

**Plenary  
 MINUTES  
 December 16<sup>th</sup>, 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, Reethee Antony, Cassandra Barnes, Kyla Bender-Baird, Shoumik Bhattacharya, Rachel Bogan, Carol Brathwaite, Allison Cabana, Carlos Camacho, Rachel Chapman, Pierpaolo Cordone, Erin Cully, Andi Çupallari, Maria del Rocio Carranza Brito, Kristofer Eckelhoff, Margit Edwards, Rebecca Fullan, Ferzileta Gjika, Nicholas Glastonbury, Ian Haberman, Kerri-Leigh Heeseman, Jeannette Huaman, Emese Ilyes, Philip Johnson, Sean Kennedy, Julia Kolak, Raj Korpan, Amy Martin, David Nagy, Jason Nielsen, Dominique Nisperos, Marcelo Nomura, Teresa Ober, Leann Osterkamp (via proxy Nora Bartosik), Javier Otero Pena, Yasemin Ozer, Alison Parks, 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, Janet Werther, Nicole Whalen, Tellisia Williams

**Absences:** Ahmed Ahmed, Pablo Crespo, Chloe Edmondson, Luke Elliott-Negri, Miranda Fedock, Ernesto Garcia, Marino Mugayar-Baldocchi, Michael Murphy, Irena Parvanova, Ana Perry, Stephanie Vella, Alicen Weida, Alexander Wood

Guest speaker: Martin Ruck, Senior Advisor to the President on Diversity & Inclusion

This place is not the most diverse or inclusive place. Chase Robinson tapped Martin Ruck, who he reports directly to and he works with Joy Connolly, deans, EOs, students, DSC, staff in order to make this a more diverse and inclusive place. First, there needs to be an update to the GC Diversity site. Likewise, the diversity task force has provided a number of tasks for them to enact. The administration likes the “diversity of ideas” thing but we want to include diversity, actual diversity. There are structural issues because search committees like hiring people similar to themselves. We want to see committees take diversity searches more seriously. Chase can only do so much, so there are efforts to instill this ethos into the search committees. A central problem is not enough money to get someone like Skip Gates, but we don’t necessarily want a Skip Gates. We have this “it has to be a super senior person”. We are aiming to hire more at the assistant and associate level professors as that makes it more feasible to hire diverse faculty. There are two recent hires at this level. We want to start having focus groups to “vent,” which allows students to express their concerns. Presidential Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion met and will be planning events to chat and discuss ideas relating to diversity while helping to not put students in harm's way by expressing opinions re: faculty and other issues. When he last met the students, some faculty were noted to be less than kind. We want to do a diversity audit. There are limited surveys and these might be uncomfortable things that will surface. Like, how often are there microaggressions. How often do you not feel safe for example? Usually, these are done by outside agencies, because internal surveys often gloss over things. In the future, there might a larger group to assist in these issues. The rest of CUNY is much more diverse, but we are not here. Students want more diverse faculty but the leadership tends to be white. At some point, the GC will need an all-gender bathroom because of NYC law. We need to be better at recruiting students and others to increase diversity.

Questions:

David Nagy, Philosophy: You talked about faculty, what about others?

Response: It is difficult to do faculty, senior administration is even harder. Those who are minorities, often have to do extra labor. For example, they had three folders for hiring provosts, in the primary folder and even the maybe folder, it was almost entirely white. We don’t want to poach faculty from the other CUNYs

Janet Werther, Theater: What is CUNY doing about the two-tier systems around faculty and students? This needs to be addressed. There has been a cutting down of incoming PhD students. It is hard to run very small classes. There are central line faculty who are here maybe one, two days a week. What struck us is the lack of mentoring that students receive. There is usually an advisor for the entire cohort at the lower levels. On tuition bearing masters, there is a push for it. There's MALS, etc. The MA students pay for the PhD students.

