

6:14pm

Plenary September 12, 2014

DN (Dominique Nisperos) opens meeting 6:15pm

Asks for steering to introduce selves

JP (Jennifer Prince) goes first,

AM (Amy Martin)

RS (Rebecca Salois)

SV (Stephanie Vella)

KBB (Kyla Bender-Baird)

HS (Hamad Sindhi)

GS (Gwen Shaw)

CT (Charlotte Thurston)

CS (Cecilia Salvi)

AA (Ashna Ali)

Introduction—who is here for first time

Who is here for 1st time?

Who here for reps [show of hands]

DN gives overview of DSC, bylaws, Robert's Rules of order. Members of the public need to be recognized in order to have the floor

Ground rules: address DN not to other people—may be asked to repeat names so that GS can type for accuracy and get names right

All meetings open to public—we strive for transparency and public accuracy.

Overview of the clickers—A is yes, B is no, E abstention

Explanation of Viva Voce—our vote for approval and the way that the verbal consent matters. Turn off clicker to conserve battery when not voting. Be sure that the clicker is on

I. Approval of agenda—called to order at 6:18pm

- a. Usually our guest speakers come—today they are our affiliates, AdjunctProject, Advocate, OpenCUNY, AFC
- b. JP moves to approve
- c. HS seconds
- d. Dominique calls vote 6:20pm. Voting closes 6:21pm.

[Recess from agenda to hear speakers]

1. Adjunct Project

- a. Coordinators take floor 6:21
- b. Jennifer Chancellor announces self, Coordinator for org and planning, Sean Kennedy (SK)

- c. Sean introduces self as coordinator for outreach and advocacy(?)
 - i. Advocacy and education group focused on labor issues re GC and larger issues in academia
 - ii. A few announcements
 - 1. GC has been without PSC chapter of its own—there is now chapter in place. Last night motion approved at delegate assembly to make GC student workers eligible for GC chapter. Approved Sept 11, 2014.
 - 2. Importance of filling out green PSC cards—write in GC for affiliation if you are not yet a PSC member. If you are a member, use form letter provided by AP.
 - 3. Demands from AP/grad assistants in contract negotiations
 - a. Set of demands on website—
 - i. Penalty for late pay
 - ii. Benefit transfers for people going from GA to adjunct title
 - b. These things being taken seriously
 - 4. SK talks—
 - a. Late pay—wage theft
 - b. Not being paid on time is endemic. Pay day for CC is Sept 12, for senior colleges Sept 19. Students should report incidences of late pay in order to help AP advocate.
 - c. Escalation campaign to ameliorate late pay issues.
 - d. GC chapter and policy change—now 2 open positions for delegates for the GC chapter.
 - 5. JC talks again—sign union card. Encourages program reps to take cards back to constituents.
 - a. Sign up for listserv, and there's an info sheet available for students
2. OpenCUNY Coordinators
 - a. Introduction
 - i. CN (Christina Nadler)--OpenCUNY (OC) coordinator for org and action
 - ii. Coordinator for Planning and Development, Laurie Hurson
 - iii. MG (Margaret Galvan) can't be here
 - b. Go through press kit
 - c. Open to all students with GC email address, student groups, PSA, etc.
 - i. Digital presence—professional representation, research, program site, CMS or blog
 - 1. Student run student organized, good for group work
 - 2. Staffed by 3 coordinators, offer tutorials
 - ii. Node as aggregator—all public posts that have gone up in the past week, good way to see site activity
 - 1. Node feeds to twitter
 - iii. Domain mapping
 - d. Opencuny.info—informational resource for how to use and develop OpenCUNY site
 - e. info@opencuny.org --goes to all 3 coordinators. Contact them with any/all concerns for using the site
 - f. OC board another opportunity for engagement and participation
 - i. All data belongs to students
 - ii. Can move site at any time

