

Plenary Minutes February 18, 2011

Plenary

Executive Committee

Steering Committee

Constitution and Bylaws

Grants

Health Issues

Media Board

Outreach

Student Services

Present: Thierry Agbotouedo, Renthee Anthony, Jordan Backstrom, Carolina Barrera Tobon Kyle Bauser, Jill Belli, Stephen Boatright, Andrew Bossie, Anick Boyd, Susan Brillhart, Joost Burgers, Rachel Brungard, Sharina Cabrera, Gina Campelia, Karyn Collie, Boris Daussa Pastor, Annie Dell'Aria, Edwin Demper, Anne Donlon, Gregory Donovan, Kyle Ferguson, Desi Fields, Ian Foster, Margaret Galvan, Sonia Gonzalez, Nicole Hanson, David Heayn, Ben Hellwege, Naja Hougaard, Syed Islam, 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, Ben Miller, Chrissy Mitakakis, Valia Mitsou, Keith Miyake, Christina Nadler, Naomi Perley, Anthony Perri, Pamela Proscia, Jeremy Rafal, Shawn Rice, Astrid Roldan, Virtue Sankoh, Tatiana Schnieder, Jeremy Seideman, Jared Simard, Patricia Stapleton, Jordan Stokes, Chris Sula, Rachel Verni, H. Roz Woll, Megan Welsh, Monique Whitaker, Paige Yellen, Melissa Zavala

Absent: Colin Ashley, Jeffrey Broxmeyer, Melissa Dennihy, David Elliot, Stephanie Fiorenza, Claire Fontaine, Velina Manolova, Suzanne Tamang

Chris Sula (CS) calls the meeting to order at 6:26pm

I. Approval of Agenda

- Tony Perri (TP) motions to approve the agenda. Joost Burgers (JB) seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes of December 17, 2010

- Keith Miyake (KM) motions to approve the Minutes of December 17, 2010. Ben Miller (BM) seconds. The motion passes with one abstention: Jeremy Seideman (JS).

III. Ratification of New Representatives

- Virtue Sankoh (Clinical Psych), Jordan Backstrom (MALS), Melissa Denihe (At-Large)
- Monique Whitaker (MW) motions to ratify the new representatives. JS seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

IV. New Business

- a. Recognition of Program Student Associations
 - a. Classics Graduate Students' Association
 - JS motions to recognize the Classics Graduate Students' Association as a Program Student Association. TP seconds. The motion passes unanimously.
 - b. Philosophy Students' Association
 - Michael Lubing (ML) motions to recognize the Philosophy Students' Association as a Program Student Association. MW seconds. The motion passes unanimously.
 - c. Doctoral Theatre Students' Association
 - Stefanie Jones (SJ) motions to recognize the Doctoral Theatre Students' Association as a Program Student Association. KM seconds. The motion passes unanimously.
2. Adjunct Project Staffing
 - CS explains executive session rules as per Robert's Rules of Order.
 - Executive session will pertain to the employment of Calvin John Smiley.
 - JS motions to enter executive session in relation to the employment of Calvin John Smiley. Sarah Ruth Jacobs (SRJ) seconds. The motion passes unanimously.
 - Executive Session begins at 6:44pm
 - SR motions to recall Calvin John Smiley. ML seconds.
 - The motion carries with nine abstentions: **Rachael Marcus, Riti, Anthony, Stefanie Jones, TP, Carolina, naja, Karen Conely, Erika Meltzer**
 - SR motions to exit executive session. KM seconds. The motion passes unanimously
 - Executive session ends at 7:28pm.

ML motions for a five minute recess. KM seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

Recess begins at 7:29pm.

Meeting resumes at 7:37pm.

