

**Doctoral Students Council Plenary Minutes
 2009 05 14, 6pm (DSCE)**

Members Present:

	Theirry Agbotouedo	Amy Martin
	Colin Ashley	Edwin Mayorga
	Carolina Barrera-Tobón	Leigh McCallen
	Kyle Bauser	Scott McFarland
	Jill Belli	Amiel Melnick
	Andrew Bossie	Amanda Mentzer
	Anick Boyd	Ben Miller
	Susan Brillhart	Chrissy Mitakakis
	Jeffrey Broxmeyer	Valia Mitsou
	Joost Burgers	Keith Miyake
Plenary	Gina Campelia	Chrissy Nadler
	Karen Collie	Carlos Penaloza
	Boris Daussà-Pastor	Naomi Perley
Steering Committee	Anne Donlon	Anthony Perri
	Gregory Donovan	Jeremy Rafal
Constitution and Bylaws	David Elliott	Jim Rice
	Kyle Ferguson	Shawn Rice
Media Board	Desiree Fields	Astrid Roland
	Ian Foster	Jeremy Seideman
Health Issues	Maggie Galvan	Jared Simard
	Katie Gill	Jennifer Sloan
	Claire Golden	Lindsey Smith
Cultural Affairs	Sonia Gonzalez	Patricia Stapleton
	Nicole Hanson	Arthur Starr
	Ben Hellwege	Jordan Stokes
Professional Development	Wioletta Jaworska	Chris Alen Sula
	Jennifer Johnson	Suzanne Tamang
	Bijan Kimiagar	Rachel Verni
	Christina Kirkman	Tatiana Schnieder
	Eero Laine	Erja Vettenranta
	Kim Libman	Megan Welsh
	Aramis Lopez	Monique Whitaker
	Rachel Marcus	Mary Wright
	Kristin Margelot	Paige Yellen
		Sarah Jordan

Members Absent:

Stephen Boatright	Michael Lubing
Rachel Brungard	Tiwi Marira
Sharina Cabrera	Rishi Mathura
Denise Cruz	Edwin Mayorga
Annie Dell'Aria	Erica Meltzer
Edwin Demper	Katherine Mendis
Tami Farber	Chrissy Mitakakis
Claire Fontaine	H. Roz Woll
David Heayn	Melissa Zavala
Syed Islam	

Meeting called to order at 6:11 p.m.

Chair: Shawn Rice (SR)

I. Approval of Agenda

Jared Simard (JS1) motions to approve the agenda; Tony Perri (TP) seconds. Motion passes.

II. Orientation to DSC

SR explains structure of representation, duties of representatives, and DSC initiatives. Suzanne Tamang (ST) explains chartered organizations. Chris Sula (CS) explains 2010/11 budget and funding policies.

III. Ratification of New Representatives

SR explains that two programs have petitioned to create seats for the 2010/11 term and recommended Tatiana Schnieder (Psychology: Biopsych/Behav Neuro) and Sarah Jordan (Psychology: Forensic) as representatives. CS motions to ratify these representatives; Jeremy Seideman (JS2) seconds; motion passes.

CS and ST summarize discussion with Student Affairs regarding voting records. Under New York State Open Meetings Law and Freedom of Information Law, the DSC is required to maintain a record of how all representatives vote on each motion. This record may be obtained by written request in compliance with FOIL. Because of concerns raised by several representatives regarding elections, it was agreed that Allyson Foster (AF), former USS Delegate whose term has expired and is not a voting member of the DSC this term, act as custodian of the data. AF will view and report aggregate voting results during the meeting, send a copy of the records to Matt Schoengood, Vice President for Student Affairs, and destroy all other copies. CS asks if there are any questions; hearing none, the meeting proceeds.

Desiree Fields (DF) notes that offers standing for re-election are running the meeting. SR cedes chair and CS calls for volunteers to chair the meeting. Hearing none, CS suggests former Co-Chair Gregory Donovan (GC), who accepts and assume chair without objection at 6:37 p.m.

IV. Elections

a. Co-Chair for Student Affairs

GD and ST explain the duties of the Co-Chair for Student Affairs.

GD opens nominations:

CS nominates ST; ST declines.

ST nominees Eero Laine (EL); EL accepts.

Hearing no other nominations, GD closes nominations. The candidate discusses his qualifications for the position. GD invites the candidate to leave the room while discussion occurs. Voting is conducted, with results held until after the election of the Co-Chair for Business, per the Constitution.

b. Co-Chair for Communications

GD and SR explain the duties of the Co-Chair for Communications.

GD opens nominations:

SR nominates himself.

GD nominates Kim Libman (KL); KL accepts.

Hearing no other nominations, GD closes nominations. The candidates discuss their qualifications for the position. GD invites the candidates to leave the room while discussion occurs. Voting is conducted, with results held until after the election of the Co-Chair for Business, per the Constitution.

c. Co-Chair for Business

GD and CS explain the duties of the Co-Chair for Business.

