Michael Westbrook

Guests Present:

GSUC Vice President Steven Brier
Steve Puig

Total Members and Voting Alternates Present: 33. Members Absent: 39. Guests present: 2.

Quorum established to conduct business.

Chair: Ericka Calton. Minutes: Chong Wojtkowski
Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm.

I. Invited Speaker: Dr. Stephen Brier, Vice President for Information Technology and External Programs.

Dr. Brier began his talk by introducing himself and his position; among his duties is to lobby in Albany for more money for technology as well as oversee the Instructional Technology programs and Pedagogy. He discussed the new teleconferencing capabilities that we have at the GC in the library. He also discussed the Tech Fee committee's activities. The search committee is currently interviewing people for the new assistant Vice President for Information Technology. Also, a wireless survey has been conducted about the best places to put wireless access in the GC. He also spoke about a possible laptop lending program whereby students could borrow laptops for a set period of time and use them throughout the building.

II. Approval of Agenda (2 min.) unanimous- Motion by Dave Golland; Seconded by Tina Lee

III. Co-chair for Business Report - Tina (15 min)

A. New Bylaws Ratification-Bylaw 15 was approved by unanimous consent; Motion by Tina Lee; Seconded by Lee Hachidoorian. Bylaw 16 was approved with one abstention; Motion by Chong Wojtkowski, Seconded by Binh Pok.

B. 06-07 DSC Budget- Tina discussed one item on the budget, the travel and research fund. Item approved. Moved by Tina Lee, Seconded by Kate Wilson.

C. Extra Webmaster Money- Tina has reported that the webmaster, Camille Tipton, has indicated that she is close to using up all her allocated hours for the semester, and still has lots more to do to make the website safe from viruses and functioning. Therefore, she estimated that she will need about 70 hours to complete

the remaining work which will make the website easier and faster to update next semester. Tina asked that the DSC authorize that 1,400\$ be taken out of the special allocations fund. Moira inquired how long the updates would take. Item approved with one abstention, Chong Wojtkowski moved, Seconded by Dave Golland. D.

IV. Approval of March Minutes- Unanimous- Moved by Chong Wojtkowski, Seconded by Ericka Calton.

V. Old Business

A. Party/Elections Chong thanked everyone for helping out and attending the party and also noted that attendance wasn't as high as the fall party. She also mentioned that the DSC is holding elections for the 6 steering committee positions and 3 co-chair positions and the plenary should get in touch with one of the s.c. members if they need more information on what each position entails.

VI. Co-chair for Student Affairs Report - Chong for Stef- No report given.

VII. Co-chair for Communications Report -Dave

A. Darfur Rally Committee—Report on Activities and Allocation Request- Dave stated that 7 people are going to the Darfur Rally on Sunday. Dave asked the plenary to move 10% of the unused Department Allocations to help pay for the trip. The plenary debated this and decided that it was not a good idea, and then Dave retracted his request.

B. Grad Council Reminder—May 11, 2:30 p.m.; DSC Reps are GC Alternates

C. New Website and Forums—www.cunydisc.org. Dave encouraged the plenary and the DSO to make use of our websites' forums to discuss not only plenary items but chartered organizations can have their own forum as well.

D. Game Room/Lounge: \$4000 Budget Request (Capital Fund) and Committee- On the forum there was discussion to use some of the DSC money to create a "game room/lounge" in 5409 in order to use the space for socializing, games, drinks and food, and general convivial atmosphere and foster a sense of community at the GC that is lacking. Several questions were raised: Do we have the space? Will the raucous camaraderie of the room's users annoy people studying?

E. Help Wanted!- Dave mentioned that the editor position for the Advocate, as well as the Webmaster for the Advocate, and the Adjunct Project co-coordinator are still open. Please send him an email if you are interested.

VIII. Health Services Committee - Celia, Ericka (10min)

A. Publicizing the Wellness Festival - Chong mentioned that flyers were available to distribute to our various departments. Celia asked for volunteers to "popcorn" and help the Wellness Center folks table downstairs. Moira and Binh graciously offered to help.

IX. Constitution and Bylaws Committee - Lee read aloud the two new bylaws regarding the Advocate and the Website. James Hoff asked if the editor-in-chief position must be a grad

student. It was suggested that yes, the editor-in-chief should be a GC student since we cannot pay a non-student with student money.

X. USS Report - Charles noted that the issue about quorum and the fee increase at USS were being dealt with.

XI. Grad Council Committee Reports -none

XII. New Business

A. New Locker Policy - Dave. There is a new locker policy; we are now going to assign lockers in fairness. We will redistribute them each year. The DSC SC put signs up on the lockers indicating that current locker holders must vacate by August. We will then start assigning them on a lottery system.

B. Other New Business. James Hoff raised a question about tuition remission for Writing Fellows.

XIII. Announcements

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Chong J Wojtkowski