

**Plenary – Minutes
 October 26, 2012**

PRESENT

Plenary

Executive Committee

Steering Committee

Constitution and Bylaws

Grants

Health Issues

Media Board

Outreach

Student Services

Flannery Amdahl, Reethee Antony, Colin Patrick Ashley, Christin Bowman, Anick Boyd, Justin Bracken, Hillary Caldwell, Priya Chandrasekaran, Emily Chanell, Jennifer Chard, Mia Chen, Jagadisa-devasri Dacus, Annie Dell'Aria, Anne Donlon, Christopher Eng, Margaret Galvan, Maria Cristina Garcia, Nicole Hanson, Tristan Husby, Sarah Ruth Jacobs, Stefanie A. Jones, Svetlana Jovic, Laura Kane, Eero Laine, Jacqueline Levin, Rachel Liebert, Christen N. Madsen, Amy Martin, Amanda Matles, Jessica McCurdy, John McMahon, William McNally, Benjamin Miller, Evan Misshula, Kristin Moriah, Christina Nadler, Dominique Nisperos, Stephen O'Connell, Megan Paslawski, Tayfun Pay, Tony Perri, Derek Petti, Katarzyna Platt, Jennifer Prince, Ashish Punia, Christina Ramos, Nancy Roecklein, Rebecca Salois, Virtue Sankoh, Jared Simard, Anna Simonson, Christine Smith, Lauren Suchman, Josiah Sugarman, Jennifer Tang, Louisa Thompson, Carissa Veliz, Christina Ventura-DiPersia, Monique Whitaker, Emily Williamson, Jungmee Yoon

ABSENT

Kelly Aliano, Kelly Aronowitz, Vicky Barrios, Gregory Donovan, Paul Fess, Desiree Fields, Rachel Fittersak, Joseph Kramer-Miller, Zachary McGuirk, Deepak Menon, Valia Mitsou, Fatemeh Pooyaei Mehr, Darin Saloum, Elizabeth Sibilia, Calvin John Smiley, John Spear

I Approval of Agenda
 6:50 pm

Monique Whitaker (MW) motions to approve the agenda.
 Bill McNalley (BM) seconds the motion.

The motion passes with 57 Ayes.

The agenda was approved.

II. Approval of DSC Minutes of May 11, 2012 (6:00P.M.)

Annie Dell'Aria (AD) suggests corrections which were accepted.

Tony Perri (TP) motions to accept the minutes.
 MW seconds to accept the minutes.

The motion passes with 58 Ayes.

The minutes were approved.

III. Approval of Minutes of September 21, 2012.

Emily Williamson (EW), Paul Fest (PF), Virtue Sankoh (VS), Cristian Madsen (CM)
 were recorded as having attended.

MW motions to accept the minutes

Sarah Jacobs (SJ) seconds the motion to accept the minutes.

The motion to accept the minutes was approved with 56 ayes.

IV. Executive Committee Reports

1. Co Chair for Student Affairs (Eero Laine)

Grants committee gives money to interdisciplinary ventures by for chartered organizations.

GC is hiring career development officer. Advanced Research Collaborative (ARC) Post Docs has money and Eero encourages reps to let constituents know. Outcomes assessment committee studying how to add learning outcomes on Syllabus (driven by Middle States Review).

2. Co-Chair for Communications (Anne Donlon)

DSC listserv is up and running. The purpose is to foster participation in building governance. AD reiterates that there should be student reps on all committees. President Kelly agreed to off campus blood-drives agreement, to create gender neutral bathrooms, to keep hall easels and continue community meeting.

Also there is a plan for a second Dorm in LIC possibly a third one. The ninth floor capital improvement should finish in eighteen months.

Further AD outlines meetings with Ombuds Officer Martin Gitterman. His responsibilities include advice on Employment Discrimination and Academic Progress. He is supposed to be neutral. Executive committee also met with Provost for the Ann Henderson. She expressed a desire to bring back the students to the grad center and that with new funding Science Packages will continue to exist. Executive committee also met with Provost Chase Robinson. His programmatic agenda includes bringing down number of PhD students and building masters programs. He emphasizes that he is making uniform cuts no program cuts. He is adding MALS masters tracks not new programs. He has also instituted a new provost community meeting. The executive committee also met with Polly Thistlethwaite. They spoke about catalog issues.