3. Advocate—Gordon Barnes, EIC Executive Editor in Chief
 - a. Efforts to make Advocate GC newspaper, rather than student only newspaper
 - b. History of recent turbulence with paper—website attacked
 - i. Website under construction
 1. Done in late Sept in time for 1st issue
 2. Goals:
 - a. Diversify the paper
 - i. Political content
 - ii. Topics covered
 - iii. More diverse points of view, unheard of disciplines, minority views—debates
 - b. Make better website
 - c. Develop twitter presence
 - i. @CUNYAdvocate
 - ii. CFPs for articles
 - d. Revising layout, style
 - e. 1000 copies per issues produced, investigating printing vendors
 - f. Working to gain revenue—email with suggestions
 - i. Academic presses, title showcasing
 - g. Listserv set up—TBA—email gcadvocate@gc.cuny.edu for more info and to be added
4. AFC—Joe Heissan
 - a. AFCC—engagement and fundraising
 - b. Encouraging and supporting student related efforts
 - i. Program focused so far
 - ii. Asks programs about who is responsible for addressing Alum issues and development
 - c. Ways AFC works with students
 - i. Organizing appeals
 1. Email, letter, phone-a-thon, etc. (in that order re: department preference)
 - ii. Joe will help organize these campaigns
 1. Focus and tailor them to program, needs, interests
 - iii. Engagement—broad category
 1. Newsletter
 - iv. Website has resources, examples of campaigns

1. Alumni engagement events
2. Off-campus events
 - a. Local events
 - b. Non-local events—conference mini-reunion
3. Keep contact info up to date
4. Program website—alumni news section
 - a. Important for morale, recruiting, alumni contact

DN asks for questions for Affiliates

? For AP—are GC central line faculty eligible for PSC chapter?

CN--Call for quorum

[Recess closed 6:49pm]

II. Approval of Minutes from May 29, 2014

- a. 5pm approval
- b. 6pm approval—DSC elect

Tony Perri moves to approve both final meeting for the minutes and incoming DSC class

Anick Boyd seconds

Allen Zelener Comp Sci Moves to amend 5pm minutes to remove the abstentions from motions that did not carry because of a lack of quorum

No discussion

Voting—653pm

Voce vote—passes

Move to approve minutes with ammendation—vote 653—voce—carries unanimously

III. Executive Committee Reports

- a. CCSA—Amy Martin
 - i. Chartered Orgs
 1. All those involved sign rosters
 2. Advertising chartered orgs to DSC reps' constituents
 - a. Forward emails, encourage students to sign up
 3. Signing rosters
 - a. Means that student supports DSC in its support of chartered org
 - b. Interested in starting a chartered orgs
 4. PSA—AM can help with starting a PSA, PSAs get benefits enumerated on the website like polling help
- b. CCC—DN
 - i. All agenda items sent out in advance—PRs should be reaching out to program before meeting when materials are sent
 - ii. At large reps may also reach out to programs, students, other constituents
 - iii. All student emails should be correct on DSC website
 - iv. See DN or KBB if emails are going to the wrong place
 - v. All student email to alert students about DSC, workings on Monday 9/15
 - vi. Digital signage available. DSC controls signage on 5th floor
 1. Email CCC@cunydisc.org with signage in order to have it posted
 - vii. Meetings scheduled with President
 - viii. Met with Student Affairs (SA)—Elise Perram, m schoengood,
 1. Report on student health insurance from scott vorhees
 - a. If students change pay pools NYSHIP coverage might lapse
 - b. Check paystubs for correction deductions
 2. Health insurance is not being properly administered in Albany
 - a. GC insurance is a tag-along for SUNY negotiated insurance

- i. Folks in Albany pass buck on responsibility and accountability for insurance admin
 - b. ACA mandates might be slowing
3. DSC term limits
 - a. Issues of mid-term appointments affect eligibility to serve on steering or as a co-chair
 - b. Student affairs will look into rules
4. Banner IDs
 - a. Recent IDs printed don't have banner ID on them.
 - b. Unclear whether lapse in number is error or new method of issuing IDs
5. Bench Sciences
 - a. Milliken rumor about stalling move of Bench Sciences to Senior Colleges
 - i. Uncertain
6. Student Housing
 - a. Report from residents in GC housing about manager sexually harassing residents, entering apartments without consent—students, faculty, non GCstudents
 - b. MS and LL are meeting with manager, taking seriously, meeting with students
7. Title 9
 - a. Current federal mandate to change the way title 9 practices happen on campuses
 - b. Sexual assault reporting should not be criminalized or in hostile environment
 - c. Student met with Edith Rivera, was insensitive and did not address student concerns
 - d. SA says they don't meet directly with that but will raise issue with Pres. Chase Robinson.
 - i. DSC will follow up
 - e. Continuing training on this issue
 - f. New web program: Haven
 - i. Online tutorials and webinar for sensitivity training
 - g. Concern that trainings are not suited for GC campus as both vertical campus and graduate campus
8. Universal PreK

