

**Plenary
 MINUTES
 November 18th, 2016**

Plenary

Executive Committee

Steering Committee

Constitution and Bylaws

Grants

Health & Wellness

Outreach

Student Services

USS Advisory Committee

Advocate Advisory Board

OpenCUNY Board

Governance Task Force

EDLAB

Student Tech Fee

Present: Khalid Al Hilli, Kyla Bender-Baird, Carol Brathwaite, Allison Cabana, Carlos Camacho, Rachel Chapman, Pablo Crespo, Andi Cupallari, Maria del Rocio Carranza Brito, Chloe Edmondson, Luke Elliott-Negri, Miranda Fedock, Rebecca Fullan, Ernesto Garcia, Nick Glastonbury, Kerri-Leigh Heeseman, Jeannette Huaman, Emese Ilyes, Philip Johnson, Raj Korpan, Amy Martin, Dadland Maye, Toby Moody, Marino Mugayar-Baldocchi, Michael Murphy, David Nagy, Jason Neilsen, Marcelo Nomura, Teresa Ober, Leann Osterkamp, Javier Otero Pena, Yasmin Ozer, Alison Parks, Irena Parvanova, Ana Perry, Jennifer Prince, Jeremy Randall, Robert Robinson, Jacob Russell-Madonia, Warner Sabio, Cecilia Salvi, Liza Shapiro, Gwen Shaw, Hamad Sindhi, Iris Strangmann, Matthew Stuck, Charlotte Thurston, David Topel, Stephanie Vella, Alicen Weida, Janet Werther, Nicole Whalen, Tellisia Williams, Alexander Wood

Absences: Ahmed Ahmed, Reethee Antony, Cassandra Barnes, Rachel Bogan, Erin Cully, Kristofer Eckelhoff, Margit Edwards, Ferzileta Gjika, Sean Kennedy, Dominique Nisperos, Sally Sharif

Guest speaker: Joy Connolly (JC), Provost

JC started on August 1 started, and was at NYU for 12 years, was also Dean of Humanities and Sciences. The Dean of Sciences, Acting Associate Provost and staff are working together, with EOs and APOs. Working on: Foster asking and consulting interdisciplinary and inter-programmatic collaboration. Curriculum reform, creative design, and how faculty are mentoring and teaching. There's a desire to have more contact with people outside of their programs. Unexpected collaboration. Engaging students in that conversation. A possible idea is having tables in the commons or off commons biweekly, spaces for themed discussions, informal space where people can drop in. Support for students. Money remains tight. GC has a history of doing a lot with a little. Extra funding, seeking: TLC, Jenny Furlong- postgrad professionalization and employment; positive support for "alt ac" career prep & placement. The Provost looked into the question of tuition remission and costing it out- currently can't afford it- \$1.2 million. "I know it's something we can't afford coming up, but is still on the radar." Diversity, increasing diversity of faculty and students: primarily racial/ethnic, religion, gender, also intellectual. Provost points to La Guardia Community College Mellon Foundation program as an example. Mellon has provided positive review. Diversity related because the Provost is hoping to enhance it and use it as a pipeline program, for marginalized communities. Martin Ruck appointed as Special Advisor to the President for Diversity and Inclusion. Prof. Ruck joins the Provost's team for policy discussion and voting. First 100 days of Trump: we are planning with Programs, faculty, students, staff, Office of Marketing and Communications: a mix of 3-4 events that will have embedded themes: 3rd party; trade; citizenship and identity; immigration; taxation; race and the media. Currently figuring out the logistics, and what topics are best hosted by institutions. The idea is to arm and educate ourselves to talk across the divide. Sciences: Advanced Science Research Center is joining the GC. Construction of Gender-Neutral bathrooms: Money can get allocated and approved, but takes a while to get from CUNY Central to the colleges. Placement of stickers, why are they on the inside, and think we can fix that. Bigger project: getting more bathrooms. "We're not done here, both these issues are still on the radar."