Dominique Nisperos, At-Large: Can you tell me if EO must be central-line. No, they can be from the institutions. Why are student voices ignored by the president, what is your recommendation? Keep advocating. The EO is made at the discretion of the president. He had the sense that by the time he met with the president, the choice was already made.

Nick Glastonbury, Anthro: When these issues get raised, we are told there isn't a budget for it. The budget forecloses diversity, I wonder, are there conversations taking place at the upper level?

Response: I am not in the room for those questions about the budget. How do we go about doing an opportunity hire. I want to lay down in writing the steps so that we can do better on this.

Liza Shapiro (LS) calls the meeting to order at 5:34PM.

I. Approval of Agenda

LS moves to approve agenda by unanimous consent. No objections.

II. Approval of Minutes of Oct 21st, 2016 and Nov 18, 2016

In the list of attending, Raj Korpan was using former last name.

Amy Martin (AM) moves to approve minutes with emendations above. Raj Korpan seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

III. Executive Committee Reports

1. Co-Chair for Student Affairs (Cecilia Salvi | [ccsa@cunydsc.org](mailto:ccsa@cunydsc.org))

- a) Chartered Organizations: Status: 24 Chartered Orgs are active, and most reports are submitted; I've found chartered org leaders for Udaan ISRA and MFFC. I will meet with these new leaders so that both these orgs can become active this semester; Collective of Critical Transport Scholars (CCTS) was chartered last month; I've met with CSSA, CANES, KSA and am scheduling meetings with other orgs. The goals of these meetings is to see what their needs are, how to better promote events, and to reorganize their offices in a beneficial way. With the new CANES Co-Chair, I discussed making it a more interdisciplinary org, which does not only serve the Classics dept. With CSSA, I discussed changing their constitution so that the; I met with Chrissy from OpenCUNY yesterday. We are working to build a website that centralizes chartered org info and events, making them more accessible to GC students and easier for chartered org leaders to manage; I'm sending an email today on the latest updates, which includes Title IX training in Spring 2017 for chartered org leaders; I received one petition from Karen Lepri for an Anti-Hate Pedagogy Committee, but not enough signatures.
- b) Executive Committee of Graduate Council. We met on November 29<sup>th</sup>; We reviewed governance documents for MALS and HLBLL. Structure Committee chair Weinstein noted that HLBLL added an "interesting" section on diversity and inclusion, and she is considering adding that to the Governance template. I agree this is a good step, although HLBLL's governance doc also charges its EC with reviewing the other program committee's progress toward diversity and inclusion. Also, diversity according to the EO is defined in the broadest sense. Strategizing might help make this an inroad for Program Standing Committees on Diversity and Inclusion; We reviewed the Resolution against the Expressive Conduct policy. Added to the agenda unanimously; We reviewed the Resolution to make the Graduate School a sanctuary campus. There was debate on the meaning of sanctuary campus; whether it is a legal term; and if a resolution that asks for what the committee took to be largely symbolic falls under its purview. Chair Burke mentioned that VP for Legal Affairs Schaffer says the GC cannot be asked to violate federal laws. Also, the future administration has not taken office, so this resolution asks the GC to take action preemptively. Added to the agenda, with one nay (Nolan) and one abstention (Burke);

Burke informed me that he will abstain from both resolutions as EC of GC chair, so that it does not seem the EC is endorsing them.

