

Plenary Minutes December 17, 2010

Plenary

Executive Committee

Steering Committee

Constitution and Bylaws

Grants

Health Issues

Media Board

Outreach

Student Services

Present: Thierry Agbotouedo, Renthee Anthony, Colin Ashley, Kyle Bauser, Jill Belli, Stephen Boatright, Andrew Bossie, Anick Boyd, Susan Brillhart, Jeff Broxmeyer, Joost Burgers, Rachel Brungard, Sharina Cabrera, Gina Campelia, Karyn Collie, Boris Daussa Pastor, Annie Dell'Aria, Anne Donlon, Gregory Donovan, David Elliott, Tami Farber, Kyle Ferguson, Desi Fields, Stephanie Fiorenza, Claire Fontaine, Ian Foster, Margaret Galvan, Sonia Gonzalez, Nicole Hanson, David Heayn, Ben Hellwege, Naja Hougaard, Wioleta Jaworska, Sarah Jordan, Esteban Kelly, Bijan Kimiagar, Christina Kirkman, Eero Laine, Kim Libman, Aramis Lopez, Michael Lubing, Rachel Marcus, Kristin Margelot, Tiwi Marira, Amy Martin, Rishi Mathura, Edwin Mayorga, Leigh McCallen, Steve McFarland, Erica Meltzer, Katherine Mendis, Amanda Mentzer, Valia Mitsou, Keith Miyake, Christina Nadler, Naomi Perley, Pamela Proscia, Jeremy Rafal, Shawn Rice, Astrid Roldan, Tatiana Schnieder, Jared Simard, Patricia Stapleton, Jordan Stokes, Chris Sula, Suzanne Tamang, Rachel Verni, Megan Welsh, Monique Whitaker, Paige Yellen, Melissa Zavala

Absent: Carolina Barrera Tobon, Edwin Demper, Ben Miller, Chrissy Mitakakis, Anthony Perri, Jeremy Seideman, Syed Islam, H. Roz Woll,

EL calls the meeting to order at 6:58pm.

He announces the DSC is returning to viva voce voting. Although votes will be cast orally, clickers will be used to maintain records of voting. He then reviews which clicker buttons are used to record votes.

Approval of Agenda

KM moves and LM seconds, and the motion carries unanimously

Approval of Minutes

After a brief discussion of emendations SR moves, ADA seconds, and the motion carries with 2 abstentions.

Ratification of new Representatives

For the following: Renthee Anthony, Kyle Bauser, Rachel Brungard, Naja Hougaard, and Stephen Boatright

SJ moves and ADA seconds, motion carries unanimously.

Executive Committee Reports

Co-Chair for Student Affairs (EL)

- EL reminds the Plenary that the sign-up period for Chartered Organization rosters close January 4th, 2010. Some Chartered Organizations are still not active because they need more people to sign their rosters.
- The Fund Raising Committee met and subdivided in to two committees with one focusing on each macro and micro donations. The subcommittees may meet during January.
- The Adjunct Project hiring committee has picked a new coordinator, Stephanie Jones.
- Presentation of Doctoral Theater Students Association constitution by Christopher Silsby, provides history and functions of the group and its constitution.

KM motions to bring the vote on the four chartered orgs that did not pass last meeting back to the table, ADA seconds, motion carries.

- *Chartering of the American Studies Group*
ML motions and KM seconds, motion passes with two abstentions
- *Chartering of Thought Club*
SMP motions and BK seconds, motion carries with 2 abstentions
- *Chartering of ACT*
CN motions and CA seconds, motion carries with 4 abstentions
- *Chartering of the Marxist Internationalists*
KM motions and SF seconds, motion carries with 4 abstentions

Co-Chair for Communications (KL)

- Student affairs will be checking eligibility of DSC representatives at the close of the registration period. To stay eligible for DSC, students need to have passed 50% of the courses they registered for in the previous semester.
- Based on a survey of fall fitness class participants the spring offerings have been changed to include an intermediate yoga class. One more pilates section was also added. Online registration will begin mid-January.
- Student protests are happening in response to the proposed tuition hikes. The Adjunct Project will be doing workshops in the spring that may cover important legal issues like the "Henderson" rules for protests at CUNY.
- There is a lawsuit against the CUNY Boards of Trustees. Ron McGuire is the lawyer in the case. The dispute is about the timing of tuition hikes and the illegality of transferring tuition setting power to the Chancellor.
- NYSHIP
 - Rates have increased by 18% for individuals and 23% for families.
 - Increase in retroactive paycheck deduction max from \$55 to \$100
- A mentoring survey is being developed and will be sent out soon.

Co-Chair for Business (CS)

- CS is keeping track of the budget.
- He is also developing an archive system for website.
- And, he is working with LM to create a NYSHIP provider directory on the DSC webpage for student recommended healthcare providers that accept NYSHIP.

University Student Senate Delegate (JB)

- Quorum was not met at the last meeting.

- The President's Council was not voted on. But, after the meeting the chair, Corey Provost, created it by email.

University Faculty Senate Delegate (AB)

- UFS has finished conducting business for the year
- There will be more to update on after the meeting coming up in February.

New Business

Wellness Center allocation

ML requests to go on record saying that the Nurse Practitioner not coming in to work for a month is appalling and that this should be addressed in her employment contract. Discussion ensues.

CS motions to allocate 48,000 and have the DSC Executive Committee study the provision of health and wellness services for students the graduate center. ADA seconds, and the motion carries with 1 abstention.

Recognition of the Philosophy Students' Association

Recognition of the Classics Students' Association

Recognition of the Doctoral Theater Students' Association

CS motions to table the recognition of the Program Student Associations. SR seconds, motion carries unanimously.

Steering Officer Reports

Officer for Funding (KF)

- The grants committee received 16 applications and awarded 9 grants all together worth about \$4000. The next grant application deadline in January 26th, 2011, and the Committee will meet in February to review those applications.
- KF reminds the Plenary about the about Funding Blog on OpenCUNY.

Officer for Governance & Membership (JS)

- There are new DSC Representatives for the Educational Psychology and Biochemistry doctoral programs. Also, the MALS program is holding a special election and is 5 signatures away from having a Representative.

Officer for Health & Wellness (LM)

- Declines to report.

Officer for Outreach (BDP)

- The outreach Committee held an event at Queens College and is identifying issues of communication effecting students based outside the GC campus.
- There is an event in the works for students who are based outside the GC campus on the basics of organizing and communication. It will likely be held on the first Friday in February.

Officer for Student Life & Services (SR)

- The writing center proposal draft had been completed. The DSC is currently looking into broadening the focus of the proposed center to also include support for statistics and other technical competencies

Officer for Technology & Library (ST)

- The Student Technology Survey is open until February 1st, 2011. An open meeting with IT and students about modifying Citrix is being planned. If students have Citrix usage comments please get in touch with ST via email.

Announcements

GD presents on OpenCUNY and notes that a new coordinator has been offered a job. He thanks ST for overseeing the hiring process. The OpenCUNY committee has been assembled and is working on terms of participation. These will come to Plenary in a couple months. Also, GD met with GC IT who are very interested in partnering with, or extending the system to students and faculty. OpenCUNY gets about 4,000 unique visits month.

Adjournment

SR motions, ST seconds, motion carries unanimously.