Questions:

Jennifer Prince (JP): The Provost is the only VP who is not a white man. How are you voicing student concerns about diversity?

JC: It's difficult to bring it to the table, since we lost the VP for Marketing & Communication. Part of it is building leadership. Keep it on the table during searches, relying heavily on Ruck. He's put together a

toolkit for student recruitment and faculty hires: implicit bias training; mentorship - thinking about "more than the pipeline"; JP recommends taking the bias training before the search begins. Provost says that is the plan.

Janet Werther (JW): Tuition Remission is a large cost, but it's a large cost to us and also in time-to-degree. 5 years is not realistic.

JC: definitely a long-term conversation.

Nick Glastonbury (NG): 100 days of Trump programming, also links to issue of diversity. These conversations are important, ex immigration: does the admin have any plans to take a stand on life-upending situations? And the sanctuary campus issue?

JC: it's an ongoing topic of conversation, because it's new to us. Talking about it tonight. We're working with CUNY Central. In terms of Student Affairs and Bob Hatcher, resources and support are available through their offices, and an email was sent out. Diverse and inclusive, we stand by our goal of inclusive welcome.

Tellisia Williams (TW): La Guardia Mellon Fellowship: you present it as good and working. Have you spoken to students who received this fellowship? They have concerns, and their voices are excluded.

JC: have heard that. It's a new collaboration. Dean Olan is working to improve it during next semesters. We are seeing the results of "failure of perfect alignment" between needs of different programs. It's about pedagogy, students at GC learning from great CUNY professors. Right now it's pedagogy, I'd like to take the next step to use it as a Pipeline for diversity.

TW: There's a concern about isolation. Prof. Ruck meets with faculty, but how often does he meet with students? TW brings up the fact that $\frac{2}{3}$ students can't meet on the day scheduled for committee on diversity and inclusion.

JC: He would never do that intentionally; this is the difficulty of scheduling. I will find out how frequently he's meeting with students. I should know. This is also "getting off the ground."

Dadland Maye (DM): I like emphasis on mentoring students. Specifically wants to emphasize diversity issues and student involvement, and the spectrum of diversity. How do we get students more involved? We are also concerned if Martin Ruck is placed as a roadblock. DM asks a question to President

Robinson: how will this be measured, and he hasn't received a response.

JC: Jen Kobrin, is good at explaining what resources her office has available. She did a graph on racial and ethnic diversity at GC. Diversity has gone up. Seem to be appealing in the right way, so our diversity yield is up over the past 5 years. Chase's passion is reflected in her hiring and in appointing Ruck.

Thinking creatively about what we can learn from the numbers is Kobrin's job.

DM: February he will ask same question, and wants a documented answer.

JC: instituting ARR, annual report and request, programs have to submit every April, their opportunity to show diversity, also time to degree. Understanding resources are limited, and have the data be more explicit and transparent.

Emails can be sent to the Provost. Emails requiring an immediate response should be cc'd to Stacy Modica.

Guest speaker: Rachel Chapman, (RC), presenting on the CUNY Rising Alliance

RC speaks on the importance of CUNY. It's being divested from state and city funding. There's uncertainty in the time of Trump. Alliance was formed a year ago, comprised of several organizations. She reads the information on the flyer that is distributed. Notes that action meetings are being called for a Student Bill of Rights, including 11/21 and 11/22. A petition is also being circulated asking Governor, and state legislature to fully fund CUNY.

Questions:

Miriam Gabriel (MG) asks a question about getting more involved.

Iris Stragmann (IS): what happens at the action meetings?

RC: To reach out to students at different campuses. Press release will occur 12/7. And clarifies that the student bill is no longer subject to change, and RC clarifies that it might be changed in the future, but not now. RC mentions that it be brought up at next plenary.

Teresa Ober (TO) calls the meeting to order at 5:38PM.