- c) Ad-Hoc Committee on Accessibility: We met on Dec 1. Stefanie A. Jones and Reethee Antony attended; We discussed the previous year's goals, and updates on ongoing projects; The committee will do the following this year: continue to advocate for an office and director of accessibility; restart the "What does an Accessible GC look like?" campaign, including replacing doorstops where necessary; revamping last year's survey to include mental health; adding template language on accessibility on GC syllabi (apparently this is stalled in Student Affairs, after they received it from CDR); and following up on getting CUNY Central IT moneys to fund AT at home for GC students.
  - d) Referendum to Reallocate DSC Funds: We have surpassed the minimum number of votes needed. Voting ends tonight! 493/ 12.78%
  - e) The Academic Appeal process is: 1. In program: EO and officer; 2. Receive letter, right to appeal; 3. (Student Affairs); 4. Student Academic Appeals Committee; Refer to: Graduate Center Student Handbook; Student Life's Student Handbook (pg 65); Any determination that affects your academic standing can be appealed: Leave of absence rejected; Asked to leave program; If you're in good academic standing, you have the right to Leave of Absence (4 semesters); Meet deadline
  - f) DSC Room and Space Issues: I am contacting chartered orgs to re-organize them and move the Advocate and OpenCUNY into their own offices. That way, 5396 will become available for booking by GC students. This has been discussed with CCB Shapiro. I believe this can be accomplished by the beginning of next semester; I've spoken with Elaine from IT about upgrading or changing the computers in 5414 and 5409 to avoid the log in issues we've been having; There will be a Pilates Winter break session, Dec 13-Jan 24; Please continue to prioritize room reservations during office hours.
  - g) Governance Task Force: Met on 12/9 to discuss putting out a survey; It also selected programs to help update their governance documents: Anthro, Crim Just, French, Ed Psych, Math, Physics
  - h) Graduate Council: Met on 12/14 and passes a resolution against the Proposed Policy on Freedom of Expression and Expressive Conduct; Passed a Resolution to Designate the Graduate School a Sanctuary Campus
  - i) Questions: Jacob Russell (JR) asks: Is there a right to ask for leave of absence. Response: If you are in good standing, you can; Marcel Nomura (MN): Why are you choosing those departments to change? It is because old; Philip Johnson (PJ): How can you take these leaves. Response: However you want as long as you're in good academic standing which they underscored
2. Co-Chair for Communications (Hamad Sindhi | [ccc@cunydisc.org](mailto:ccc@cunydisc.org))
- a) College Association met on Dec 9 2016: CCSA Cecilia Salvi was nominated and approved as the Vice-Chair; CCC Hamad Sindhi was nominated and approved as Secretary; CCB Liza Shapiro and DSC Rep Jennifer Prince were nominated and approved for the Executive Committee; DSC Rep Jennifer Prince was nominated and approved for Budget Committee; CCB Liza Shapiro presented the 2016-17 DSC Budget, and explained, with her usual brilliance, all of the budgetary ups and downs we've gone through so far; Next College Association will be meeting soon before January 20th 2017
  - b) Co-Chairs met with Provost Connolly on Dec 13 2016: Bathrooms sign update: JC is confident that facilities can move the signs before the Spring semester starts; Tuition remission update: Co-Chairs pressed JC on this issue again; JC gave us some numbers: ~1250 students are beyond their 5th year (1/3rd of student population), and ~500 of them are also teaching at CUNY; if tuition remission were provided to the 500, it would cost GC ~\$1.2 million; Co-Chairs noted that the next time a large donation comes in, or money is found some other way, this issue be the first priority; Co-Chairs will follow up on this by looking at the GC budget next; GC room reservation policy for students: Co-Chairs pushed JC to consider intervening in GC policy that asks students to pay a fee when asking to reserve a GC space for a student-led event (2 rooms for one day or 1 room for 2 days); Co-Chairs made it clear that charging students for space at the GC is not right and bad PR in general; JC responded that she will look into the long-term effects of the policy as well as helping students cover the cost for GC spaces in the short term; Co-Chairs also advocated for

spaces for the Women's and Gender Studies MA program as well as an office for the PSC GC Chapter; Co-Chairs reminded and asked JC to make it a practice to always ask DSC for student representatives on committees, including hiring committees for upper level administration positions

