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Plenary (elect) MINUTES May 20th, 2016

Plenary

Executive Committee

Steering Committee

Constitution and Bylaws

Grants

Health & Wellness

Student Services

Outreach

USS Advisory Committee

Advocate Advisory Board

OpenCUNY Board

Governance Task Force

EDLAB

Student Tech Fee

Present: Ahmed Ahmed, Reethee Antony, Cassandra Barnes, Kyla Bender-Baird, Rachel Bogan, Carol Brathwaite, Maria del Rocio Carranza Brito, Allison Cabana, Carlos Camacho, Rachel Chapman, Pablo Crespo, Erin Cully, Chloe Edmondson, Luke Elliott-Negri, Miranda Fedock, Rebecca Fullan, Ernesto Garcia, Mohamad Hodeib, Philip Johnson, Sean Kennedy, Raj Korpan, Theodor Maghrak, Amy Martin, Dadland Maye, Toby Moody, Marino Mugayar-Baldocchi, Michael Murphy, David Nagy, Jason Neilsen, Dominique Nisperos, Marcelo Nomura, Teresa Ober, Yasmin Ozer, Alison Parks, Irena Parvanova, Javier Otero Pena, Ana Perry, Jennifer Prince, Jeremy Randall, Robert Robinson, Warner Sabio, Cecilia Salvi, Liza Shapiro, Gwen Shaw, Hamad Sindhi, Iris Strangmann, Matthew Stuck, Charlotte Thurston, David Topel, Stephanie Vella, Alicen Weida, Janet Werther, Tellisia Williams, Alexander Wood

Absent: Yuval Abrams, Khalid Al-Hilli, Andi Cupallari, Kristofer Eckelhoff, Margit Edwards, Ferzileta Gjika, Jeannette Huaman, Emese Ilyes, Jacob Russell-Madonia, Saiful Saleem, Nicole Whalen, Mikayla Zagoria-Moffet

Jennifer Prince (JP) calls meeting to order at 6:20 pm.

- I. Approval of Agenda
 - Stephanie Vella (SV) moves to approve the agenda. Janet Werther (JW) seconds. Agenda approved unanimously.
- II. Orientation to the DSC
 - 1. DSC Structure

Hamad Sindhi (HS) familiarizes body with DSC structure. JP highlights that structure map is out of date due to our update of DSC governance to place UFS and USS as full Executive Committee members. Amy Martin (AM) updates body on current affiliates.

2. CUNY Power Map

Amy Martin (AM) explains CUNY power map. JP: chair of USS is sole student on BOT. Notes that programs are required to have standing committees but programs often create their own standing committees through program governance. EOs should be examining governance documents every three years.

3. DSC Representative Rights & Responsibilities
JP takes body through DSC home site, urges body to familiarize itself with website and works. Reminds body about representatives' responsibilities to attend all plenary meetings and find proxy if they cannot do so. Explains DSC attendance policy and representatives' duties to constituents and their program. Describes constituent communication.



4. Robert's Rules of Order

Cecilia Salvi (CS) presents Robert's Rules, professes love for Robert. JW asks what $\frac{2}{3}$ vote entails for ending discussion. KBB clarifies that it's $\frac{2}{3}$ of the seats. JP clarifies that we operate by a simple majority. Javier Otero Pena (JOP) asks about seats and how quorum is determined. JP: Body consists of 67 people so we need 34 to get quorum. Clarifies that quorum can change with representatives coming on and off the body.

III. Elections

JP clarifies term of service: July 1st 2016 through June 30th 2017 and that any representative can serve and nominate others and self. Certain responsibilities that you will need to do starting that date, including sending emails and responding to the body on the work you're doing. Urges body to consider commitment and ability to serve, clarifies that Steering Officers can make up office hours or time if they cannot be present over the summer. JP goes over stipends for Executive Committee Members and At-Large Steering Officers. Clarifies that international students can hold these positions. JW asks whether stipend adds to hours on fellowship; JP clarifies that hours do not have to reported and there's no conflict with any fellowship.