3. Resolution Opposing Use of Student Technology Fees for ETI Chargebacks
 - CS presents and explains the resolution.
 - Gregory Donovan (GD) motions to pass the Resolution Opposing Use of Student Technology Fees for ETI Chargebacks. Edwin Myorga seconds. The motion passes unanimously.
4. Election of Student Technology Fee Committee alternates.
 - BM explains some of the current issues regarding the scheduling of the Student Technology Fee Committee.
 - CS explains the requirements for the position.
 - CS opens nominations

- Jill Belli (JB) nominates CS. CS accepts.
- Shawn Rice nominates GD and himself. GD accepts.
- CS nominates JB. JB accepts.
- Patricaia Stapleton nominates herself.
- Naomi Perly nominates herself.
- JB nominates JS. JS accepts.
- Edwin Demper nominates himself.
- Annie Dell'Aria nominates herself.
- JS moves to close nominations and elect all of the nominees. SJ seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

5. Amendment of budget for medical test subsidies.

- CS explains the budget and process for medical test subsidies.
- Discussion ensues.
- SJ motions to approve an amendment to the budget with an increase in \$6000 for medical test subsidies. Desiree Fields seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

V. Executive Committee Reports

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

- Eero Laine (EL) Announces that sign-ups for chartered organizations are now open and encourages reps and their constituencies to sign up
- EL reports that the DSC will begin hosting "First Fridays" events on the first Friday of every month where the DSC offices and hallways will be open for students to visit, get information, and meet other students.
- EL conducts a straw poll regarding how information is disseminated to students in programs **STRAW POLL DATA**
- EL presents the constitution and mission statement of Udaan-Indian Students and Researchers Association. Ashwini Ghogare, one of the leaders of the group presents information regarding the group's aims and proposed events.
Discussion ensues.

b. Co-Chair for Communications (Kim Libman)

- KL announces that nominations for DSC 2011-12 are now open and encourages reps to nominate themselves and students in their programs
- KL reminds plenary that program level elections should be in progress in the reps programs
- KL announces that the 34th Street Partnership has agreed to add additional bike racks around the GC
- KL reminds reps that the next T&R deadline is March 13th
- KL announces that she is looking for volunteers to be involved in a recently created "Space Committee"

c. Co-Chair for Business (Chris Alen Sula)

- CAS is preparing a draft of the budget for the next fiscal year and requests input from plenary
- CAS updates plenary on the recent problems with the cunydisc.org. The issues will be resolved shortly.
- d. USS Delegate (Jill Belli)
 - JB reports on the January 16th plenary meeting of USS.
 - JB describes scholarships that should be available to Graduate Center students from USS but are not being awarded
 - JB explains the March 15th Lobby Day and will provide information to representatives
- e. UFS Liaison (Anick Boyd)
 - AB reports on the February 15th UFS meeting

VI. Steering Officer Reports

- a. Officer for Funding (Kyle Ferguson)
 - KF reports that the Grants committee met and awarded 10 awards for a total of just under \$5000. There is approximately \$3000 left in the grants budget.
- b. Officer for Governance & Membership (Jared Simard)
 - Jared Simard reports on the state of membership
 - There will be an upcoming C&B meeting. Please check the website for details
- c. Officer for Health & Wellness (Leigh McCallen)
 - LM held a health issue committee meeting to plan the Health and Wellness Festival
 - LM is working on interpreting the data from the wellness survey
- d. Officer for Outreach (Boris Daussà-Pastor)
 - Video plays of BDP's report.
 - Video of BDP reports on recent outreach events
- e. Officer for Student Life & Services (Shawn Rice)
 - SR reports on his work regarding the DSC websites
- f. Officer for Technology & Library (Suzanne Tamang)
 - CS presents ST's findings from the tech survey

VII. Announcements

- Bijon announces that the Nature ecology and society conference will be occurring on
- "The Culture of Climate Change" March 10th and 11th
- ML announces that the Comp Lit program's conference will be occurring on February 24th and 25th
- SJ announces that the AP is working on the contract campaign and encourages everyone to pass all

- SR announces that *FRAME* journal has launched and is available online at framejournal.org.

VIII. Adjournment

- GD motions to adjourn with compliments to BDP's creativity and innovation in his report. Steven Boatwright seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Eero Laine, Co-Chair for Student Affairs