- c) Meeting with Student Affairs Dec 16 2016: Numbers for NYSHIP: benefits office is working on this. at GC we have 1,181 total participants (84% ind; 16% family) through GC; total should be probably 2,400+ (for folks paid through campuses); Communication about NYSHIP not being offered with certain fellowships is in the purview of the Provost office (don't expect dissertation fellowships to come with health insurance)' For change of address, inform Registrar AND Scott Vorhees!!! or you will lose health insurance; Let Scott know also if your title or campus is changing for next semester!!! or you will lose health insurance
  - d) Questions: Jennifer Prince (JP): 1.2 million isn't that much, why not tap CUNY central as they have even more money. Response: That is why we focused on the GC because central doesn't seem keen on it. We are liaising with GC chapter to make this a labor/contract issue; Iris Strangmann (IS): I was wondering about the fellowship and if it provides health insurance. Response: Check with the fellowship. If you are paid biweekly, this means you're getting NYSHIP. Clarify with Provost; Rachel Chapman (RC): What is the College Association? Response: It is a group designed to assess budgets but only focuses on the DSC budget.
3. Co-Chair for Business (Liza Shapiro | [ccb@cunydsc.org](mailto:ccb@cunydsc.org))
- a) Legal Consultations: As of this week we have enough money for 8 more legal consultations for the rest of the semester. No legal consultations to be scheduled over break. Will also ask that students limit themselves to one consultation, rather than two as previously.
  - b) Movie Tickets: Angelika, AMC, and Regal available. Will be re-upping Regal and AMC tickets. Temporary glitch that prompts user to make PayPal account if wanting to pay by credit card through PayPal. Please bear in mind if not using checks.
  - c) Winter Office Hours: Officers will be holding hours but they will be limited. Please check [www.cunydsc.org](http://www.cunydsc.org) for upcoming office hours.
  - d) DSC Website: By Spring semester we should have a new website up and running!
4. USS Delegate (Tellisia Williams | [uss@cunydsc.org](mailto:uss@cunydsc.org))
- a) Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 3rd USS Plenary was held at Guttman Community College @ 12:45 PM; Guest speaker was the CUNY General Counsel & Sr. Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs, Frederick Schaffer; Follow up on the CUNY Freedom of Expression and Expressive Conduct Policy; Schaffer continues to defend this policy. He claims that this policy is needed to stop politicians and hate groups from harassing students which suppresses speech that they disagree with; He reiterates that this is part of shared governance. He is trying to be *transparent*. However student opposition is still not being heard as this policy continuously comes up; Schaffer says protests are allowed as long as they don't prohibit access to education; Like blocking entrances or having dangerous groups on campus; Says we are entering the "Age of Trump"; Delegates push back and say these policies are already outlined in Henderson Rules and raise to question why this new policy is even necessary; "Riots are the language of the unheard community." Students are protesting the increases to the tuition; they are protesting feeling unsafe as undocumented New Yorkers with a Trump Presidency; Schaffer ends by saying that this policy might be brought to the BOT in January but further revisions are necessary. He says he is our ally, not our adversary; New developments: Other resolutions denouncing this policy passed by John Jay's Student Council (12/8/16), Graduate Council (12/14/16), Schaeffer announces that he is stepping down, Civic Affairs Committee is working on a USS resolution against the FOE&ECP
  - b) Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 1st meeting held for the Presidential Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (PACDI): Call for *transparency* around faculty searches: which programs get to hire; Would like to develop guidelines for infusing diversity and inclusion at all stages of faculty recruitment and hires; Possible next steps: Offer incentives for already diverse programs, increased program allocations for students (graduate assistantships); Offer outstanding campus-based faculty of color dual or joint appointments with Graduate Center; *Participatory* diversity audit that expands on the Doctoral Student Experience survey and looks at faculty, staff, and