- I. Co-Chair for Student Affairs
 AM presents CCSA role. JP clarifies that only officers who can no longer serve in their positions will explain the positions.
- II. Co-Chair for Communications JP presents CCC's role.
- III. Co-Chair for Business IP presents CCB's role.
- IV. University Student Senate DelegateCS professes love for her position and presents the USS position.
- V. University Faculty Senate Liaison
 JP explains that position, and that it was created to have permanent voting spot on UFS, but does not yet and is just a liaison position still.
- VI. At-Large Steering Officers (6 slots)

JP goes over at-large Steering positions. HS moves to elect Co-Chairs first prior to voting for Steering Officers. Michael Murphy (MM) asks to go over the roles of Steering first. SV clarifies that officer positions are not elected tonight but six people are voted in as committee. Body decides to first vote for Co-Chairs (motion passes). JP explains nomination process and the roles of the six at-large steering officers.

Nominations for Co-Chairs open

AM nominates CS (Anthropology) as CCSA. CS accepts nomination. JP asks for other nominations, JP asks to elect CS by unanimous consent. CS is elected.



Dominique Nisperos (DN) nominates HS (Sociology) for CCC. HS accepts. JP asks to elect HS with unanimous consent. HS is elected by unanimous consent.

HS nominates Liza Shapiro (LS; Comp Lit) for CCB. LS accepts. JP asks to elect LS with unanimous consent. LS is elected by unanimous consent.

David Nagy (DaN) moves to elect CS for CCSA, HS for CCC, LS for CCB. Jen Tang seconds. Motion passes. SV asks whether UFS and USS can be from the same department. JP clarifies that they can.

USS nominations

Carlos Camacho nominates Tellisia Williams (TW; Psychology). DN nominates Kyla Bender Baird (KBB). KBB declines. Rachel Chapman (RC; Urban Education) nominates self. Dadland Maye (DM) nominates JW. JW declines but notes she's open to other nominations. Members create questions to pose to USS delegate. JP invites TW and RC to come to the front to address these questions. RC and TW respond to questions. Discussion of nominees among DSC. Vote taken for USS Delegate. TW is elected as USS Delegate.

UFS nominations

CS nominates KBB for UFS Liaison. KBB accepts. AM motions to close nominations and elect KBB by unanimous vote. Jeremy Randall (JR) seconds. Warner Sabio (WS; MALS) nominates himself. JP clarifies procedure. Stefanie Jones clarifies procedures. Questions for nominees are modified. Discussion of nominees among DSC. KBB is elected as UFS Liaison.

Nominations for Steering

WS (MALS), JR (History), Carlos Camacho (CC; Sociology), Ahmed Ahmed (AA; MALS), JW (Theatre), Alison Parks (AP; Political Science), Teresa Ober (TO; Educational Psychology), JOP (Psychology), Chloe Edmonson (CE; Theatre), Rachel Bogan (RB; Sociology), DaN (Philosophy) are nominated

AM suggests that we only have 3 questions. DN request changing CUNY to the Graduate Center in questions as well as getting rid of question on workload. JT proposes that each candidate speaks for 120 seconds total. Theodor Maghrak (TM) says voting position question is null, and would limit any discussion in terms of what steering member position they'd prefer and just say why they want to be on steering. Nominees respond to questions. The body votes for these six people for at-large steering: Warner Sabio, Jeremy Randall, Carlos Camacho, Janet Werther, Alison Parks, Javier Otero Pena

VII. Ratification of Elected Officers

Raj Korpan (RK) moves to ratify the new officers. Jen Tang (JT) seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

VIII. Election of External Committees

1. Student Technology Fee (3 slots, 2 alternatives)

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TM, RB, and Alex Wood are nominated and elected. DaN and RK are nominated and elected as alternates.

- 2. Advocate Advisory Board (1 slot) DaN is nominated and elected.
- 3. Auxiliary Enterprise Board (2 slots) TM and TO are nominated and elected.
- 4. College Association (2 slots) JP and CC are nominated and elected.
- 5. University Student Senate Alternate (1 slot)
 Cassandra Barnes (CB; MALS) is nominated and elected.
- 6. DSC Childcare Rep (1 slot)
 David Topel (DT) and JW are nominated. JW is elected.
- IX. Solicitation of Committee Members
 DSC reps are asked to sign up for the following committees: Constitution & Bylaws,
 Grants (needs several members to do business), Health & Wellness, Outreach, Student
 Services, University Student Senate Advisory Committee, Governance Task Force
- X. Announcements None.
- XI. Adjournment Meeting is adjourned at 10:10pm.