



**Members and Voting Alternates Present:**

Biology: Jillian De Gezelle  
Chemistry: Marie Thomas  
Classics: Michael Broder  
Computer Science: Mohamed Saad  
Criminal Justice: David Caspi (by proxy: Alissa Ackerman), Charles Lieberman  
Economics: Andrew Bossie  
Engineering, Civil: Rouzbeh Nazari  
Engineering, Electrical: Rex Wong  
English: Rob Faunce, Tina Meyerhoff  
French: Chong Wojtkowski  
History: David Golland  
Linguistics: Ji Young Shim  
Mathematics: Brooke Orosz  
Philosophy: Christopher Sula  
Political Science: Zeeshan Suhail  
Psychology, Environmental: Stephanie Domenici Carbonargi  
Psychology, Experimental: Kelloir Smith  
Psychology, I/O: Lauren Mondo  
Psychology, Learning Processes: Adrienne Robek  
Psychology, Neuro.: Robyn Powers  
Social Welfare: Denise Torres  
Sociology: Binh Pok (by proxy: Carl Lindskoog)  
Theatre: Kate Wilson  
Urban Education: Lynda Kennedy  
At-Large: Celia Braxton, Ericka Calton, Gregory Donovan, Amber Hui, Patrina Huff, Ian Jones, Amy Meyers, Frank Muscara, Dion Powell, Pamela Proscia, Vincenzo Sainato, Brenda Vollman

**Members Absent:**

Anthropology: Kate Griffiths, Martha Lincoln  
Art History: Tara Burk (excused)  
Audiology: Allison Shapiro  
Biochemistry: Avalon Garcia  
Biology: Adam Kavalier  
Business: Cary Lange  
Comparative Literature: Kai Kreinke, Alexander Moudrov  
Computer Science: Hasan Adekoya  
Earth/Environmental Science: Angelos Lampousis

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Educational Psychology: Leslie Craigo  
Engineering, Biomedical: Veronica Lopez (excused)  
Engineering, Chemical: Mehrdad Kheiripour  
English: Louise Geddes  
Hisp./Luso-Braz. L&L: Hyon Kim  
History: Jameel Haque  
Liberal Studies: Nazreen Bacchus (excused)  
Music DMA: Barbara Podgursky  
Music PhD: Inessa Bazayev, Jason Hooper  
Political Science: Jen Gaboury, Aaron Ibur  
Psychology, Clinical: Nora Goudsmit  
Psychology, Forensic: Ryan Copple  
Psychology Social Personality: Elizabeth Velilla  
At-Large: Valerie Futch, Lee Hachadoorian, James Hoff, Lindsay Krasnoff (excused), James Lyles, Tina Lee (excused), Amy Meyers, Frank Muscara, Tieuvi Nguyen (excused), Farishta Satari

**Guests Present:**

Linda Edwards (Acting Provost)

**Total Members and Voting Alternates Present: 38**

**Total Members Absent: 34**

**Chair:** Ericka Calton

**Minutes:** Kate Wilson

**Meeting Called to Order at 6:08 p.m.**

- I. Invited Speaker: Dr. Linda Edwards, Acting Provost. Dr. Edwards announced results of academic analytic program rankings; a database on faculty productivity; a reception for students recently advanced to PhD candidacy status, 3/21/2007; and a new professional development grant, \$1000 cap, for departments. Questioned about how to locate Professional Development courses on the GC website, she asked students to email her a note about this.
- II. Approval of Agenda and Old minutes
  - B. Vollman moved to approve current agenda; C. Wojtkowski seconded**  
**Unanimous approval**
  - D. Golland motioned amendments; B. Vollman seconded**  
**Unanimous approval**
  - C. Braxton motioned approval of agenda; C. Wojtkowski seconded**  
**Unanimous approval**
  - C. Lieberman motion to approve amendments to 12/8/2006 Minutes**  
**V. Sainato second**  
**Unanimous approval**
  - C. Wojtkowski motion approval of old minutes; B. Vollman seconded**  
**Unanimous approval**
- III. DSC Standing Committee Reports

**A. Community Building – C. Lieberman**

Report on the meeting held earlier on 2/23, with resulting recommendations for the Plenary: a weekly coffee-hour on Wednesday evenings, conducted by Patrina Huff, at approximate cost of \$25/week, or \$250 for the semester; purchase (already made) of three (3) coffee-urns (total c. \$90); purchases of four (4) couches at c. \$400/each for both social rooms; purchase of a ping-pong table. Concerns were raised about needing more “bodies” to run weekly coffee-hour, and ensuring that pool table “doesn’t just sit there,” and for DSC approving purchase of coffee urns *de facto*.