GD opens nominations:

Jill Belli (JB) nominates CS; CS accepts.

Hearing no other nominations, GD closes nominations. The candidate discusses his qualifications for the position. No discussion occurs. Voting is conducted, with results held until after the election of the Co-Chair for Business, per the Constitution.

AF announces the winners of the following elections:

Co-Chair for Student Affairs: EL

Co-Chair for Communications: KL

Co-Chair for Business: CS

d. University Student Senate (USS) Delegate

GD and AF explain the duties of the USS Delegate.

GD opens nominations:

ST nominates JB; JB accepts.

Hearing no other nominations, GD closes nominations. The candidate discusses her qualifications for the position. No discussion occurs. Voting is conducted.

AF announces the winner of the election for USS Delegate: JB.

e. University Faculty Senate (UFS) Liaison

GD and Anick Boyd (AB) explain the duties of the UFS Liaison.

GD opens nominations:

JB nominates AB; AB accepts.

Hearing no other nominations, GD closes nominations. The candidate discusses her qualifications for the position. No discussion occurs. Voting is conducted.

AF announces the winner of the election for USS Delegate: AB.

f. At-Large Steering Officers

GD, SR, CS, and ST explain the duties of the six At-Large Steering Officers, noting that the Steering Committee-Elect will appoint each to one of six specific domains: Funding, Governance and Membership, Health and Wellness, Outreach, Student Life and Services, and Technology and Library.

GD opens nominations:

JS1 nominates SR; SR accepts.

EL nominates JS1; JS1 accepts.

AB nominates ST; ST accepts.

CS nominates Leigh McCallen (LMC); LMC accepts.

JB nominates Kyle Ferguson (KF); KF accepts.

GD nominates Bijan Kimiagar (BK); BK declines.

ST nominates GD; GD declines.

EL nominates Boris Duassá-Pastor (BDP); BDP accepts.

JS1 nominates TP; TP accepts.

ST nominates Patricia Stapleton (PS), Christina Nadler (CN) and Desiree Fields (DF); PS is not present to accept; CN and DF accept.

Katie Gill (KG) nominates Steve McFarland (SMF); SMF declines.

SMF nominates KG; KG declines.

Colin Ashley (CA) nominates Edwin Mayorga (EM); EM accepts.

Hearing no other nominations, GD closes nominations. The candidates discuss their qualifications for the position. GD invites the candidates to leave the room while discussion occurs. Voting is conducted.

AF announces the winners of the election for At-Large Steering Officer: BDP, KF, LM, SR, JS1, and ST.

g. Student Technology Fee Committee

GD, JB, and SR explain the duties of the student representatives to the Student Technology Fee Committee.

GD opens nominations:

Margaret Galvin (MG) nominates Ben Miller (BM); BM accepts.

BM nominates MG; MG accepts.

KG nominates Keith Miyake (KM1); KM1 accepts.

ST nominates herself.

SMF nominates Jim Rice (JR); JR accepts.

Hearing no other nominations, GD closes nominations. The candidates discuss their qualifications for the position. No discussion occurs. Voting is conducted.

AF announces the winners of the election for student representatives to the Student Technology Fee Committee: BM, MG, and ST with KM1 and JR as alternates.

- h. Media Board
GD and SR explain the duties of the DSC representatives to Media Board.

GD opens nominations:

CS nominates SR; SR accepts.
JB nominates Anne Donlon (AD); AD accepts

Hearing no other nominations, CS motions to close nominations and appoint SR and AD as DSC Representatives to Media Board; EL seconds. Motion passes.

- i. Auxiliary Enterprise Board
GD, SR, and CS explain the duties of the student representatives to the Auxiliary Enterprise Board.

GD opens nominations:

JB nominates GD; GD declines.
KG nominates DF; DF accepts.
Kristin Margelot (KM2) nominates herself.
KL nominates Rachel Verni (RV); RV accepts.
CS nominates SR; SR accepts.

Hearing no other nominations, GD closes nominations. Voting is conducted.

AF announces the winners of the election for student representatives to the Auxiliary Enterprise Board: DF and SR.

- j. College Association
GD, SR, and CS explain the duties of the student representatives to College Association.

GD opens nominations:

Edwin Denver (ED) nominates himself.
JR nominates SMF; SMF declines.
Thierry Agbotouedo (TA) nominates himself.

Hearing no other nominations, KM2 motions to close nominations and appoint ED and TA as student representatives to College Association; EL seconds. Motion passes.

V. Solicitation for Committee Members

CS and SR explain the duties of the five standing committees of the DSC and ask for representatives to volunteer their names for consideration by the Steering Committee, which appoints the members of each committee. Signup sheets are circulated.

VI. Announcements

CS thanks all representatives for their patience at this unusually long but important meeting.

VII. Adjournment

CS motions to adjourn; JB seconds. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Alen Sula