- student experiences; Goal is to get views on all aspects of diversity and inclusion at the Graduate Center.
- c) Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 4th USS Plenary was held at Guttman Community College @1PM: USS Budget Fiscal Year 2017; Already \$40,000 in the hole from last year; Decreased enrollment and increased in use of tuition waivers means we are working with a reduced budget; Budget is approved, I can make request on behalf of the DSC via the online USS Budget Request Application Form; Legislative & Fiscal Affairs Committee; USS Response Resolution: Sanctuary CUNY (approved); Three issues discussed: CUNYFirst needs to remove information collected on undocumented students (in order to enroll they must self-identify); Public safety will not detain students but if there is a court order then campuses must comply; CUNY will not become agents of ICE; Civic Affairs Committee is working on a USS resolution against the Freedom of Expression and Expressive Conduct Policy; Section 4 was recently removed following the last USS plenary with Schaffer
  - d) Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> USS Delegates attend a private dinner and Q&A with the Chancellery and Trustees at John Jay: Financial Assistance for Graduate students; New program stipend increase for incoming PhD students (closer to Columbia and NYU); Less support available for Masters students; Each individual campus offers scholarships and tuition waivers for those that qualify; CUNY is not merging with SUNY; Chancellor says there needs to be more transparency and accountability; CUNY dollars should go to the student achievement at school; Update on the Freedom of Expression and Expressive Conduct Policy; It's on pause for more conversation; The multiple revisions are to "improve the document". Chancellor claims the document has improved and could come to the Board of Trustees at the end of January; Diversity at CUNY and the surveillance of Students of Color and undocumented students; Chancellor says protecting these students are CUNY's primary concern; will do everything legally possible; Will issue specific set of guidelines to address who can come on campus and on what authority. Goal is to protect student records; Tuition at CUNY: Chancellor says CUNY has a lot of needs and he would spend the next dollars of investment on ASAP and CUNY Now to increase college support to help students succeed; Says we can't go back to a free CUNY
  - e) Questions: Rebecca Fullan (RF) When people talk about that policy, what are the trustees up to? Response: It might be, they aren't clear about it; RC: Are USS still working on tuition freeze? Response: The USS tried to remind them of our tuition freeze resolution. David Nagy (DaN): On undocumented students, have they thought about going beyond what is legally possible and doing more to protect them. Response: It is limited to the legal possibilities. The GC would respond to a subpoena.
5. UFS Liaison (Teresa Ober | [ufs@cunydisc.org](mailto:ufs@cunydisc.org))
- a) The UFS Plenary was held on Tuesday, November 29. Presentations included those from Chancellor Milliken, from Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Sapienza, and from President Rothbard of the CUNY Research Foundation. Two of the speakers were added to the agenda last minute, possibly in light of a [NY Times article](#) that had come out within the week prior. Chancellor Milliken, who spoke first, ensured that CUNY shared a commitment to students who are immigrants, including those who were undocumented. Since making this statement, and possibly in light of the resolution passed at Graduate Council this past Wednesday, December 14th, the Chancellor has issued a [statement](#) expressing sentiments to similar to those of the "sanctuary" campus resolutions that many of may have been hearing about. Stated within, it expresses that "CUNY will take any steps available under the law to protect and support its undocumented students" and outlines some of the commitments that the university has pledged to maintain. RF CUNY President Rothbard spoke next. He provided a summary and overview of the history and role of CUNY RF. VC Sapienza, spoke afterwards and conveyed some information regarding the investigation at CCNY. This investigation is now part of a process that could take several years. Both investigations are being done in an effort to promote transparency of spending and budgetary affairs.
  - b) Next Board of Trustees Meeting: Monday, January 30 at 4:30 PM; Hearing scheduled on January 23 at 5:00 PM; Update on the Policy on Freedom of Expression and Expressive Conduct: Most recently, a resolution was passed at Graduate Council which issued a statement largely against

the need for such a policy. At present, the policy appears to have been met with contention in the recent past, and does not as of yet, seem to be an item on the BoT agenda for the upcoming January meeting.