- a. GC Center was given approval but some approval was lost and GC students given 5K bill for remainder of services
 - b. Legal issue for how funds were distributed
 - c. SA unclear on what actions to take, aware of issue
- 9. Student Facing Termination of fellowship
 - a. Circumstances not entirely clear
 - b. “insufficient academic progress”
 - c. Push-out rates?
 - i. Follow up with provost
 - ii. Who is being pushed out of the GC
 - 1. Concern women of color are being disproportionately pushed out
- 10. Treatment of students at International Students office
 - a. SA is working on it
- 11. EP
 - a. Looking at list of current reps and officers
 - b. Mothership has master list of those who are eligible or ineligible and will let students know if they cannot serve
 - c. Voter Registration day on Sept 23
- 12. ? Tony Perri—asks about status of working group—put under new business to reform

c. CCB

- i. Jennifer Prince
 - 1. Locker Raffle
 - a. Can sign up via DSC website
 - b. Lockers may not all be full, requesting beyond deadline might be possible
 - c. Doesn’t require login to complete request
 - 2. Legal consultations
 - a. Begin next week
 - b. Monday and Thursday
 - i. 45 min appts
 - ii. Sign up 36 hours in advance
 - c. Consultation only
 - d. You need DSC Works account to make an appointment
 - 3. Program reps in charge of program allocation
 - a. 5 per student or 200 which ever is greater
 - b. official numbers are still pending
 - i. in October
 - c. Reach out to APO to find out enrollment numbers if needed before October
 - d. Program rep creates request for receipts but anyone can be reimbursed
 - 4. New Chancellor might come visit—try to make an appointment
 - 5. June 25
 - 6. **Correction of record—insurance person who says they aren’t responsible is in Albany. Claims they only represent SUNY.**
 - 7. Also no director of Employee Benefits (formerly Linda Sarubi, contract not renewed)
 - 8. CCB seeking info and feedback on bad experiences on Value Options

- a. Submit via health and wellness website
 - b. Also via email to ccb@cunydisc.org
- 9. Mental Health Coverage lapse article in Advocate
- 10. CUNYDSC.org issues should be resolved end of day 9/12
 - ?—asked re email confirmations about locker request
 - ?-Liza—if no Health Insurance Benefits Director who is responsible to hire one?
 - A: Mothership is responsible and should be hiring one
 - JP: Albany issue more complex, SUNY GSEU also being contacted for support in negotiations
- d. USS Delegate
 - i. USS hasn't met
 - ii. 9/22 might be first meeting. Sept meeting announces candidacy
 - 1. October votes
 - 2. November they take office and
 - iii. Met with DN and CN, former USS delegates
 - iv. Will continue to following USS money and spending
 - 1. Is USS mismanaging money? CS working to find out
 - v. BOTrustees
 - 1. Last meeting Chase Robinson elected president
 - 2. Next meeting in January
- e. UFS Liaison
 - i. UFS meeting on 9/9
 - 1. Milliken attended
 - 2. About an hour
 - a. Answered questions
 - b. Priorities
 - i. Public education with access with affordability and excellence
 - ii. Online education and technology
 - iii. Will deliver keynote on online education
 - c. Communication breakdown btw Mothership and campuses
 - d. Replace CUNYFirst?
 - i. Milliken: made considerable investment to CUNYFirst
 - e. Open to changes in Pathways
 - f. Bench Sciences

- i. Off the table, but not any more
 - g. 2 new committees formed
 - i. academic affairs
 - 1. adjunct, improved relations b
 - ii. library and technology
 - iii. enrollment
 - h. lack of engagement btw UFS and USS
 - i. need for better comm between students at campuses
 - j. sexual harassment policy open for comments
 - k. investment committee—considering proposal to divest in fossil fuels
 - i. DSC passed similar resolution last year
 - l. ?—Bench Sciences off the table? What does that mean?
 - i. Not sure what it means, no changes are happening. Milliken
 - ii. DN recognizes Tony Perri
 - 1. Per TP—Hunter and City approved to issue their own phds in some bench sciences
 - 2. Prev. admin wanted to move bench sciences out of GC
 - a. Implications for GC enrollment
 - 3. New admin at Queens to handle new program
 - 4. Meetings to discuss this at admin level didn't include students
 - 5. Dave Manschetski—Chem—all PhD intake remains at GC. Only program that is devolved is Engineering at City, no longer part of GC