I. Approval of Agenda

Chloe Edmonson (CE) moves to approve with emendations to new business: Approval of a Committee on Gender Neutral Bathrooms. Gwen Shaw (GS) adds an emendation to include A Resolution against Trump. Hamad Sindhi (HS) seconds. The motion to approve the agenda with emendations passes unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes of Oct 21st, 2016

HS motions to table minutes until the next meeting. Janet Werther (JW) seconds. The motion to table the minutes passes unanimously.

III. Executive Committee Reports

1. Co-Chair for Student Affairs (Cecilia Salvi | ccsa@cunydisc.org)

a) Chartered Organizations

- i. Status: 9 Chartered Orgs are active, and over half the reports are submitted.
- ii. I've again contacted Udaan ISRA that has been inactive for 2 semesters and asked them to vacate the office. No response.
- iii. I've started the process of rearranging chartered org offices so that more room becomes available for students.

b) Governance Task Force Meeting

- i. We met on 10/24. David Nagy and I were elected co-chairs.
- ii. We discussed strategies and feasibility for bringing back the EO and student survey that was carried out in 2014. We agreed that this survey could be revamped and sent to programs in early 2017.
- iii. We also discussed having reps find their program's governance documents (which are available on the website, but many do not know of its existence, or if they are up-to-date). The goal is to increase awareness that these docs exist. From there, we could discuss which gov documents need to be updated/ reviewed by GTF.

c) Structure Committee, Graduate Council

- i. Structure Committee met on 11/14.
- ii. We discussed what "in good standing means" and fought for students' right to serve on program committees even if they have received stat prog notification. It was also mentioned that 6.4B of the GC Governance Doc states "any matriculated student" can serve.
- iii. We discussed the program governance document for the HLBLL program, and EO del Valle presented on the reasons for certain changes. He brought up a discussion of the Diversity Standing Committee, which was ultimately rejected by the members in favor of more general language (see 1.2) for diversity and inclusion, in the broadest sense. However, the Exec Committee has to review issues of diversity and inclusion for progress every year. We also discussed the process of faculty appointments, and suggested a more flexible Approved unanimously with emendations.
- iv. We discussed the program governance document for the MALS program, and EO Gold presented on the reasons for certain changes. We asked them to include language on diversity and inclusion, which they did. We also asked them to clarify when students have voice and vote. Approved unanimously with emendations.
- v. Chair Weinstein is in favor of institutionalizing a standing committee on outcomes assessment, because of Middle States requirements. This will be discussed in later meetings.
- vi. Chair Weinstein is in favor of institutionalizing a standing committee on outcomes assessment, because of Middle States requirements. This will be discussed in later meetings.
- vii. Chair Weinstein is in favor of institutionalizing a Budget committee at the GC, since other campuses have one. It's currently not formalized at the GC, although President Robinson