- c) Questions: JP: Why GSUC for the notes? GSUC is the budgetary line but it refers to the GC basically. Why are CC issues relevant for us? Response: A lofty assumption, but it may be because many faculty have a ties and grants there.

#### IV. Steering Officer Reports

##### 1. Officer for Funding (Javier Otero-Peña | [funding@cunydisc.org](mailto:funding@cunydisc.org))

- Last Grants Committee meeting held Thursday 1 December 2016. We reviewed 3 grants requests.
- All 3 grant proposals were approved, for a total of \$1,900. Total amount left for future requests 2016-2017: 8,516. Next deadline for submissions is January 20 at 11:59pm. There won't be a deadline in February!!! Next (and last deadline) will be March 17.
- Tentatively, Grants Committee meetings for the Spring 2017 semester were set to Friday 3 February, 2017 at 11am and Friday 7 April 2017 at noon. TBC by other Committee members.
- Two grants committee members volunteered to help in the project to create a database/facilitate the access to funding opportunities for students.

##### 2. Officer for Governance & Membership (Alison Parks | [governance@cunydisc.org](mailto:governance@cunydisc.org))

- a) Membership: Special Elections being held in Philosophy and English. Seat for Classics has closed after receiving no nominations. We also created a new seat for Biochemistry. Total numbers are currently: 67 Live Seats (20 at large and 47 program) and 64 Active Reps (19 at-large and 45 program).
- b) Governance: The Constitutional Amendment to Articles III.2.1 At-Large Representatives and III.2.2 Program Representatives were approved by the DSO so they are now official.

##### 3. Officer for Health & Wellness (Warner Sabio | [health@cunydisc.org](mailto:health@cunydisc.org))

- a) Nurse Practitioner medical leave extended more now.

##### 4. Officer for Outreach (Janet Werther | [outreach@cunydisc.org](mailto:outreach@cunydisc.org))

- a) CCNY event postponed
- b) Stepping down from Steering - will talk more about the role in New Business

##### 5. Officer for Student Life & Services (Carlos Camacho | [services@cunydisc.org](mailto:services@cunydisc.org))

Events this semester have been a success. In the Spring we'll bring back meditation and coffee hours and will have new events like a Salsa series, an origami series, and some self defense workshops. If there are things you want to do please email me and we can set things up.

##### 6. Officer for Technology & Library (Jeremy Randall | [library@cunydisc.org](mailto:library@cunydisc.org))

- 1) CUNYFirst is coming
- 2) U Drive is going away
- 3) Citrix's future is shaky (STF dependent)
- 4) Privacy workshop went well
- 5) Possible replacement of printers in student lounges
- 6) Questions: No questions

LS calls for a break; meeting reconvened at 6:32PM.

#### V. New Business

##### 1. New member ratification

AP moves to ratify Pierpaolo Cordone (PC), Shelley Buchbinder (SB), and Ian Haberman (IH) as members. Javier Otero Pena (JoP) seconds. Motion passes unanimously

## 2. Bylaws changes

AP moves to approve bylaws changes presented at the Nov Plenary meeting, Kristofer Eckelhoff (KE) seconds. Raj Korpan (RK) asks if organizations can fix their problems before de-chartering. AP responds that yes it is in the language. JW: Can we have an example of a lack of compliance. AP: there are certain things they need to follow like to have a current student leading the group, they could spend their money on things outside of their mission. Motion passes unanimously

## 3. Nomination for Steering Committee

Two steering members have resigned. Officer for Outreach and Officer for Health & Wellness positions are now open. Warner Sabio (WS) speaks on the role and duties of Officer for Health and Wellness. Plenary thanks JW and WS for their service. CS talks about the service of steering committee members and work hours. JP: Does this job pay money? Is it a job that any GC student can do? Response: Immigration status is not important and there is a stipend. LS: You do need to file a 1099. CS: If you are not registered for the spring, you can't do it and the same if you have two incompletes. JOP: Are there any limitations on people from departments. HS: No more than 3 people from any one program. CS: Nominates Nick Glastonbury. NG: Accepts the nomination. CT: Can I nominate Ana Perry? LS: She is not present. JW: I want to nominate Irena Parvanova. HS: Nominates David Nagy. DaN: Accepts the nomination. AP: Wants to nominate Allison Cabana. Allison C declines. DN: Wants to nominate Rebecca Fullan. RF declines. HS: Self-nominations are allowed. CT: Nominates Jason Nielsen, JN declines