IV. New Business

- a. Equitable NYSHIP
 - i. JP
 - ii. 8 months of work on JP's part and CT Officer of Health and Wellness, Chancellor, CN
 - iii. Due to poor experiences with Value Options insurance, resolution drafted
 - 1. GC wants rep at CUNY Benefits office and in Albany
 - 2. Prior Authorization Form: NYS Psychiatrists office says violates federal parity act
 - a. Form being used to deny students coverage, services
 - 3. NYS & CUNY recognize and fulfill responsibility and contract with students
 - iv. ?s
 - v. Naomi —Music PHD
 - 1. What is the Prior Auth Form
 - 2. JP answers—form violates privacy, used to regulate coverage
 - 3. CN—15 visits to see in network provider, out of network or past
 - 4. A certain number of visits is ensured in plan—beyond that—form will be used to verify claims and extend coverage beyond stated minimum

5. Form not stipulated for medical or surgical benefits, therefore VO and health benefits lack parity
6. CN—after 15 visits 80% is paid by VO, but form is used to decide whether VO will pay for
 - vi. Call to approve 7:34
 - vii. Carries unanimously
 - viii. Vote
 - ix. Vote carries, quorum achieved
- b. BDS Resolution
 - i. SK introduction, supporters acknowledged
 - ii. Emphasizes that res. Prepared and submitted to DSC to honor call by Palestinians for support in emancipation
 - iii. Being discussed across campus, state,
 - iv. SK moves to approve resolution
 - v. Velina Manolova seconds
 - vi. Discussion

DN goes over logistics
15 minutes of time for each group: support, opposition, undecided
 - vii. Recess
 - viii. [point of order: no motion entertained to limit debate. At DN's discretion as Chair]
 - ix. DN moves to limit debate to 45 minutes
 1. Lori Hurson seconds
 - x. Discussion:
 1. Cosim Sayid--Debate should not be debated in 45 minutes
 2. Erin McKinney Prupis—public health
 - a. Didn't get info in time
 3. Kenneth Ezirim—comp sci
 - a. Echoes EMP—request for more time to get other student information
 4. Richard Gustavson—math
 - a. Okay with limiting debate, but time to rebut in that debate
 - i. Response time, time to ask questions
 5. Naomi Perley—Music
 - a. Agrees with RG about rebuttals, debate—asks for 15 minutes additional
 - i. DN notes that that is not motion up for debate

6. Lori Hurson
 - a. Program undecided, she had been undecided, limiting debate limits time,
7. Allen Zelener
 - a. Agrees time should be limited
 - b. Would like at least 60 minutes
 - c. Asks if nonDSC reps can have a voice
 - i. Reps can cede time but Chair will not recognize nonDSC students
8. Sean Kennedy Proxy for Stephanie Jones
 - a. Brings attention to advance notice and previous discussion at last DSC meeting
9. Tony Perri--Chem
 - a. At large rep
 - b. Makes an amendment to proposal to amend discussion
 - i. Seconded by Jen Tang
10. Cosim Sayid—Phil at large
 - a. Suggests that 10 mins each fairer
11. Gwen Shaw
 - a. Notes that 10 minutes for each per rep/interested party would be 200 mins—keep DSC until midnight
12. DN calls question of subsidiary motion to amend time to 60 mins from 45 minutes
 - a. Nays
 - i. Erin McKinney Prupis
 - ii. Cosim Sayid
 - iii. Ian Haberman—At large, econ
 - iv. Anick Boyd—comp lit
 - v. Kenneth Ezerim
 - vi. Michael Dorsch, EES
 - vii. Samantha Morgan, At large, Aud
 - b. Abstentions
 - c. Voting 7:53pm
 - i. Motion carries with 41 votes
13. DN calls question to limit debate time to 60 minutes
 - a. Nays
 - i. Cosim Sayid (Cosim)
 - ii. Erin McKinney Prupis
 - iii. Kenneth Ezerin
 - iv. Anick Boyd
 - v. Samantha Morgan
 - b. Motion to limit time carries with 41 votes
 - c. Recess Ends (Reconvene at 8:09)
14. DEBATE OF BDS RESOLUTION
 - a. Support of Resolution 20 mins, 8:12pm
 - i. Conor Tomas Reed, time given by Sean Kennedy, proxy for Stephanie Jones
 1. States that this is much larger than just this discussion
 2. Call from Palestinian society for recognition and improvement of their civil rights

