



**Members and Voting Alternates Present:**

Anthropology: Kate Griffiths  
Biochemistry: Avalon Garcia  
Chemistry: Marie Thomas  
Classics: Michael Broder  
Comparative Literature: Alexander Moudrov  
Computer Science: Hasan Adekoya, Mohamed Saad  
Criminal Justice: David Caspi (by proxy: Alissa Ackerman), Charles Lieberman  
Engineering, Biomedical: Veronica Lopez  
Engineering, Civil: Rouzbeh Nazari  
Engineering, Electrical: Rex Wong  
English: Rob Faunce, Tina Meyerhoff  
French: Chong Wojtkowski  
Hisp./Luso-Braz. L&L: Hyon Kim  
History: David Golland, Jameel Haque  
Mathematics: Brooke Orosz  
Music DMA: Barbara Podgursky (by proxy: \_\_\_\_\_)  
Political Science: Jen Gaboury, Patricia Nobbe, Zeeshan Suhail (by proxy: Walter Hurt)  
Psychology, Environmental: Stephanie Domenici  
Psychology, I/O: Lauren Mondo  
Psychology, Learning Processes: Adrienne Robek  
Psychology, Neuro.: Robyn Powers  
Psychology Social Personality: Elizabeth Velilla  
Social Welfare: Denise Torres  
Sociology: Binh Pok  
Theatre: Kate Wilson  
Urban Education: Lynda Kennedy  
At-Large: Celia Braxton, Ericka Calton, Lee Hachadoorian, Amber Hui, Ian Jones, Lindsay Krasnoff, Amy Meyers, Dion Powell, Pamela Proscia, Vincenzo Sainato, Brenda Vollman

**Members Absent:**

Anthropology: Martha Lincoln  
Biology: Jillian De Gezelle  
Art History: Tara Burk (excused)  
Audiology: Allison Shapiro (excused)  
Biology: Adam Kavalier (excused)  
Business: Cary Lange  
Comparative Literature: Kai Kreinke

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Earth/Environmental Science: Angelos Lampousis (excused)  
Economics: Andrew Bossie  
Educational Psychology: Leslie Craigo (excused)  
Engineering, Chemical: Mehrdad Kheiripour (excused)  
English: Louise Geddes  
Liberal Studies: Nazreen Bacchus  
Linguistics: Ji Young Shim (excused)  
Music PhD: Inessa Bazayev, Jason Hooper  
Philosophy: Christopher Sula  
Psychology, Clinical: Nora Goudsmit  
Psychology, Forensic: Ryan Copple  
At-Large: Gregory Donovan (excused), Valerie Futch, James Hoff, Amber Hui, Patrina Huff, James Lyles, Tina Lee, Frank Muscara (excused), Vincenzo Sainato

**Guests Present:**

Steve Brier (Vice President for Information Technology and External Programs) and Bob Campbell (Associate Vice President for Information Technology)

**Total Members and Voting Alternates Present: 43**

**Total Members Absent: 28**

**Chair:** Kate Wilson

**Minutes:** Rouzbeh Nazari

**Meeting Called to Order at 6:05 p.m.**

- I. Invited Speakers: Steve Brier talks about new graduate center plan for using new software system and announces their new program called Bright Idea Contest. Bob Campbell speaks about his new experience in Graduate Center. He explains the process of replacing 300 new PCs with help of President. The new PCs will be placed in student areas by 2/3 and lastly the challenges and limitations of wireless access system in the building being stated.
- II. Approval of Agenda
  - C. Wojtkowski moved to approve current agenda; D. Golland seconded  
D. Golland motioned amendments; B. Vollman seconded  
Unanimous approval
- III. Approval of February Minutes
  - D. Golland motion approval of old minutes; K. Wilson seconded  
Unanimous approval
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Elections ballot stuffing Party – C. Wojtkowski  
Clarify routes of voting: through DSC website, email, paper ballot (mailed)

