



**Graduate Center, CUNY  
Doctoral Students' Council  
Plenary Minutes**

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007—6pm**

**Members and Voting Alternates Present:**

Anthropology: Javiela Evangelista  
Audiology: Allison Shapiro  
Biology: Kathleen Uvino (by proxy: Paul McBreen), Lisa Offringa  
Chemistry: Clayton Mattis, Nancy Medina  
Classics: Michael Broder  
Comparative Literature: Andrea Efthymiou, Adele Kudish  
Computer Science: Omer Demir, Deniz Sarioz  
Criminal Justice: Alissa Ackerman, Crystal Rodriguez  
Earth/Environmental Science: Angelos Lampousis (by proxy: Lee Hachadoorian)  
Educational Psychology: Darshanand Ramdass  
Engineering Civil: Rouzbeh Nazari  
Engineering Mechanical: Rex Wong  
English: Kerdiana Chez , Rob Faunce, Cori Gabbard  
French: Chong Wojtkowski  
Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Lit: Teresa Darwich  
History: Jameel Haque, Carl Lindscoog  
Linguistics: Elizabeth Pratt  
Mathematics: Micah Miller, Brooke Orosz  
Philosophy: Chris Sula  
Political Science: April Henning, Aaron Ibur  
Psychology: Industrial and Organizational: Jessica Anderson  
Psychology: Learning Processes: Matthew Taylor  
Social Welfare: Denise Torres  
Sociology: Jesse Goldstein  
Theatre: Ana Martinez  
Urban Education: Kierstin Greene (by proxy: Patrina Huff)

At-large Reps: Ericka Calton, Randy Cota, Gregory Donovan, Dave Golland, Robin Hizme, Fiona Lee, Charles Lieberman, Anton Masterovoy, Frank Muscara, Pamela Proscia, Meghan Sacks, Aya Shohat

Alternates: Mirian Zavala (Nursing), Michael Busch (Political Science, non-voting)  
Guests: Matt Lau (Advocate), Elise Perram, Tina Lee

**Members Absent:**

Anthropology: Mariya Radeva  
Engineering Chemical: Mehrdad Kheiripour  
Music-DMA: Judy Woo (excused)  
Music PhD: Inessa Bazayev  
Nursing: Marie Giordano (excused)  
Psychology: Cognition, Brain, Behavior: Janina Scarlet  
Psychology: Environmental: Stephanie Domenici Cabonargi  
Psychology: Social Personality: Rachel Verni (excused)  
Sociology: Valerie Francisco (excused)

At-Large Reps: Nazreen Bacchus, Jenny Bouilly, Amy Meyers, Geoff Rab, Brenda Vollman, Kate Wilson, Danielle Wu

Members Present: 49; Members Absent: 16

-- D R A F T --

Chair: Charles Lieberman

Minutes: Rob Faunce

Meeting called to order at 6:12 PM

- I. C. Lieberman welcomes newly elected representatives, and each representative introduces him/herself. K. Wilson discusses the roles in the DSC of the Steering and Executive Committees, as well as reviewing the makeup of DSC meetings and membership. R. Faunce elaborates on the role of Robert's Rules of Order at meetings. The agenda is ratified with unanimous consent.
- II. Discussion of Upcoming and Ongoing Issues
  - A. Email forwarding and IT issues: E. Calton mentions that roaming drives will be available in Spring 2008. T. Lee discusses that the library will be introducing a new printing system designed to cut down on printing waste in the new school year. R. Faunce mentions that there are no immediate plans to implement quotas, per Mina Rees management. G. Donovan adds that the new system is there to keep track of the usage of printing abusers.
  - B. Website Development and DSC Group Page: E. Calton discusses the current status of the forums and the Google Groups page.
  - C. Chartered Organizations: C. Wojtkowski notes that the DSC has a record number (27) of chartered organizations this year, up four from last school year.
  - D. Representation of Off-Campus Departments/Students: C. Wojtkowski discusses the aims and relevance of off-campus DSC visits.
  - E. Scholarship Development: C. Wojtkowski (for B. Vollman) elaborates on the six \$1,000 scholarships being distributed in the upcoming year. D. Torres adds that the scholarships are being distributed by academic clusters, to ensure fair distribution by disciplines.
  - F. Grant Writing Workshops: S. Domenici discusses the benefits these workshops provide students participating in data collection and for developing research potential.
  - G. Health Fair: D. Torres mentions that 187 visitors participated ("very successful" per the Wellness Center's Annabella Bernard). D. Torres felt that the advertising in the Advocate, as well as the ongoing presence of Ian Jones and Lynda Kennedy's articles in the Advocate contributed to the overall awareness being raised of health issues at the GC. C. Wojtkowski adds reference to the Wellness Center referendum of last academic year. D. Torres mentions that M. Clancy is retiring from the Wellness Center on July 31, and that any lab work needs to be submitted by June 15.