3. Asserts that resolution is not disciplinary or punitive, but rather targeting institutions
4. Responsibility to take stance also based on \$3B support US gives to Israel per year
5. Palestinian scholarships, etc. rescinded, not equal or fairly administered
6. Recognition of dignity of Palestinian people
7. Endorsement of Boycott does not mean dialogue stops, uses Sarah Schulman as example
 - a. Choose when, where, how to engage in dialogue that has consequences in civil rights and international law
- ii. Robert Bell, MES
 1. Stresses nature of BDS not to stifle debate
 - a. Target institutions of Israeli society that impacts oppression of Palestinians
- iii. Balthazar Becker, English, cedes time to
- iv. Nirit Ben-Ari,
 - a. Poli sci alum,
 - b. Has been to Israel, worked at Hebrew University
 - c. Lots of Israelis who support BDS, supports Palestinian call
 - d. Adds that criticism that is levied at BDS supporters as anti-semitism is erroneous. Criticism is part of democracy and democratic societies
 - e. Those who oppose Israel's activities in West Bank should endorse this—a basic act of democracy that is nonviolent
 - f. Those who stand in solidarity and nonviolence will do so by supporting resolution

- g. Best/most moral act students can take to support movement
- 2. Hamad Sindhi cedes time to Tahir Butt, UED,
 - a. Speaks from art history student letter provided by Gwen Shaw from one of her constituents “it is important to clarify that the endorsement is not a blacklist... does not attempt to foreclose...
- 3. Velina Manolova, English
 - a. Considers reason we (DSC reps, students, etc.) are in getting involved
 - b. Those who can stop this are at the federal executive level, but in order to make them feel any sort of motivation or pressure they need to feel pressure from taxpayers and constituents by us
 - c. Issues at CUNY associated with BDS movements are being isolated and discriminated against
 - d. Spying on Muslim student associations, other acts of intimidation
- 4. Colin Ashley, SOC
 - a. Reiterates why this is an academic issue: boycotting issues and structures
 - i. Real lives and people’s voices → power is unequal
 - ii. This inequity impacts lives and voices, parity and ability for some to speak over others
 - iii. Israeli institutions and their bias silences Palestinian students
 - iv. BDS evens the playing field—stands up for those who are not stood up for
 - v. It behooves us here at the GC not to stifle conversation, act punitively but we need to stand up to say that people who need to speak
- 5. Sean Kennedy
 - a. DSC takes courageous votes and stands over controversial issues
 - b. DSC as important body for dialogue so that solutions can be reached

- c. Tanya Foster could not be here but supported Resolution
- d. Rayaa El Zain is not able to attend but is one of the original authors
- 6. Eric Wallenberg, Hist
 - a. In light of historic votes by DSC
 - b. Recognize BDS has origins in Anti-Apartheid movement
 - c. What is happening in Israel reflects Apartheid—suggests we need to use that term
 - d. Wants to see DSC stand on right side of history
 - e. Desmond Tutu also supports BDS
 - f. Wants to see DSC and those who are unsure to think that this is a way to challenge the system of apartheid, here in the us, to impact the funding the US gives to enable these conditions
 - g. Cites firing of professor at Univ Ill at Urbana Champaign—lost job for standing up for Palestinians who lost home
- b. Oppose BDS Resolution
 - i. Anick Boyd, Complit
 - 1. Cedes time to Asaf Shamis, alum poli sci
 - 2. Asaf Shamis, alum poli sci
 - 3. Thanks everyone
 - 4. Suggests that those in favor put this in terms of pro or anti Palestinian or Israeli
 - 5. Real issue: academic freedom
 - 6. Restriction of knowledge based on nationality
 - 7. Don't restrict people based on nationality
 - ii. Erin McKinney Prupis
 - 1. Jewish student in Public Health

2. Astonished by BDS
3. Cites inventions and work done by Israeli academics and doctors
 - a. E.g. Kinder and gentler
 - i. Measures newborns without discomfort
 - b. Israeli institutions protect and support Palestinians
 - c. Palestinians Al-Quds university
 - d. 60 ongoing joint research projects with Israel
 - e. Resolution made her feel targeted as a Jew
 - f. feels it is anti-Semitism
 - g. Not okay to target Israel and not other nations who have human rights violations
 - h. BDS will not help achieve peace
 - i. Pushes Israel and Palestinian students apart
 - j. As a Jew feels discriminated against
- iii. Yuval Abrams,
 1. Dual citizenship student, studied in Israel
 2. BDS makes him feel that he is not welcome here as an Israeli, he and his colleagues are made to feel not welcome and “beyond the pale.”
 3. Doesn’t foster discussion
 4. Sympathizes that Palestinian students have their rights violated
 5. Why target Israeli institutions—don’t have anything to do with that sort of oppression
 6. Israeli Univs are powerful engines for social change and civil rights movements
 - a. Hebrew Univ issued claim to get out of the West Bank
 - b. Isr Acad force for good and action
 7. Had Arab colleagues, professors, guests in Israel
 8. Asks whether restricting movement is the right way—asking/calling for new ways to give voice to those without voices (i.e. Palestinians)
 9. Calls out CUNY partnership with Israeli Univ, use that to expand dialogue rather than cut it off entirely
- iv. Cosim Sayid,
 1. Shocked to receive resolution
 2. There are other problems at CUNY—late pay, etc.—but is irritated that academic freedom is on the chopping block with BDS

