

Doctoral Students' Council Elect Plenary

Minutes

May 15, 2015

Dominique Nisperos (DN) calls the meeting to order at 6:04pm

DN calls for quorum count (1)

- I. Approval of Agenda
  - A. Hamad Sindhi (HS) motions to approve the agenda. Cihan Tekay (CT) seconds. Motion passes unanimously (2)
- II. Orientation to the DSC
  - A. Jen Prince (JP) presents on the structure of the DSC
  - B. Amy Martin (AM) presents the CUNY Power Map
  - C. DN notes that the DSC works to advocate for GC students at all levels.
  - D. HS explains the rights and responsibilities of DSC reps
    1. China Sajadian: how are we recorded as present? Is there a signup?
      - a) HS notes that the clickers record attendance
    2. David Topel asks if the 2-absences rule applies to both program and at-large reps.
      - a) HS notes that yes, that is the case
  - E. DN reports on Robert's Rules of Order
- III. Elections
  - A. Co-Chair for Student Affairs
    1. AM explains the general work of the position.
    2. JP nominates Amy Martin, who accepts
    3. DN motions to close nominations and unanimously elect AM. Colin P Ashley (CPA) seconds. Motion passes (3)
    4. JP clarifies that members will not vote viva voce for any candidates if there is more than one nominee for further positions
  - B. Co-Chair for Communications
    1. DN explains the general work of the position
    2. DN nominates Hamad Sindhi, who accepts
    3. DN motions to close nominations and unanimously elect HS. CPA seconds. Motion passes (4)
  - C. Co-Chair for Business
    1. JP explains the general work of the position
    2. Stefanie A. Jones (SAJ) nominates Jen Prince, who accepts
    3. DN motions to close nominations and unanimously elect JP. Rebecca Salois (RS) seconds. Motion passes (5)
  - D. University Student Senate (USS) Delegate
    1. Cecilia Salvi (CS) explains the general work of the position
    2. Stephanie Vella (SV) nominates Cecilia Salvi, who accepts
    3. DN motions to close nominations and elect CS unanimously. Theodor Maghrak (TM) seconds. Motion passes (6)
  - E. University Faculty Senate (UFS) Liaison
    1. SV explains the general work of the position
    2. Jen Tang (JT) nominates Liza Shapiro (LS), who accepts
    3. DN motions to close nominations and unanimously elect LS. HS seconds. Motion passes (7)

Plenary

Executive Committee

Steering Committee

Constitution and Bylaws

Grants

Health & Wellness

Outreach

Student Services

USS Advisory Committee

Governance Task Force

Student Tech Fee

- F. At-Large Steering Officers (Six Slots)
1. Current Steering Officers explain the general work of the positions
  2. LS nominates Charlotte Thurston (ChT) (English), who accepts
  3. CS nominates Gwen Shaw (GS) (Art History), who accepts
  4. CPA nominates Kyla Bender-Baird (KBB) (Sociology), who accepts
  5. JP nominates Rachel Chapman (Urban Ed), who does not accept
  6. JT nominates Maryam Ghaffari Saadat (Comp Sci), who declines
  7. HS nominates Carlos Camacho (CC) (Sociology) who accepts
  8. Ashna Ali (AA) nominates Cihan Tekay (Anthropology) who accepts
  9. AM nominates Saiful Saleem (SS) (French) who accepts
  10. JT nominates Theodor Maghrak (TM) (Anthropology) who accepts
  11. Liza Shapiro nominates Khaled Al Hilli (Comp Lit), who declines
  12. AA nominates Melissa Marturano (Classics), who declines
  13. Sean Kennedy nominates Jeremy Randall (JR) (History), who accepts
  14. DN closes nominees
  15. TM asks when the officer positions are assigned; DN explains that there will be a joint steering meeting in May or June to explain more of the work and help officers to decide on their assignments
  16. DN asks the candidates to step to the front of the room for questions
  17. JT asks if there is an order or process to the questions before the vote
  18. DN explains that we will spend 30 minutes on questions, taking a set questions from the floor and asking each candidate to answer
  19. DN asks which positions candidates would be interested in:
    - a) CT (outreach, student services), JR (outreach or L&T), GS (outreach, but not married to any position), ChT (H&W), KBB (G&M), CC (L&T), SS (Outreach), TM (L&T or funding)
  20. DN invites the candidates to step out into the hallway, and calls for a 2 minute break.
  21. DN calls for a quorum count at 8:49pm (E) (8)
  22. Vote for TM (9)
  23. Vote for SS (10)
  24. Vote for CC (11)
  25. Vote for KBB (12)
  26. Vote for ChT (13)
  27. Vote for GS (14)
  28. Vote for JR (15)
  29. Vote for CT (16)
  30. Top vote recipients: TM, SS, CC, KBB, ChT, JR
- IV. Ratification of Elected Officers
- A. DN motions to ratify elected officers, JP 2nds, passes unanimously (17)
- v. Election of External Committees
- A. Student Technology Fee (Three Slots, Two Alternates)
1. HS nominates SV, who accepts
  2. SV nominates HS, who accepts
  3. JP nominates JR, who declines
  4. JT nominates Maryam Ghaffari Saadat, who declines
  5. David Topel (DT) nominates Pablo Crespo, who declines

6. JT notes that we pay \$125 per semester to technology
7. DN nominates TM, who accepts
8. Jimiane Ashe nominates JT who declines because of ineligibility
9. CC nominates himself
10. SV nominates ChT, who accepts
11. DN closes nominations
12. Vote for Stephanie Vella (18)
13. Vote for Hamad Sindhi (19)
14. Vote for Theodor Maghrak (20)
15. Vote for Carlos Camacho (21)
16. Vote for Charlotte Thurston (22)
17. SV, HS, TM as reps; ChT and CC as alternates
- B. Advocate Advisory Board (One Slot)
  1. RS nominates CT, who accepts
  2. DN motions to close nominations and unanimously elect CT. HS seconds. Motion passes
- C. Auxiliary Enterprise Board (Two Slots)
  1. HS nominates RS, who accepts
  2. AA nominates Dadland Maye, who is ineligible
  3. RS nominates LS, who accepts
  4. DN motions to close nominations and unanimously elect RS and LS. CPA seconds. Motion passes
- D. College Association (Two Slots)
  1. RS nominates herself
  2. SV nominates AA, who is ineligible
  3. AM nominates SS, who declines
  4. AA nominates Michael Healy, who declines
  5. JT nominates Jennifer Chmielewski (JC), who accepts
  6. DN motions to close nominations and unanimously elect RS and JC. CC seconds. Motion passes
- E. University Student Senate (USS) Alternate
  1. CS nominates CT, who declines
  2. ChT nominates Rachel Chapman (RC), who accepts
  3. DN motions to close nominations and unanimously elect RC. LS seconds. Motion passes
- F. DSC Child Care Representative
  1. JP nominates David Topel, who accepts
  2. ChT nominates Gwen Shaw, who declines
  3. AA nominates Stephanie Vella, who declines
  4. DN motions to close nominations and unanimously elect DT. JR seconds. Motion passes
- VI. Solicitation of Committee Members
  - A. Constitution & Bylaws
  - B. Grants
  - C. Health & Wellness
  - D. Outreach
  - E. Student Services
  - F. University Student Senate
  - G. Governance Task Force
- VII. Announcements

VIII.

Adjournment

- A. DN motions, everyone 2nds, passes unanimously