

## DSC Plenary Minutes

April 15, 2011

### Plenary

### Executive Committee

### Steering Committee

### Constitution and Bylaws

### Grants

### Health Issues

### Media Board

### Outreach

### Student Services

**Present:** Thierry Agbotouedo, Renthee Anthony, Jordan Backstrom, Kyle Bauser, Jill Belli, Rachel Brungard, Stephen Boatright, Andrew Bossie, Anick Boyd, Joost Burgers, Sharina Cabrera, Karyn Collie, Boris Daussa Pastor, Annie Dell'Aria, Edwin Demper, Melissa Dennihy, Anne Donlon, Kyle Ferguson, Stephanie Fiorenza, Claire Fontaine, Ian Foster, Margaret Galvan, Sonia Gonzalez, Kevin Guzzo, Nicole Hanson, Ben Hellwege, Naja Hougaard, Syed Islam, Sarah Ruth Jacobs, Wioleta Jaworska, Sarah Jordan, Esteban Kelly, Bijan Kimiagar, Christina Kirkman, Eero Laine, Kim Libman, Aramis Lopez, Michael Lubing, Velina Manolova, Kristin Margelot, Tiwi Marira, Amy Martin, Rishi Mathura, Edwin Mayorga, Leigh McCallen, George Melissinos, Amanda Mentzer, Ben Miller, Chrissy Mitakakis, Valia Mitsou, Keith Miyake, Christina Nadler, Naomi Perley, Anthony Perri, Pamela Proscia, Jeremy Rafal, Shawn Rice, Astrid Roldan, Tatiana Schnieder, Jeremy Seideman, Jared Simard, Patricia Stapleton, Jordan Stokes, Chris Sula, Suzanne Tamang, Rachel Verni, Megan Welsh, Monique Whitaker, Melissa Zavala

**Absent:** Colin Ashley, Jordan Backstrom, Carolina Barrera Tobon, Susan Brillhart, Jeff Broxmeyer, Gina Campelia, Gregory Donovan, David Elliot, Desi Fields, David Heayn (removed), Rachel Marcus, Steve McFarland, Erica Meltzer, Katherine Mendis, Virtue Sankoh, H.Roz Woll, Paige Yellen

Shawn Rice (SR) calls the meeting to order at 6:59pm

### I. Approval of Agenda

- a. Anthony Perri (AP) motions to approve the agenda with additions and proposed changes. Annie Dell'Aria (AD) seconds. Motion passes.

### II. Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2011

- a. Kristin Margelot (KM) motions to approve the minutes with emendations. Patricia Stapleton (PS) seconds. Motion carries. Jill Belli (JB) and Esteban Kelly (EK) abstain.

### III. New Business

- a. Recognition of Criminal Justice Doctoral Students' Association (CJDSA). Chris Allen Sula (CS) moves, EK seconds. Motion carries.
- b. Recognition of Political Science Graduate Students' Association (PSGSA). Edwin Mayorga (EM) moves, Jeremy Seideman (JS) seconds. Motion carries.
- c. Amendment to DSC Constitution. Jared Simard (JSi) Officer for Governance and Membership presents the amendment. AP motions to approve, Monique Whitaker (MW) seconds. Motion carries.
- d. Amendment to DSC Constitution. JSi presents the amendment. Kimberly Libman (KL) asks about repercussions of this amendment into the budget. Conversation ensues and CS responds to budget questions. Additional