rather than other important work we have to do

3. Suggests that there should be a petition
 - a. BDS Res jumps petitions and other democratic means in order to “go to the DSC”
 - b. “Is the job of the DSC to pick which countries are kosher and which ones are not?”
 - c. Animal rights advocates and children’s rights advocates, can also just avoid political discussion by going to the DSC
 - d. Consider what will happen? Thinks that passing this resolution would ruin the DSC’s relationship with the new President, Chancellor, and Board of Trustees
 - e. Cites Noam Chomsky —BDS doubly victimizes: not going to do anything for Palestinians and we are having a dialogue about boycott rather than a dialogue about helping Palestinians
 - f. Univ of Haifa— 1/3—are Arab.
“Doesn’t sound like Apartheid to me.”

v. Naomi Perley, Music

1. Alarmed at the way Zionism was deployed in resolution
2. Notes that many Jews and Israelis don’t support the state of Israel in its militaristic actions
3. Felt victimized, picked out and afraid to speak up as a Jewish student on campus
4. Cedes time to professor from Brooklyn College, Eric Alterman

vi. Eric Alterman, also writes column in national news outlet

1. Here as part of 150+ academics who do not support any kind of academic boycott
2. Even if he agreed, he doesn't agree with passing it on Shabbat
 - a. Like the communists passed laws
3. Contests statement that this boycott doesn't impact individuals
 - a. Can't go to conferences without institutional support
4. Stern critic of Israeli occupation and Israeli government practices
5. Wants end tomorrow
6. Difficulty of creating a two state solution
7. This resolution doesn't recognize Israel's right to exist
8. "As a practical matter, BDS is actually pro-occupation."
 - a. Single out Israel for opprobrium, won't help Palestinian cause
9. BDS is not the appropriate avenue—expression of disgust of Israeli treatment of Palestinians
10. Res will create contempt of free speech
11. "BDS is about doing away with the state of Israel"
12. "It is an act of disrespect for yourselves to vote for this resolution."

c. Undecided

i. Jen Tang, At large, EPSY

ii. Elyse Steenberg, Music

1. Was going to read something
2. Worried about how this represents students, might not be what everyone believes
3. Might have consequences for work, research, and field work

iii. Lori Hurson

1. In undecided camp because her constituents are undecided
2. Has students who are closely tied to and with Israel and those who support BDS
3. Promoting academic freedom, progressives in Israel, and stand up for Palestinians
4. Wanted more time to sit down with her program
 - a. Issues with wording in resolution, wanted to hear opinions of students
5. Wanted to motion to table

iv. Liza Shapiro, ComLit

1. Agrees with Lori

2. Hasn't had time to discuss with other rep from her own program
3. Not enough time
4. As a department want to make the extra effort in order to solicit more feedback from her constituents
5. Thanks DSC for providing space to have this out
6. She is a Jewish woman, doesn't feel targeted, offended
7. Truly in-between
- v. David Nagy, Phil
 1. Less than one week to discuss
 2. Concerned about what boycott will entail
 3. Worried about what is and is not included in BDS resolution
 4. Implications for passing this
 - a. What about DSC \$\$ for research in Israel or Palestine
- vi. Jen Tang, EPSY
 1. Creating space and time for discussions → safe and democratic space for students not on campus to participate in some way that creates space beyond what we can get in person at Plenary
 2. Encourages DSC's fostering of safe, democratic spaces. Need to think about this and how we can make our meeting more inclusive
- vii. Ian Haberman, Econ
 1. Moves to table to vote
 2. Anick Boyd seconds
 3. ? Rebecca Salois — worried that DSC plenary won't be accommodating in future
 4. DN-POI — in bylaws Plenary times are not specified so we can set meeting times at our discretion