- does consult with a budget committee. Chair Weinstein is researching the language of other colleges' budget committees. This will be discussed in later meetings.
- viii. We asked to add the language of the Presidential Search Committee to the next agenda.
- d) Board of Trustees, Fiscal Affairs Committee
- i. We met on 10/24 to discuss the Consideration of the FY2017-2018 Operating Budget Request
 - ii. New request includes \$35 mil more (\$235mil total) to implement PSC contractual agreement "Faculty Partnership for Student Success"
 - iii. We asked again about separating tuition increases from the budget, but they are integral to the plan. VC Sapienza said it is "premature" to have a contingency plan because of the way the budget process works.
 - iv. After a lengthy debate, approved with one abstention (Clarke) and one nay (me, obviously).
- e) Questions:
- i. JP: Are there any updates on having student on Academic Appeal committee? CS: No.
 - ii. RC: Are tuition increases for 5 years? CS: The BoT can only request for 1 year, but planning for 4-5 years.
2. Co-Chair for Communications (Hamad Sindhi | ccc@cunydisc.org)
- a) Co-Chair meetings
- i. Meeting with Student Affairs Nov 18 2016
 - 1) NYSHIP rates have increased, everyone who is on NYSHIP should have received a letter from the benefits office or at least an email from Scott Vorhees; COBRA rates will probably increase as well, but don't have them now; new rates will go into effect in the Dec 28th paychecks
 - 2) NYSHIP recipients may be getting 1095-Cs soon, but remember that you don't need to include these in your tax returns
 - 3) November is open enrollment month for NYSHIP. Go get some health insurance!
 - 4) Thinking of continuing some fitness classes during the winter session, stay tuned
 - ii. Meeting with GC-PSC Chapter Exec Committee (date)
 - 1) The Co-Chairs met with the Exec Committee of the GC-PSC chapter, and discussed collaborating on the security cameras issue, as well as collaborating in general
- b) Executive Committee meetings
- i. Meeting with Provost Connolly Oct 25 2016: discussed tuition remission; she seem's on board and understood our concerns well; will follow-up with Jennifer Kobrin about data which she can then use to calculate the investment in this; discussed the need for better gender-neutral friendly bathroom signage; she seems on board with this, but following up with former interim provost Lennihan about this; discussed creating a coat-check like facility in the lobby; may start this as a pilot and see how it goes; discussed ways to increase diversity at the GC; Overall appears that Provost Connolly is still getting her bearings on how things work but seems to agree that these are important issues
- c) Questions:
- i. Allision Cabana (AC) asks if the cameras have listening capability. HS answers no.
3. Co-Chair for Business (Liza Shapiro | ccb@cunydisc.org)
- a) Movie tickets for purchase: Angelika and Regal are \$8.50, AMC are \$10.25. We may need to consider how much we're willing to purchase certain tickets if their prices continue rising
 - b) Receipt submission: Receipts should be taped flat, no staples. Write node number on receipt.
 - c) Choosing proper budget line: A budget line must be chosen in order to request funds. The most common budget lines for check requests will likely be: Program Allocations, Chartered Organization Allocations, and Grants. Once you select Grants, the name of the Grant has to be

chosen from the dropdown menu. If the budget line is not selected, it will be difficult to access the request and process it because no link will be generated.

- d) Using funds on time: Program allocation funds roll over from Fall to Spring, but not from the Spring to next semester. Check Google doc for updated funds.
4. USS Delegate (Tellisia Williams | uss@cunydisc.org)
- a) 3rd USS Plenary will be held on Sunday, November 20th at Guttman Community College @ 12:00 PM
- i. Follow up on the CUNY Freedom of Expression and Expressive Conduct Policy
 - 1) DSC will vote on a resolution against this policy tonight. I want to see if other CUNY campuses are also working towards a similar resolution
 - 2) The USS Committee on Civic Affairs has been tasked with this policy and on Sunday we will receive an update by CUNY General Counsel & Sr. Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs, Frederick Schaffer
 - ii. Series of Town Hall meetings for the CUNY Rising Alliance to promote the Student Bill of Rights
 - 1) Emailed information about the first Town Hall meeting held at BMCC on 11.16. Next meeting is 11.21 at City College @ 6:30PM
- b) Met with the Senior Advisor to the President for Diversity and Inclusion, Professor Martin Ruck on October 27th
- i. Spoke about collaboration, prioritizing student experiences, updating the GC website to better reflect diversity (more audio/visual, links to faculty and student research that speak to diversity, links to related fields), conducting a 'Diversity Audit' of all programs (to get a better sense of student experiences and diversity reports)
 - ii. I was appointed to a two year term as one of the student representatives on the Presidential Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion
- c) Questions:
- i. DM: Who selected the students? I'm interested in knowing the process. Is the document of suggestions going to be accessible? TW: Email Martin Ruck. The DSC nominated students as well. TW also requested a list of minutes.
 - ii. AC: Since you've been excluded from the meeting, can you send a proxy? TW: I will follow up. I will enquire about sending a proxy, and I did ask that the doodle poll be opened again, but that was denied.
5. UFS Liaison (Teresa Ober | ufs@cunydisc.org)
- a) The second UFS plenary of the 2016-17 academic year was held on Tuesday, September 20th.
- i. During the meeting, the University Dean of the Executive Office and Enrollment, and the Director of Admissions were in attendance and spoke about university-wide enrollment trends. In short, enrollment increased between 2008-2014. Recently, in the years 2015-16 undergraduate enrollment has decreased, however, there has been a slight increase in the number of students completing their degree. Graduate enrollment actually declined during the same period of time, but is expected to increase, possibly as a result of the addition of new master's programs. According to this report, the University plans for growth in the following areas: more online programs, new degree programs (especially in graduate studies), more recruitment of adult students, students from outside NYC metro-area, and international students.
 - ii. Peter Knuepfer, Chair of SUNY's Faculty Senate spoke about the search for the new SUNY Chancellor. The SUNY UFS Chair mentioned that SUNY hopes to approve a Freedom of Expression and Expressive Activities Policy similar to the CUNY policy. Remember this policy is still under consideration, which means that any policy that emerges from CUNY could have widespread impact within and beyond the university.
 - 1) Those who attended the Graduate Council meeting on October 26 (earlier in the day than the most recent BoT meeting), already know that there is much confusion over this policy. Note that at this time, it has not been approved by the BoT, but will very likely be brought forth to Board next semester. The next