**R. Faunce motioned to divide the question**

**B. Vollman motioned for *de facto* approval of purchase of coffee urns**

**D. Golland seconded; unanimous approval**

**C. Lieberman motioned to approve purchase of 4 couches**

**Clarification of approximate total, with moving fees, c. \$2000**

**Sainato seconded.**

**35 for; 3 opposed**

**C. Lieberman motioned to approve purchase of ping-pong table, c. \$300**

**B. Vollman motioned to lay the question of the purchase on the table**

**K. Wilson seconded tabling**

**36 for; 3 opposed**

**C. Lieberman motioned to allot \$25/weekly for coffee-hour**

**M. Broder seconded**

**34 for; 4 opposed**

**B. Scholarship Development Committee – L. Kennedy**

***MISSING THIS REPORT***

**C. Health Issues Committee – D. Santiago**

***MISSING THIS REPORT***

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Elections – B. Vollman**

Clarify routes of voting: through DSC website, email, paper ballot (mailed)

Confirmed that update on the December Constitutional amendments (on media board article) will be mailed with the election ballots

**B. Media Board Election – DSO seat nominations**

**Lauren Mondo nominated Mary Ignati**

**R. Nazari nominated David Golland**

**C. Wojtkowski nominates Celia Braxton**

**D. Golland withdrew**

**Nominations accepted unanimously**

**V. Adjunct Project Report – Carl Lindskoog**

The Adjunct Project coordinator reported on giving testimony to state government in Albany; on PSC negotiations, reporting as top concerns health insurance and wage rates; on work with PSC part-timer group, seeking help recruiting campus organizers.

Questions raised about health insurance stipulations, with concerns about summer teaching not counting; comparison drawn to full-time faculty being paid extra for teaching summers. Next Adjunct Project meeting after the first Friday PSC meeting in March.

**VI. Co-chair for Student Affairs Report – Chong Wojtkowski**

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- A. Report on recent DSC Spring coffee hour
  - B. Report on upcoming campus visit to Queens
  - C. Report on upcoming DSC spring party, 3/16/2007, 7-11pm
  - D. Explained new Chartered Organization newsletter
- VII. Co-chair for Communications Report – Ericka Calton
- A. Explain DSC listserve via Google.com. Explained its configurations, choices; plan to post a link to listserve on CUNYDSC.org. Discussion of whether it can be forward to bulk list; discussion of whether department reps sift digest emails, or forward whole. Raise the issue of APOs who neglect to forward GC messages. Desire expressed for “email forwarding” for GC Outlook email program; discussion of possibilities (popserve) and complications.
  - B. Encourage submitting articles to the *Advocate*
- VIII. Co-Chair for Business Management Report – Brenda Vollman
- A. Report numbers of grants requested/awarded. Clarify the question of refreshments for Cultural Affairs (precluded) vs. Professional Development (not specified). Recommend submitting much earlier than event; turnaround approximately 1-2 weeks. Discuss relation to new Provost grants to departments.
  - B. Report on Budget – will provide proposal for 2007-8 budget. Invite suggestions from Reps.
  - C. Suggests increasing departmental allocations per semester to \$3/student or \$180/minimum per semester. Clarify that unspent funds revert to the State. Suggestion raised that Childcare center needs money.
- B. Vollman motions to increase allocations in 2007-8**  
**R. Faunce seconded**
- D. Golland requested clarification about whether amount was specified in DSC constitution and recommends just voting on entire budget in later plenary, rather than on a separate motion.
- B. Vollman withdrew motion**
- IX. U.S.S. Report – Rouzbeh Nazari
- A. Reported that there was not quorum to vote on the Master Plan. Discussion about USS proposed fee increase.
- X. Graduate Council Proxies – Ericka Calton
- A. DSC needs 2 proxies for upcoming Grad Council meeting.
- XI. New Business
- A. Research Foundation – Stephanie D. Cabonargi  
Report on Research Foundation processes. Since RF dog-ears funds for new GC faculty, S. Cabonargi would like to propose analogous funds for GC students, and seeks ideas. Suggestions of liaison for student research projects; for designing workshops by discipline areas (e.g., humanities). Clarification about why not use as grants for conferences.
  - B. Library Photocopying issues – R. Faunce. Ad hoc committee to handle problem of defunct card reimbursement, will meet library representative Julie Cunningham. Complaint about “secret policy” on card refund: students can turn cards into library for refund.
  - C. GC Email Issues – Pam Proscia (?).

1. Spam -- Complaint about "Proof point" emails in GC Outlook email, which report Spam checks. Note that other CUNYs regulate Spam without cluttering in-boxes. Suggestion to route those messages to trash folder.
2. Discussion of lack of printer paper in library, especially Sunday. Will talk to Bob Campbell. Discussion of overlap of oversight by IT, Library, and Tech-fee committee. D. Golland recommends a student to cross-over in all committees. Celia Braxton volunteers to serve on Library Committee.
3. Interlibrary Loan – complaint on difficulty returning ILL books

**XII. Announcements**

- A. Ballot Stuffing party March 23 – B. Vollman
- B. Reminder to DSC reps to notify if you can't attend plenary – E. Calton

**C. Vollman motions to adjourn; C. Wojtkowski seconded  
Unanimous approval**