Nominees are asked questions, and Plenary discusses their respective nominations.

Nick Glastonbury and David Nagy are elected.

LS moves to ratify, AM seconds. Passes unanimously.

## 4. Spring contribution to the Wellness Center

LS and HS explain what it means to vote on the Wellness Center in light of the referendum and that is an ongoing vote as of this moment. HS recommends that we vote YES on the contribution because we do not know the future of the Affordable Care Act. Ethically, we did tell the nurse practitioner that we would fund her. We want to at least end the year as we had outlined. LS says that the unearmarked money will be presented during the April plenary and voted upon in May.

JP: Can you explain what happens because we are running a deficit. LS: We can do this but starting next year we will need to pay back this money along with other costs that we have accrued. This contribution will not put us in a position that is dangerous like lower enrollment and the contract did earlier this year. I have withdrawn the max amount of money we can this year.

RK: If this is voted down, can we move this money to something else for the spring? LS: We have discretionary money that we have been using. HS: Says that if we vote no, we will need to figure out if we are bound by it because the referendum hasn't been enacted yet.

KE: If we voted no, would this impact uninsured students. LS: We have resources for students, regardless of the wellness center. They don't pay for checkups but for tests.

AM: What would a slight symbolic cutting of some money send? So say 40K rather than 48K. A message for the university so to speak. IS: I am amazed that we would still pay for the Wellness Center. We should give a symbolic cut to the Wellness Center. HS: I think it is interesting to do partial contribution, the frame of the referendum was democratic control of the money. That is what we are doing right now. Shifting 7k to the administration will be interesting, how they take it will be a question.

KE: Are ACA and NYSHIP connected? HS: NYSHIP is NY law.

RF: Is the timing of the referendum linked to January, the labor issue is a question if we pay the nurse through the year while spring we will discuss the upcoming year.

JP: NYSHIP is affected by ACA but not in the realm of the nurse practitioner. Free birth control is an example of what ACA enacted.

Jacob Russell (JR): The nurse has a contract from the GC, right? Won't she get paid regardless?

SK: I am sympathetic to Amy's idea, it is not a labor question for us. The GC has been exploiting us to pay for the nurse practitioner. It will lay the foundation for the more dramatic shift that will come next year.

Ferzileta Gjika (FG): Why doesn't the school pay for the nurse? What is this nurse doing for us for right now for the uninsured? LS: some services are confidential like exams, gyn, breast cancer screenings, and physicals. The things a nurse practitioner is allowed to do. The school doesn't pay because they school has gotten comfortable. We kept contributing to it.

CS moves to vote to fund the nurse practitioner 40k. JR seconds.

LS: The budget is drawn from total students enrolled. RK: It seems like 4k-5k means nothing to the admin.

MN: What has the DSC done to push the administration to pay for the nurse practitioner? HS: The contract is between Mount Sinai and the GC. Our contract is with the GC administration and was from the 2009 earmarking of the money for the nurse practitioner. We have been pushing them constantly to pay more for it than us. HS now changes his position to support the symbolic statement of cutting some money. LS supplies the statistics of the number of people using the nurse

Motion passes unanimously.

5. Resolution on Academic Integrity in the Aftermath of the 2016 Presidential Election  
HS, Charlotte Thurston (CT), DaN come to the front to present the Resolution on Academic Integrity in the Aftermath of the 2016 Presidential Election; explain the structure of it is to state the position of the DSC and how the new administration will be deleterious for us. HS also explains that the resolution calls for a boycott of the new administration to show our issues with it.