BoT meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 30 at 4:30 PM, with a Hearing scheduled one week earlier on January 23 at 5:00 PM.

- iii. The University Budget was also discussed. During the previous BoT meeting on October 26, the request to increase tuition by \$250 at the senior colleges and \$100 at the community colleges per year was approved, despite some resistance from students and several faculty senators. This was the last BoT meeting of the 2016 year.
- b) The next UFS plenary meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29th at 6:30 PM. The agenda is still forthcoming at this time.
- c) Questions:
 - i. CS: Do you get a sense that faculty is against tuition increases? TO: Some faculty spoke about making a statement, maybe informally. These caps are seen as a compromise by faculty, though they're pretty high still. Making a motion against tuition increases would not have been successful b/c there was no quorum.
 - ii. Jacob Russell (JR): Is the increase total over five years or each year? TS: each year, projected for a total of 5 years, but they will need to make the request annually.

IV. Steering Officer Reports

1. Officer for Funding (Javier Otero-Peña | funding@cunydisc.org)

- a) Last Grants Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 1 November 2016. We reviewed 5 new grant requests and 1 reviewed request.
- b) 5 Grant proposals were approved for a total of \$2,535. Total amount left for future requests 2016-2017: \$10,416.
- c) 1 new proposal was asked to review and resubmit.
- d) The two new Grant Committee members joined in this meeting (Ana Perry and Emese Ilyes).
- e) Next deadline for submissions is tonight at 11:59pm. The next meeting is on December 1. 3 new grants have been received.
- f) New project: update the funding opportunities for students, especially focused in identifying options to help students who do not have fellowships, scholarships, jobs. Please contact funding@cunydisc.org if you know of any fellowship, scholarship or grant that GC students may be eligible to apply to.

2. Officer for Governance & Membership (Alison Parks | governance@cunydisc.org)

Tells all to stick around for new business items!

3. Officer for Health & Wellness (Warner Sabio | health@cunydisc.org)

- a) Nurse Practitioner medical leave extended through December 5, 2016. "Stop-gap" primary medical care services will be made available at selected Institute for Family Health (IFH) clinics to uninsured and under-insured registered Graduate Center students.

4. Officer for Outreach (Janet Werther | outreach@cunydisc.org)

- a) Met with Childcare Center on 10/26. FYI there will be a tuition increase starting next fall. Total amount still TBD. The DSC cut funding to the center (\$10,000 to \$0), which has meant cuts to arts programming for kids. If you have skills to share, email me so I can put you in touch. Decided not to admit faculty kids.
- b) Sourcing info for a Feb. event/mini-conference for international students. Email me if you have *either* questions or experience re:
 - i. Tax preparation
 - ii. Getting work outside CUNY as an international student
 - iii. Working in the US post-diss deposit
 - iv. Immigration issues more broadly (documented or undocumented)Q
- c) Upcoming Off-Campus Party!!
 - i. Thurs. 12/15
 - ii. Planned at City College ... it's a dry campus ... sourcing thoughts and/or alternatives

