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## Plenary Agenda October 29, 2010

I. Approval of Agenda

1. With amendments, addition of item III (Ratification of New Representative), CS motions, BM seconds, 98% (50) approve, 1 nay

II. Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2010

1. With corrections, KG motions, TP seconds, 46 approve, 4 nay, 2 abstain

III. Ratification of New Representative

1. Anthropology, Esteban Kelly, 50 approve, 2 nay, 1 abstention

IV. Executive Committee Reports

1. Co-Chair for Student Affairs (Eero Laine)

a. Potential Orgs

i. Association for Critical Theory (ACT ): Nathan Wallace, Jaime Eruzi present charter

ii. CUNY Internationalist Club: Arto R[NAME] presents charter

b. Student Mentoring Survey

- i. To be disseminating by Student Services Committee
- c. Chartered organizations and funding
  - i. Collaboration between chartered orgs encouraged for events; some orgs do not spend their full allotment per semester
- 2. Co-Chair for Communications (Kim Libman)
  - a. Travel and Research
    - i. Specifics of application and awards for T&R clarified
    - ii. Members of plenary raise concerns about EO's signing off on T&R forms
  - b. Bikes
    - i. Working on it
  - c. NYSHIP meeting w/ Scott Voorhees
    - i. Survey and article shown to Les Williams at 80<sup>th</sup> street
    - ii. November is open enrollment month
  - d. Meeting with Kelly

Plenary

**Executive Committee** 

Steering Committee

Constitution and Bylaws

Grants

Health Issues

Media Board

Outreach

Student Services



- i. Budgets are dire
- e. 5414 being locked for yoga
  - i. issue resolved
- f. OpenCUNY committee
  - Need to create committee to write terms of participation for using OpenCUNY system; plenary encouraged to respond to email and volunteer for committee
- g. CUNY Votes
  - i. Wear the buttons
- h. New Committees through Student Affairs
  - i. Student Academic Progress
    - 1. One student from each of three major clusters
      - a. Melissa Svala, Social Science
      - b. Amy Martin, Humanities
      - c. Katie Gill, EES
  - ii. Enhanced Chancellor's Fellowships Committee
    - 1. Esteban Kelly, Anthropology
    - 2. Naomi Perley, Music
- 3. Co-Chair for Business (Chris Alen Sula)
  - a. Programs need to send list of priority of reps for programs with one more than one rep
  - b. Cost comparison of RA
- 4. USS Delegate (Jill Belli)
  - a. Jill ran for chair and lost
  - b. CUNY symphony orchestra
    - i. Jeremy Rafal, Piano
    - ii. Katherine Mendis, Viola
    - iii. Naomi Perley, Piano
- 5. UFS Liaison (Anick Boyd)
  - a. Letter sent to Sandy Cooper (new chair of UFS)
    - i. Meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - ii. Volunteers for meeting 11/16, 12/14, Tues 6:30pm
      - Email will be sent the day before to Plenary to solicit volunteers
- V. New Business
  - a. Chartering of the Thought Club
    - a. SR motions, CA seconds, 49 approve, motion carries
  - b. Chartering of the CUNY Americanists
    - a. KM motions, BDP seconds, motion carries 46 approve
  - c. Chartering of the Food Studies Collective



- a. DF motions, KG seconds, motion carries (48 approve)
- d. Creation of an Ad-hoc Fundraising Committee
  - a. 5-9 potential members
    - i. Jeremy Rafal, Linguistics
    - ii. Valia Mitsou, Computer Science
    - iii. Melissa Zavalu, Anthropology
    - iv. Jagodisa-Deuasri Dadus, Social Work
    - v. Sharina Maillo, Hispanic and Luso Brazilian
    - vi. Colin Ashley, Sociology
    - vii. Katherine Meudis, Philosophy
    - viii. Tony Perri, Chemistry
    - ix. Naomi Perley, Music
    - x. Megan Welch, Criminal Justice
    - xi. Amy Martin, French
  - b. CS motions to create committee, JS seconds, motion carries
- e. Amendment of DSC bylaws 6 and 8
  - a. Pending revision of first three to a two, GD motions, BDP seconds, motion carried (50 approve)
- f. Appointment of Representative to the College Association
- g. Nomination of Sharina Maillo Pozo, CS motions, SR seconds, motion carries
- VI. Steering Officer Reports
  - a. Officer for Funding (Kyle Ferguson)
  - b. Officer for Governance & Membership (Jared Simard)
    - Discuss and distribute revision to Bylaws pertaining to OpenCUNY;
       language changed for second coordinator to be hired; to be voted on next Plenary
  - c. Officer for Health & Wellness (Leigh McCallen)
    - a. Announcements from Student Affairs
      - i. November is open enrollment for NYSHIP (add/remove spouse
      - ii. Annual prescription drug limit increased to \$3,000 from \$2,500
      - iii. Survey/Advocate article shared with 80<sup>th</sup> street
      - iv. Reminder: Adjuncts need to self report appointment or campus switch to ensure continuation or discontinuation of coverage
    - b. NYSHIP forum event with the Adjunct Project in planning process; need student stories/testimonials
    - Student Wellness and Student Insurance survey; NYSHIP questions to follow-up, also questions about Student Counseling Services and Student Health Services
    - d. DSC online page to share provider information w/ rating system
  - d. Officer for Outreach (Boris Daussà-Pastor)



- a. First event was cancelled due to space limitations
- b. International Students Office collaboration to make documents more transparent, design of new website for International Students
- e. Officer for Student Life & Services (Shawn Rice)
  - a. Yoga survey being designed
  - b. Legal services survey in the works
  - c. Send ideas to Shawn of services
- f. Officer for Technology & Library (Suzanne Tamang)
  - a. Student Tech Fee Survey
    - i. 500+ participated in survey
  - b. Student Tech Blog on OpenCUNY

## VII. Announcements

- 1. Gregory Donovan
  - a. OpenCUNY nomination emails sent today, please contact Gregory if you have applied and not received a confirmation

## VIII. Adjournment

1. DF motions, SR seconds, motion carries