

## Plenary – Minutes May 13, 2011

### Plenary

#### Executive Committee

Chair: Eero Laine (EL)

#### Steering Committee

EL calls the meeting to order at 5:10pm

#### Constitution and Bylaws

#### Grants

### I. Approval of Agenda

Shawn Rice (SR) motions to approve the agenda with amendments; Keith Miyake (KM) seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

#### Health Issues

#### Media Board

### II. Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2011

Boris Daussà Pastor (BDP) motions to amend III.g; Anne Donlon (AD) seconds. Jill Belli (JB) to include slide from her report  
Gregory Donovan (GD) motions; Stephanie Jones (SJ) seconds. Motion passes unanimously

#### Outreach

#### Student Services

### III. Ratification of New Representatives

JS motions to ratify Jagadisa-Devasri Dacus (Social Welfare) as Program Representative; Esteban Kelly (EK) seconds. Motion passes unanimously

### IV. New Business

#### a. OpenCUNY Terms of Participation

GD presents terms passed by OpenCUNY Committee and Media Board and ratified by OpenCUNY users.

BDP motions to approve the Terms of Participation; Jordan Backstrom (JB2) seconds. Motion carries unanimously

b. Surplus Funds Proposal

Chris Sula (CS) motions to put surplus funds from 2010/11 fiscal year in reserve fund; Kim Libman (KL) seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

c. Chartering of Dominican Studies Group

Lacking quorum, CS motions to table Dominican Studies Group and Nature, Ecology & Society proposals; SR seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

d. Chartered of Nature, Ecology & Society  
Tabled.

e. Resolution on Mid-Career Fellowships

Chrissy Nadler (CN) presents resolution on mid-career fellowships. CN motions to approve the resolution; Monique Whitaker (MW) seconds. Motion passes with one abstention (SJ).

f. Resolution on General Education

Anick Boyd (AB) presents resolution on general education. Anne Donlon (AD) motions to approve the resolution; Amy Martin (AM) seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

g. Resolution on Tony Kushner

     presents a resolution from the Doctoral Theatre Students' Association. EL motions to approve the resolution; SJ seconds. Motion passes with four abstentions (Stephen Boatright, Ben Miller, Valia Mitsou, Virtue Sankoh).

h. Petition for a Better Board of Trustees

CS presents a letter petitioning for restructured Board of Trustees. AB suggests broadening language about specific campus representatives. SJ motions to approve the petition with the amendments; SB seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

SR motions to take from the table Dominican Studies and NES proposals; Desiree Fields (DF) seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

GD motions to charter the Dominican Studies Group; SR seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

KL motions to charter the Nature, Ecology and Society organization; SB seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

i. Resolution on USS

JB presents resolution on USS. CS suggests changing 'constituents' to 'constituents and representatives' for and the second 'organization' to 'organization and student body'. BM suggests using bullet points. KM asks for clarification about how many years fellowships were not awarded; CS suggests using nonspecific language. SR suggests typographical changes.

AB motions to approve the resolution; BM seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

V. Executive Committee Reports

a. Co-Chair for Student Affairs

EL reports that rosters are open for chartered organizations through June 1 and announces an employment opportunity for Fundraising & Alumni Commission Coordinator, which is accepting applications through May 31.

b. Co-Chair for Communications

KL announces that additional bike racks have been added to 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> streets and that progress continues on the dedicated lactation room.

KL reports on the NYSHIP Forum of April 27 and announces that a recording of it will be placed on the website soon. KL distributes a recommended providers from student health and wellness survey.

KL reminds representatives that discussions of next year's travel and research fund continue and invites representations to send recommendations to KL or President Kelly.

c. Co-Chair for Business

CS reminds representatives that the deadline for check requests is June 1, 2011.

d. University Student Senate Delegate

JB reports that last scheduled USS Plenary was held in April. A May 1 plenary was scheduled a few days before, where the un-amended transfer resolution passed.

e. University Faculty Senate Liaison

AB reports that there is support for GTF seats, concerns about general education and transfer continue, and a June 7 emergency meeting is planned.

VI. Steering Officer Reports

a. Officer for Funding

Annie Dell'Aria (ADA) reports that startup grants still available.

b. Officer for Governance & Membership

Jared Simard (JS) expresses hope for better clicker functionality next year.

c. Officer for Health & Wellness

Leigh McCallen (LMC) reports that the Wellness Festival held last Tuesday and a report on the Student Health and Wellness survey has been posted on the website.

d. Officer for Outreach

BDP reports that the last outreach event was held at City College on Wednesday. BDP urges representatives to join the Outreach Committee to participate in off-campus events and to attend boot camp.

e. Officer for Student Life & Services

SR reports that there is an independent plan to create writing center through Provost's Office.

f. Officer for Technology & Library

BDP reads report from ST [to be included]

VII. Announcements

SJ announces that the final Adjunct Project meeting and party will be held on Tuesday, May 17 at 6pm.

BM reports that the GC Composition and Rhetoric Community has been involved in discussions of the writing center and has referred administrators to the DSC; additional members are requested.

EL thanks JB, AB, and CS for their service.

VIII. Adjournment

BPD motions to adjourn; KM seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57

Respectfully submitted by Chris Alen Sula.