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

B. Appeal Committee Rep. - Ericka Calton

E. Calton and D. Golland explained the purpose of this new college-wide faculty/student committee.

**Nominees: Linda Kennedy and Amy Meyers**

**R. Faunce Motioned to approve to have alternate Rep. for appeal committee; B. Vollman**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Unanimous approval**

**Linda Kennedy elected as Rep. and Amy Meyers as Alternate.**

V. Co-chair for Student Affairs Report – Chong Wojtkowski

A. Election tabling – Volunteers needs.

C. Wojtkowski called for volunteers for election tabling to attract more students. Plenary being asked to be more involved and encourage students to vote.

B. Chartered Organization

Encourage chartered organization to be more active, some of them haven't move to their offices, what are they doing with the chartered status and maybe they should report at the end of the year and maybe rewrite the bylaw about this particular matter.

VI. Co-chair for Communications Report – Ericka Calton

A. Recruitment

Plenary members been suggested to encourage students from departments with missing representatives.

B. DSC Group Page and Discussion

D. Golland asked if the Media Board had met, stating that there was a meeting scheduled for March 9 to conduct annual reports for senior media staff. E. Calton replied that there had not been a meeting and D. Golland was the only person expecting one.

VII. Co-Chair for Business Management Report – Brenda Vollman

A. Department Allocations

Department allocation money wouldn't change in the next year's budget and stays \$3 per person or \$180 per department. Reps can use their department allocation and submit their receipts before June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

B. Budget Discussion

B. Vollman explains the budget plan for next year. Clarify that unspent funds revert to the State. Suggestion raised that Childcare center needs money.

D. Golland asked why the Media Board budget request was not included in any form in the draft budget. B. Vollman replied that she had never received the budget request, and that she had only walked in on the last few minutes of the Media Board meeting when the request was approved. D. Golland stated that the budget request was in the DSC intranet.

D. Golland suggested that due to its importance, more time might be spent on the budget.

**B. Vollman motion to spend more time on the budget.**

**Motion Fails by 6 vs 8**

**B. Vollman withdrew motion**

**VIII. 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.

**IX. DSC Standing Committee Reports**

**A. Health Issues- Denise**

Spoke about spoke about having had an HIC meeting right before the plenary and having charted out what the committee will do in future. She mentions the importance of creating momentum in our students and health committee's participation in the annual health fair and raising the awareness about health issues by writing in our Google group and writing article for the Advocate in order to create an interactive discussion. She encouraged folks to share their thoughts about pressing health issues and asked that people share horror stories they have had with health insurance.

- B. Community Building – C. Lieberman  
Coffee hours progress been discussed

- C. Scholarship Development Committee – B. Vollman

**B. Vollman Amend to move Scholarship Development Committee to Ad-Hoc Committee**

**D. Golland 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Unanimous**

**X. DSC Ad-Hoc or Grad Council Committee Reports**

**A. Library Committee- Rob Faunce**

R. Faunce reported on the changes from 6 week to 3 week the loan period at CUNY libraries for graduate students. D. Golland and I. Jones commented. R. Faunce reported that a protest letter is being generated for submission to the Provost, among others, and that R. Nazari has been briefed on responding to the issue when it is raised at USS. R. Faunce reported on the various issues related to the recent raise in prices for copies at Mina Rees, including the successful campaign to create another amnesty week after Spring Break for trade-in of old Library copy cards.

**Rob Faunce motions to create standing committee for Library; D Golland 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Unanimous**

**XI. New Business**

**A. Film Studies Group- Chong**

**C. Wojtkowski Moves to accept submission of the constitution for the cinema studies group; D. Golland 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Unanimous**

**XII. Announcements**

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A. Invite reps to Ballot Stuffing party-Chong

**XIII. Adjournment**

**K. Willson motions to adjourn; R. Nazari seconded  
Unanimous approval**

**K. Wilson adjourned meeting at 8:00 PM  
Respectfully submitted by Rouzbeh Nazari**