5. Officer for Student Life & Services (Carlos Camacho | services@cunydsc.org)
 - a) Coffee Hour dates 11/21/16 1PM, 12/2/16 12/5 12/9 12/12
 - b) Salsa 101 class coming soon
 - c) Volunteers needed to test website
 - d) Need more volunteers to share their skills
 - e) ORGANIZING URGENCY: The Climate Crisis & What Should CUNY Do About It? Wednesday, November 30, 6-8 pm, PSC Union Hall, 61 Broadway, 16th Floor (Refreshments provided!) RSVP at organizing-urgency-psc.eventbrite.com
 - f) Questions:
 - i. TW: What more can we do for next we do for fellow students? Plugs WOCN Self Defense class to be held on December 5th at 6PM in room 5414
 - ii. Raj Korpan (RK): Can we have a bike storage because bikes get stolen? CC answers: the concern is where they can be stored, and I can look into that.
 - iii. AM: What is the date for the dance class? CC: TBD
 - iv. Charlotte Thurston (CT): Jerry Martini was working on the bike issue.
 - v. AW: Do we use green/sustainable products at the GC/in the DSC? Can we be more aware of our consumption & environmental impact? I know it's hard w/finances. CC answers that cups, napkins and plates have been green, given budgetary constraints.
 - vi. RC: Coat check service - is there a budget included in that? With all the cutting going on, is this something that we (the GC) are spending \$ on? CC: I don't know, I'll get back to you; agreed.
6. Officer for Technology & Library (Jeremy Randall | library@cunydsc.org)
 - a) Library News
 - i. Amnesty of library books between Nov 14-23
 - ii. Various databases can be accessed through NYPL, while others are coming soon-ish
 - iii. Major structural changes to the library are locked in CUNY 2020
 - iv. The hours are possibly a temporary issue
 - v. New tech being possible for loaning
 - vi. Check the library blog for more info!
 - b) Upcoming Tech sessions on privacy protection, encryption, etc
 - i. Privacy on one's personal laptops and online stuff
 - ii. TOR, VPN, PGP, Signal
 - iii. Possibly OSES of interest (Tails, Kali, Qubes [I need a non-Mac system for this so TBD])

V. New Business

1. New member ratification

AP moves to ratify Leann Osterkamp (LO) as new representative for Music DMA. JP seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

2. Chartering the Collective of Critical Transport Scholars

CS moves to charter the Collective of Critical Transport Scholars. JOP seconds. The motion to charter the CCTS is approved unanimously.

3. DSC 2016-17 budget changes (voting item)

LS indicates the changes to the budget: a transfer from the special purposes fund; grants byline was readjusted to fit the bylaws; and the meetings budget line was accommodated because of the changes to the grants budget.

LS motions to approve the 2016-2017 budget. Stephanie Vella (SV) seconds. HS asks if the budget is balanced? LS clarifies that it is. The motion is approved with one abstention from DM.

4. Resolution Against the Proposed Policy on Freedom of Expression and Expressive Conduct

HS presents the resolution and talks about importance of this resolution: The proposed policy has been coming from CUNY Central for the past 5 years, and the DSC has been successful in opposing it at least twice, and should continue to do so.

JP moves to adopt the resolution with emendations: to fix the typo with capital C for "CUNY Central"; to add clause: "Whereas the Doctoral Students' Council unanimously adopted a resolution in support of CUNY student activism on Sept 27, 2013; and"; and a friendly amendment to change "Steering Committee" to "Doctoral Students' Council". LS seconds.

Discussion:

LS: This was proposed over the summer when I was UFS liaison. Explains the shady efforts to get the proposed policy passed despite opposition from students and faculty.

HS: A version of the policy had "free speech zones", another had limits on the media. Limits can still be placed by the administration on groups in the latest version.

DM: Are we still giving language feedback?