5. Jen Tang requests a friendly amendment that the motion to table is cognizant and respectful of Sabbath.
 - a. Tony Perri seconds motion
6. SK—notes that we all believe in inclusion but those here in the room have never brought a resolution to move the meeting time. Notes that if it is not enough time, or not enough resources
- viii. Samantha Morgan, AUD
 - a. ¼ of her program observes Sabbath
- ix. Ian Haberman,
 - a. Did not receive meeting minutes, was unable to say anything or prepare for the meeting
- x. Allan Zelener
 1. POI—received all plenary info no more than 5 and 3 days before 9/12.
 2. DN—POI—materials sent out 9/5
 3. Meeting does not comply with 6.3 of bylaws due to minutes
 4. DN—calls question for motion to amend the motion to table to be cognizant and respectful of Sabbath
 - a. Nay
 - i. Sean Kennedy
 - b. Abstain
 - i. Tony Perri
 5. Motion to amend the motion carries
 6. JP-POI—although meeting time isn't specified in our bylaws, today's meeting can't be changed because it had been schedule and the agenda sent out
 7. DN—POI—EC does not have discretion to strike items from the agenda, and can't change meeting time and place of meeting after it has been announced
 8. ? Robert Bell—echoes Sean Kennedy that although it is important to be in conversation with constituents, we are invested and trusted with power to vote for our constituencies as part of this liberal democratic system and body
 - a. If we are to abide by and observe the democratic nature of the DSC we should vote and
 - b. DN—POI—this resolution is different
 - c. AB—this is a different res and should be treated as such and DSC should be vigilant about day/time

regardless of how much it was in the past

9. Tony Perri

- a. Concerned for new students and their thoughts

10. Hamad Sindhi

- a. Was going to vote in favor of resolution, but was moved by those who are undecided
- b. Issue is contentious and challenging, but as rep it is his responsibility to get more information
- c. Wants to be respectful

11. Ashna Ali

- a. Miscommunication about meeting, lack of information and clarity
- b. Getting people in room who couldn't be here is important to recognize

12. DN—as chair also favors tabling this issue

- a. Wants to protect democratic process, has done best to do so
- b. Wants to give constituents further feedback and information is tantamount to making a good decision

13. JP—wants Chair to recognize short speech by CN

- a. Is not voting member, but was in past, has had issues with representative democracy of DSC. DSC is not a direct democracy. Reps are responsible and elected and entrusted to vote FOR constituents and make decisions for other students. It is DSC reps obligation to vote on this right now.

14. Naomi Perley

- a. DSC meetings are supposed to be open to the public. Friday nights are a bad time and exclusionary for Jewish population of CUNY. We need a meeting that ALL students can attend

15. Erin McKinney Prupis

- a. Divisive issue, whether it passes or doesn't, program constituents would be angry if they were not consulted in time for everyone to express concerns

16. Conor Tomas Reed

- a. Disingenuous to say that people who observe would be concerned about this particular issue and meeting and not all other issues and other DSC business
- b. All issues including sexual assault and other human concerns should be afforded by DSC meeting times all the time, not just for issues like BDS. Tabling would be a good decision as someone who is a very ardent supporter of this resolution. Every person is obligated to go back to your program and have a real discussion through which to make an informed vote at another time

17. Velina

- a. Doesn't want to table based on previously submitted resolution from May

18. Tony Perri

- a. Concerns have been aired at previous incarnation of the DSC. This is the legit first time that this resolution has been brought before the body. Feeling pressure by forcing vote, pushes those on fence to opposition.

19. Erin McKinney Prupis

- a. Wants the minutes so that she can share minutes with her constituents in a more objective manner than any one perspective is able

20. SK—DSC is a democracy. Re: direct democracy—unless we think about what everyone—every one—thinks tabling this is less effective. If reps can't get feedback

21. DN—point—it is 9:26pm. Same people continue to speak passionately

22. Cosim Sayid moves to vote on the underlying motion: to table the resolution and reconsider it at a time that takes into consideration
- a. Kenneth Ezerim seconds
 - b. Nays
 - i. Melissa Marterano, classics
 - ii. Velina Manolova
 - iii. Colin Ashley
 - iv. Cecilia Salvi
 - v. Robert Bell
 - vi. Sean Kennedy
 - vii. Note that in the process of moving and voting a Student has been excluded from voting and discussion
 - viii. Abstentions
 - c. Motion carries with 41 votes