- H. Communication with our Constituents: C. Wojtkowski discusses the varying levels of notification students receive from APOs and need for our continued communication as reps with our students.
- I. Working with PSC-CUNY: C. Lindskoog discusses his role as liaison.
- J. Library Committee: R. Faunce briefs on the genesis of the committee, and the aims for the upcoming year.

### III. Discussion of Positions

C. Wojtkowski reviews the job duties of the three Co-Chair positions which concomitantly serve as the Executive Committee and as members of the Steering Committee. C. Wojtkowski reviews the duties of the Steering Committee. K. Wilson likens the role of Steering Committee members to sailors who keep the boat running. M. Broder points out the stipends received by all members of the Steering Committee. C. Lieberman affirms that members put in three office hours a week plus meetings and various event duties that make a significant time commitment. R. Faunce points out the triangular effect of the DSC body, which makes the Executive Committee accountable to the Steering Committee, and both bodies accountable to Plenary. R. Nazari discusses the duties of the USS representative. D. Golland discusses the makeup of the Media Board and the functions of the webmaster and the media representatives. S. Domenici discusses the role of the Research Foundation Board. G. Donovan discusses the role of the Tech Fee Board.

### IV. Elections

- A. Co-Chair for Student Affairs: M. Broder nominates C. Wojtkowski (declines). R. Faunce nominates D. Torres (accepts). S. Domenici nominates G. Donovan (accepts). D. Golland moves to close nominations. K. Wilson seconds. Motion passes with unanimous consent. D. Torres and G. Donovan speak to their qualifications for the position. D. Golland asks each about their vision. L. Hatchidoorian asks about their liaising skills. D. Golland moves to close discussion. K. Wilson seconds. Motion passes with unanimous consent. Discussion regarding the candidates (candidates out of room). Vote tally: G. Donovan 32, D. Torres 20, G. Donovan is elected Co-Chair for Student Affairs.
- B. Co-Chair for Communications: P. Huff nominates G. Donovan (accepts). D. Torres nominates R. Faunce (accepts). S. Domenici nominates E. Calton (declines). G. Donovan withdraws nomination. D. Golland moves to close nominations and bypass discussion. C. Lieberman seconds. Motion passes with unanimous consent. Vote tally: R. Faunce 38, E. Calton 1, G. Donovan 1, C. Lieberman 1. R. Faunce is elected Co-Chair for Communications.
- C. Co-Chair for Business: Aaron Ibur nominates D. Torres (accepts). M. Broder nominates B. Vollman (proxy accepted by C. Wojtkowski). D. Golland moves to close nominations. M. Zavala seconds. Motion passes with unanimous consent. D. Torres speaks to her qualifications for the position. T. Lee asks about organizational skills. C. Lieberman moves to close discussion. K. Wilson seconds. Motion passes with unanimous consent. Discussion regarding the candidates (candidates out of room). Vote tally: B. Vollman 37, D. Torres 14. B. Vollman is elected Co-Chair for Business.
- D. Steering Committee: E. Calton nominated A. Efthymiou (accepts). C. Lieberman nominates A. Ackerman (accepts). J. Haque nominates A. Masterovoy (accepts). E. Calton nominates D. Wu (accepts). J. Haque nominates K. Wilson (declines). R.