The executive committee also met with Bob Hatcher. He will document the use of the nurse practitioner and will give us numbers. The EC asked him about the flu shots DoH not his control, charging for the Nurse Practitioner through NYSHIP. The excuse has been that the wellness center not HIPPA Compliant and it is very expensive to become so.

The EC met with Ray Ring Facilities. There is a plan for Gender neutral bathrooms on first floor. The EC asked about changing paint colors. He informed them of the building palette. Further he did not want to encourage painting. He communicated that there is a lighting project on 9th floor fluorescent to LED. He informed the EC of surveillance camera update. The EC was informed that the GC sustainability committee has no student rep.

The EC also met with Louise Lennihan. She agreed that there is mandatory student participation on program standing committees. The EC voiced concern that students being told confidential. TP asks if they PS Committee falls under open meeting law. EL explains that CUNY contests status and can set the terms of student participation. Christin Bowman (CB) asks about reports to students should be able to report. TP suggests student participation at Cluster meetings. Elise Perrin (EP), Shari Lerner (SL) and Scott Vorhies (SV) ask about health insurance and parental leave.

AD attended the most recent UFS meeting. The guest was Ron Pawlter Deputy Operating Officer. He outlined that CUNY uses 1% of all electricity in NYC. The University is trying to reduce Electric Bills.

Each campus has a sustainability committee. The chair found that community college grads only take 2.7 credits more than 4 year starters further undermining Pathways. The union is also backing faculty in Queens Community College disputes.

3. Co-Chair for Business (Colin Ashley)

CPA announced that there would be a townhall to solicit direct input from students on current issues Pathways, GC restructuring or issues that the DSC is unaware of. He reported a loss of approximately \$300 of movie tickets. He informed the plenary that room reservations for all rooms at the GC could be made through the DSC. He announced that the new locker assignments had been made. He is continuing to solicit bids for website improvement. He introduced a motion to form an ad-hoc committee for the website. AD motioned and MW seconds. Motion carried unanimously.

Colin introduced the changes to the budget. We are down 100 students. Wellness allocation split into two lines. He discussed the current earmark for health. He introduced a motion for an ad-hoc committee on health center allocation. TP motions Nicole Hanson (NH) seconds for an ad Hoc committee on health center. Motion passes unanimously.

4. USS Delegate (Christina Nadler)

Current USS Chair Kafui won USS chair and his slate won uncontested. He has offered to take nominations for Board of Trustees sub-committees. Ad-hoc committee met and discussed withholding fees from USS.

5. UFS Liaison (Stefanie A. Jones)

Stefanie A. Jones is introducing a program of facilitation trainings to make meetings more efficient. She recommends no town hall on gender neutral bathrooms.

V. New Business

1. Bylaws Changes

There was a motion by CPA to increase the UFS stipend. MW motions Cristina Nadler (CN) seconds. Motion carries with 53 ayes. There were two nays AB and TP. EM and SAJ abstain.

VI. Steering Officer Reports

a. Officer for Outreach (Nicole Hanson)

NH is pushing outreach for organizing to gain power in committees and programs. There is a meeting for interested students on Nov 9 2012. NH reports that several programs are looking to start PSA's.

b. Officer for Student Life & Services (Dominique Nisperos)

DN reports that she needs committee members. Her committee meets once every four weeks. They are interested in getting more fitness classes. They are also working on more easels and more cork boards as well as tabling in the cafeteria to facilitate more communication. They want to make the GC more pleasant through a variety of initiatives including outings, charity drives, nap tents chair massage.

c. Officer for Technology & Library (Evan Misshula)

EM is interested in promoting -hackathons, Internet Research Team, open access.

d. Officer for Funding (Jennifer Tang)

JT reminds plenary to encourage applications to continue funding for events into chartered org. She has made available all grant review factors. Grants are more likely if there is also program allocation for events.

e. Officer for Governance & Membership (Maria Cristina Garcia)

MCG reminds plenary that membership is contingent on no two consecutive meetings. There is a meeting on the DSC constitution and bylaws Nov 5 3pm -5pm.

f. Officer for Health & Wellness (Monique Whitaker)

MW announced that a section on disability was added to the website. MW met with the head chef at 8th floor. They continue to explore food options, labeling composting bins. MW reminds plenary that we have female condoms and male condoms. MW is working on getting dental dams and putting condom dispensers in the bathroom. MW asks reps to promote the blog. MW reports that NYC DoH gave CUNY-GC 7 flu shots and discontinued HPV shots.

VII. Announcements

None

VIII. Adjournment

MW motions to DN seconds

Motion is unanimous.