- c. New Member Ratification
 - i. Welcome
 - ii. Anthony Perri
 - iii. Samantha Morgan
 - iv. Ian Haberman
 - v. DN motions to ratify
 - vi. CS seconds
 - vii. Motion passes
- d. Proposed Chartered Orgs
 - i. CCSA presents
 - ii. We need at least 48 people for next plenary
 - iii. Tanya Foster, Mentoring Future Faculty of Color
 - 1. Mission of chartered org—seeks to address lack of diversity in student body and professoriate. Seeks to offer mentorship, resources for current doctoral students of color. Research and redress in the academy. Wants to draw new voices into conversation, foreground need to diversify student body. Open to all grad students at CUNY.
 - 2. GC Chapter of ISO

- a. Eric Wallenberg and Tahir Butt
 - b. Active members of ISO at GC, formerly a group at the GC that no longer exists. Sought to bring BDS to GC. Other activities—speaking event with Arundati Roy. Hope to bring similar events. Work with Center for ... Research and Social Change. Co-Sponsor conference in Chicago. Members involved in Green Party Gubernatorial campaign.
- 3. Students of the State
 - a. Mike Miller, Poli Sci
 - b. Study group and forum for discussion of the state. Rich and diverse scholarship that is interdisciplinary. Meet and share insights, host speakers.
 - c. ? Jen Prince—sufficiently interdisciplinary? Needs signatures from 3 different programs, verified by CCSA.
- iv. Proposed Student Associations
 - 1. Computer Science Student Association
 - a. Presenting at next plenary
 - b. Previously not able to form PSA
 - c. Rules changed, encourages other GC program reps to form PSA
 - i. Can accept donations to line of credit DSC uses

V. Steering Officer Reports

- a. Funding –Rebecca Salois
 - i. Deadline: September 19, any events as of July 1 to deadline date will be recognized by the committee for the **first round**
 - ii. Next Deadline, October 17
 - iii. Deadline dates—Nov 12, Jan 16, Mar 20
 - iv. Meeting dates—September 30, Nov 4, Dec 2, Feb 3
 - v. Enumerated funding committee members
 - vi. 19,000 avail for year
 - 1. 3000 less than last year
 - vii. Max Grant is \$650, start up grant \$215
 - viii. Media requirements on website are current
 - ix. Grants will not pay for Restaurant Associates this year
 - x. Looking for ideas and thoughts
 - 1. List of restaurant or catering options
 - 2. Local hotels, lodging
 - 3. Topics for workshops on grant applications
- b. Governance and Membership
 - i. Kyla BB
 - 1. Committee has not yet met
 - 2. Any confusion or issues with DSC rep status contact Kyla
- c. Health and Wellness
 - i. Charlotte Thurston
 - ii. Website and twitter, handout
 - iii. Navigating NYSHIP—encourages students to check status, talk to Scott Vorhees and Elise Perram
- d. Outreach
 - i. Gwen Shaw
 - ii. I am going to be sending an email, don't delete

- iii. I will reach out to other students on other campuses who are members of the Graduate Center
- iv. I will also be liaising with affiliates and other entities that have contact with those off campus bodies
- v. I plan on hitting every off campus site at least once a semester
- vi. I will email you
- vii. International students re required on my committee by the bylaws. We had someone appointed, but I would like someone to volunteer. If you are interested please email me.
 - 1. A rep ask why they have reps
 - 2. volunteers
- e. Life and Services
 - i. Ashna Ali
 - ii. Can we keep the fitness classes alive? 3 sessions of pilates, yoga
 - iii. Classes not staying afloat—not enough money
 - 1. Ran on surplus
 - 2. No longer surplus
 - 3. Asking students for donation
 - 4. Other ideas about ways to offer fitness options for students?!?!?
 - 5. Instructors also suffer from lack of funding, no raise in 8+ years
 - iv. Concern about sexual harassment policy changes, collab w/ Health and Wellness
 - v. NJ Transit partnership
 - 1. University won't join the program but discount is available from Elise Perram eperram@gc.cuny.edu
 - vi. ? Liza—enrollment?
 - 1. Classes are every 6 weeks—2 per semester
- f. Library and Technology
 - i. Hamad Sindhi
 - ii. library@cunydisc.org
 - iii. IT has taken over C145B, used to be a computer classroom
 - iv. Library elevators not working, you can take main ones and exit on C or 2nd floor
 - v. Scanner in 5487 open to everyone!

VI. Announcements

- a. Next plenary: Party!
- b. Thank you to Dominique for Chairing

VII. Motion to adjourn

- a. Ashna moves
- b. Cecilia 2nds