- Wong nominates D. Torres (accepts). M. Border nominates C. Lieberman (accepts). D. Golland nominates B. Vollman (accepts). N. Medina nominates P. Proscia (accepts). G. Donovan nominates P. Huff (declines). C. Lieberman nominates N. Medina (accepts). D. Golland moves to close nominations. R. Nazari seconds. Motion passes with unanimous consent. Each candidate speaks to their qualifications for the position. C. Lieberman moves to close discussion. M. Broder seconds. Motion passes with unanimous consent. Candidates leave room. R. Faunce assumes Chair, K. Wilson assumes Minutes. Voting begins before discussion. Candidates return to room for vote on motion. K. Wilson motions to remove the fifteen votes cast before discussion began. E. Calton seconds. Motion does not carry. Candidates leave room. Discussion regarding the candidates (candidates out of room). Vote tally: N. Medina 37, D. Torres 32, D. Wu 32, C. Lieberman 31, A. Masterovoy 31, A. Ackerman 27, A. Efthymiou 24, P. Proscia 20. N. Medina, D. Torres, D. Wu, C. Lieberman, A. Masterovoy, A. Ackerman are elected to the Steering Committee. C. Lieberman resumes Chair, R. Faunce resumes Minutes. Motion for break by E. Calton. C. Lieberman seconds. Motion withdrawn.
- E. Media Board Members (out-of-order to facilitate vote processing for Steering Committee): E. Calton nominates M. Inanni (withdrawn). C. Wojtkowski nominates E. Calton (declines). E. Calton nominates C. Wojtkowski (accepts). E. Calton nominates herself. R. Faunce nominates D. Golland (Accepts). S. Domenici nominates P. McBreen (declines) and P. Huff (declines). M. Broder moves to close nominations. P. McBreen seconds. Motion passes with unanimous consent. P. Proscia asks who has served before. R. Wong asks about Google Groups. R. Nazari moves to close discussion. M. Broder seconds. Motion passes with unanimous consent. Candidates leave room. Discussion regarding the candidates (candidates out of room). Vote tally: E. Calton 34, C. Wojtkowski 29, D. Golland 7. E. Calton and C. Wojtkowski are elected to the Media Board.
- F. USS Representative: K. Wilson assumes Minutes. R. Nazari nominates J. Anderson (accepts) and self. C. Wojtkowski moves to close nominations and bypass discussion. R. Nazari seconds. Motion passes with unanimous consent. Vote tally: J. Anderson 35, R. Nazari 1. J. Anderson is elected USS Representative, with R. Nazari elected alternate.
- G. Research Foundation Board Member: M. Zavala nominates self. S. Domenici nominates self. C. Wojtkowski moves to close nominations. A. Ibur seconds. Motion passes with unanimous consent. M. Zavala and S. Domenici speak to their qualifications for the position. K. Wilson moves to close discussion. C. Wojtkowski seconds. Motion passes with unanimous consent. Candidates leave room. Discussion regarding the candidates (candidates out of room). Vote tally: S. Domenici 36, M. Zavala 2. S. Domenici is elected to the Research Foundation Board.
- H. Tech Fee Board Members: L. Hatchidoorian nominates C. Sula (accepts) and G. Donovan (accepts). C. Sula nominates L. Hatchidoorian (accepts). C. Lieberman nominates C. Rodriguez (declines). M. Broder nominates M. Zavala (declines). P. McBreen nominates I. Jones (by proxy). A. Ackerman nominates self. M. Broder moves to close nominations. R. Nazari seconds. Motion passes with unanimous consent. Each candidate speaks to their qualifications for the position. C. Wojtkowski moves to close discussion. K. Wilson seconds. Motion passes with unanimous consent. Candidates leave room. Discussion regarding the candidates (candidates out of room). Vote tally: L. Hatchidoorian 34, C. Sula 34, A. Ackerman

31, G. Donovan 31, I. Jones 17. L. Hatchidoorian, C. Sula, A. Ackerman, G. Donovan are elected to the Tech Fee Board.

- V. Announcements: C. Wojtkowski elaborates that this is the time in the agenda for members to make announcements. P. Huff mentions the end of the year party in Prospect Park on May 26 at 2pm. E. Calton discusses signing up for Google Groups. D. Torres comments that any reactions to the CUNY Master Plan need to be made by June 8 to the President's Office.
- VI. Adjournment. E. Calton moves to adjourn. R. Nazari seconds. Motion passes with unanimous consent. Meeting ended at 8:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rob Faunce