- questions about repercussion on existing DSC. CS motions to approve the amendment, PS seconds. Motion carries. KL abstains.
- e. Approval of 2011/12 Budget. CS presents budget for approval. Questions ensue regarding budget allocation for the Wellness Center and regarding a new line for "Publicity Events" included under DSC Leadership and Operations budget. Additional questions ensue regarding the new year-round system for stipends for leadership and how this may affect office hours during summer months. CS moves to approve the budget JS seconds. Motion carries, budget is approved.
  - f. Resolution on Space. SR presents the drafted resolution and some background on the Graduate Center Committee on Space and on issues related to space for students at the Graduate Center. Questions and discussion ensues regarding the availability of space at the Graduate Center and the wording and specificity needed for the demands made in the resolution. Some changes to the resolution are proposed in light of recent conversations with the GC administration. Further discussion revolves about the need to ask for space for students who do not have dedicated student space. SR moves to approve the resolution with the emendations proposed during discussion. KM seconds. Motion carries, resolution on Space is approved. JS votes nay. JB cliker does not work (yay vote).
  - g. Resolution on Student Representation on Graduate Council, Its Committees and Ad-Hoc Governance Committes for New Programs. SR presents the drafted resolution and CS adds some background on the history of student representation and student leadership positions at Graduate Council committees, as well as recent developmnets with the Graducate Council limiting eligibility of students for leadership positions in this body. Susanne Tamang (ST) raises some questions about differing legal interpretations on the issue of student religibility, discussion ensues. BM motions to approve the resolution with the proposed emendations introduced after discussion. Anne Donlon (ADo). Motion carries, the resolution passes.
  - h. Resolution Opposing the Publicity and Selection Process for At-Large CUNY Writing Fellowships, Spring 2011. MW presents the drafted resolution providing some background on the current process of Writing Fellowship allocations in the context of Enhanced Chancellor Fellowships and the emergence of some additional At-Large Writing Fellowships that have been also offered. AD raises the question of the existing process for reallocation of other existing fellowships. KL introduces information provided by the GC Administration about this process of reallocation. Discussion ensues about transparency of allocation and reallocation of Graduate Center Fellowships in general. Sharina motions to approve the resolution with emendations. Steven Boatright (SB) seconds. Motion carries.

#### IV. Executive Committee Reports

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

- i. Eero Laine (EL) informs that DSC elections are open and encourages everyone to vote.
- ii. Presentation of the Constitution of the Dominican Studies Group (DSG) for consideration to be chartered as a DSC chartered organization.
- iii. Presentation of the Constitution of the Nature, Ecology & Society (NES) for consideration to be chartered as a DSC chartered organization.

- b. Co-Chair for Communications (Kimberly Libman):
    - i. KL encourages again everyone to vote. KL presents a NYSHIP Forum, event to be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> 3-5 pm. The Forum will be recorded and a podcast will be made available.
  - c. Co-Chair for Business (Chris Alen Sula):
    - i. There will be a budget update on surplus funds during next Plenary meeting.
  - d. University Student Senate Delegate (Jill Belli):
    - i. JB provides an report on the current state of affairs at the USS, with little business being made so far and no significant update.
  - e. University Faculty Senate Liaison (Anick Boyd):
    - i. Anick Boyd (AB) report is made available.
- V. Steering Officer Reports
- a. Officer for Funding (Annie Dell'Aria)
    - i. AD report is made available.
  - b. Officer for Governance & Membership (Jared Simard)
    - i. JSi report is made available.
    - ii. JSi addresses some issues related to the electronic iclickers.
  - c. Officer for Health & Wellness (Leigh McCallen)
    - i. LM thanks members of the Health Issues Committee for their help and support creating the Health and Wellness report.
    - ii. LM presents the report to the DSC with a number of slides
  - d. Officer for Outreach (Boris Daussà-Pastor)
    - i. BDP report is made available
    - ii. BDP asks for any help finding available space at City College for the next and last Off-Campus DSC Outreach event.
  - e. Officer for Student Life & Services (Shawn Rice)
    - i. SR report is made available.
  - f. Officer for Technology & Library (Suzanne Tamang)
    - i. ST report is made available.
- VI. Announcements
- a. SR thanks Kyle Ferguson (KF) for his service as DSC Funding Officer.
  - b. CS introduces some changes being made at the credit system.
- VII. Adjournment
- a. SB motions to adjourn. EK seconds. The motion passes unanimously at 8:27pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Boris Daussà-Pastor.