TO: Clarifies that we are moving to approve with several language emendations, and we are in discussion, so yes, you are free to propose revised language.

DM: Does not prefer "students who are of color" to use people of color, or students of color. Also requests addition of LGBTQ and women: "CUNY students of color, working class populations, Queer communities, and women."

JP: Agrees with including this emendation.

LS: POC was included particularly because the policy was created to respond to #blacklivesmatter and SJP, and supports adding that language.

The motion, with all subsequent emendations, is approved unanimously.

5. Student Activities Fee Referendum

CS mentions that 424 signatures were gathered and certified in order to hold the referendum this semester. CS and HS discuss the strategies for passing the referendum, and a timeline. Voting runs from November 17-December 16.

Questions:

JP: Can we take paper votes? CS: No. Must be digital votes. Do what you need to to get votes.

Anna Perry (AnP): Brings up constituent concerns - election, losing health insurance, possibility of losing the nurse practitioner. HS: EC of DSC is advocating that the Nurse Practitioner stays for at least one more semester. There are other scenarios - part time/reducing hours. But we are spending money where we can send students elsewhere.

IS: Constituent concerns - what are we going to do with the money? LS: We can't allocate the money until we vote on it in Plenary. So we need access to the funds before we can think about that. Short answer: Student services that have been cut. But we'll have to discuss & vote on the budget. HS: We can source your ideas!! CS: We're just un-earmarking it so we can decide year-by-year in the future.

JOP: we need 10% of the DSO to vote. You can invite EVERYONE to vote, even people who vote no help us meet our threshold. We hope they will be a minority.

Philip Johnson (PJ): Difficulty in selling - sure it's just an earmark, but it seems like a definite *reduction* of health services, and a vague, non-committal "what we gain." To get out the "yes" vote, we need to be stronger about what we're *getting*. HS: we can add language to the online FAQ. CS: We literally can't say for sure where the money will go because it has to be voted by Plenary. But we can add language about sourcing options to the online FAQ sheet.

LO: people in every program aren't necessarily getting all this info. How can we get out the info? Send to APOs to get info. HS: Yes, I will send email to APOs!

CS: If you're getting resistance, tell people to contact me, or contact me yourself for strategies

DM: We need a more honest discussion about fiscal responsibility. This is a patch. This problem is going to crop up again next year. The future DSCs are going to have to deal with this. We have a huge problem that no one person can solve. I don't want to have this conversation now, but we have to have it at some point. Salary increases constitutionally tied to Grad B position, but then the budget becomes unbalanced.

JP: You can tell your constituents that you would like to advocate for (I would like to advocate for) greater increase in program allocations, which means money back in our students pockets. It is our job to get the info out to our constituents. Six years ago the budget was about \$40,000-50,000 higher, but this would be a \$96,000 budget increase. I don't think we have to decide on the next several years now.

Jacob: How much does the GC pay for the NP? LS & HS: about \$20,000 is the amount we understood in conversations from from Student Affairs. She earns \$100,000+. Part of the ethical issue is who should be paying for this.

GS: Can't we also encourage the GC to pay her salary, not out of our student activity fees?! Co-Chairs: Yes!

RK: Can we draft a statement or resolution to the effect that we'd like the GC to pay for the NP? HS: Will you help me draft it? RK: Yes

TO: We should consider the stop-gap. Jacob Russell Madonia (JRM): Is she getting paid while she's on leave? HS: Yes. She's on medical leave.

JOP: It is our job to speak for our constituents/the student body. There is a minority of students using the NP. But it is a very small minority. They are a small minority, but it is an important service. The point is that we need to keep fighting for everyone to be covered, but we can find a more efficient way, which includes not having that earmark. We need our constituents to know that we care about access to healthcare, but that we think we can be more efficient and not be drowning in this budget issue.

CT: The small minority of students are often international students. Harder to navigate the local system b/c of unfamiliarity. Important as we consider drafting a statement to pressure the GC to take on this budget line.