HS motions to adopt resolution. DaN seconds.

AM: The French program met today and were especially pleased with resolution and the willingness to endorse a boycott.

RK: Will this be a blanket ban on everyone in the federal government. HS: It is the cabinet and those who advise or work in the White House. DN: we can clarify that we mean the White House.

JW: The resolution mentions Trump's sexism but does not quote him. I request a direct quote. I request more direct reference to his homophobia.

HS: If you want to amend, please do so with direct language.

JW: Sure, add "grab them by the pussy" line and such same things.

JR: supports condemning of administration but concerned about resolution singling out Trump's administration as sole source of racism/sexism/homophobic/classism. Resolutions should recognize systemic issues and not excuse the rest of the country's complicity/other structures.

HS: I respect it, but we must address the incoming administration.



DaN: As a compromise, we recognize that these issues are deeply embedded in society.

Sean Kennedy (SK): I can't support it because of the focus on Trump, because it ignores the reality of what is part of our society. In particular, I am against the first three clauses which reproduce CUNY administration language. Many of the things we condemn Trump for, Obama has already done and things that Hillary Clinton also did. Bill Clinton participated in carcelerality and other forms of race-linked violence.

JP: We can add those changes

RK: I have a question about the title and the usage of academic integrity. HS: On academic integrity, we define it in a broader sense than the academic term. DaN: We could change it to integrity of academia. HS: It is not a resolution endorsing the Democratic Party/Hillary Clinton. We want to focus on the incoming administration.

KE: If we are going to vote for this, we should tackle the GC as it is not a safe space, because it is racist and transphobic. We need to make it as a stance as the GC students, not the GC.

FG: the usage of the language of academic integrity is deeply troubling.

Carol Brathwaite (CB): There are many good points and we can craft another statement of what we experience. They are not mutually exclusive. It is imperative that we make a statement of what we could face.

RC: I echo what Carol said. Can we add something about climate change?

HS: I move to amend the motion on the last whereas on the first page to add point e) as follows: "Has been recorded as saying it is acceptable to "grab [women] by the pussy"; and "WHEREAS, the proposed cabinet of the incoming President have all made homophobic and transphobic statements or acted in homophobic and transphobic ways; and WHEREAS, the proposed cabinet is made of anti-science climate-change deniers; and", and on the final resolved, add "advisors and cabinet", but delete "administration". Repeat for the following sentence.

JR: Makes a friendly emendation to add: "WHEREAS, the DSC recognizes the deeply racist, colonialist, classist, xenophobic, ableist, heteronormative, gender-normative, and sexist foundations of our country and their continued persistence across the current political spectrum; and"

RC: moves to add a statement on climate change. "WHEREAS, the proposed cabinet of the incoming President have all made homophobic and transphobic statements or acted in homophobic and transphobic ways; and WHEREAS, the proposed cabinet is made of anti-science climate-change deniers; and "

The final resolved is then added as well to include the language as follows: "FINALLY RESOLVED, that the DSC will boycott any academic programs or events that feature or give space to anyone from president-elect Donald Trump's advisors and cabinet. The DSC calls on the Graduate Center administration, as well as the City University of New York to not offer the University's space to anyone from the incoming presidential advisors and cabinet."

HS moves to incorporate emendations, JR seconds. Motion does not pass.

Original motion is called to a vote. Motion does not pass. Resolution is not adopted.

## VI. Announcements

JP: Talks about her new running group

JR: Plugs CUNY women in stem blog

HS: Thanks LS, TO and JR for their work organizing this meeting.

WS: Thank you for your work on the resolution

VII. Adjournment

LS motions to adjourn meeting with unanimous consent. No objections noted. The meeting is adjourned at 8:42PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeremy Randall.