6. Constitution & Bylaws changes presentation

AP notes that the Constitution and Bylaws committee met on Monday 11/14 to discuss changes to the following bylaws:

- a) Bylaw 5.5.a: adding "matriculated" to student.
- b) Bylaw 5.6.b: language to make the dechartering process clear: the bylaws are clear if a chartered org is dechartered if inactive, but there's no process for dechartering if it is in violation of the DSC Constitution or Bylaws. AP describes the process. AP describes copying the process of inactivity, and then making the appropriate changes.
- c) Questions:
 - i. Amy Martin (AM): adds that as former CCSA, it is a fruitful change, since discussions with EC could come to nothing. It's nice to see the process laid out.

7. Creation of ad-hoc Committee on Gender Neutral Bathrooms

Chloe Edmonson (CE) moves to constitute the ad-hoc Committee on Gender Neutral Bathrooms. RK seconds. The motion is approved unanimously.

8. Resolution on the election of president-elect Donald Trump

HS presents the resolution, explains that the author of the resolution wishes to remain anonymous, and reads a statement from the author.

CS moves to table this resolution. Marcello Nomura (MN) seconds.

Discussion:

JW: I don't think we should table it. It won't be useful to do this in December.

David Nagy (DN): While Trump and Bannon are terrible, I don't agree with the language of the electoral college. I don't think this is the right way to do it.

Alexander Wood (AW): Steve Bannon is not mentioned at all in the whereas clauses.

RK: Also supports tabling. We need time to fact check.

Alicen Weida (AIW): What does it call on Trump to do? Does it mean a public statement?

HS answers yes.

TO clarifies that a statement would be put out by the DSC on behalf of the DSO.

DM: Objects to this document because it is divisive and political. Its claim is to disrupt diversity, and acknowledge that there are Trump and Clinton supporters. It disregards the election process.

Carol Brathwaite (CB): I don't know why the motion to table is on the table. We need to discuss it. What will be accomplished by tabling it. What can be done by passing this resolution? CB mentions that she believes a technicality in the law where the electoral college can go with the popular vote. It's not insignificant to pass a resolution taking a stand.

AM: In favor of tabling because this document has sensationalist language, and there is room to improve it. It is valid, and waiting would not be too late and we could have a stronger document. Suggests people on Plenary edit.

HS: Suggests that reps can edit the document by forming a small group. It has been done before. The DSC is a political body.

CS: I motioned to table because we can edit the document and get it to be a better document. That is what the author gave us permission to do, and we need time to fact check.

DM: This document will divide the body. It needs to be rejected. DM hopes that people can vote in secret.

HS: Point of order. HS calls that we continue to discuss only the motion to table.

Chair agrees.

MN: Does the DSC have guidelines for how reps should vote, does it have to be the way our constituents want us to vote, or is it our conscience? TO clarifies that it is the representative's vote.

DN: Supports tabling, but also wants issues to be addressed.

MG: motion to table is best. Has disagreement with the wording of the language of the resolution, but grateful to the author for responding. Agrees with having a post-election committee.

JOP: Tabled because there are so many critiques, is it possible to create a committee?

CB: Intensity of responses indicates that we need more time. Tabling seems like a pertinent step. We shouldn't marginalize different groups. We should take a position.

RK: Changes his mind and would not table it, there seems to be a lot of flaws with this document, so in favor of voting this document down.

David Topel (DT): There are logic mistakes, conceptual mistakes, and editing mistakes. We also have to balance it.

CC: is in favor of tabling because of the implications.

HS moves to amend the original motion to add: create an ad-hoc committee to rewrite the resolution. CS seconds.

TO calls the original motion, with emendation to vote. The motion does not pass, with two nays: DM and RK.

HS moves to create an ad-hoc committee on Writing a Resolution on Donald Trump's Presidency. DT seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

VI. Announcements

- a) CC reminds all about events.
- b) HS reminds all to join committees just formed.

VII. Adjournment

CS motions to adjourn meeting with unanimous consent. No objections noted. The meeting is adjourned at 8:22PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cecilia Salvi.