

**Plenary
 MINUTES
 February 24th, 2017**

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, Carol Brathwaite, Allison Cabana, Carlos Camacho, Pierpaolo Cordone, Pablo Crespo (proxy Andrew Green), Erin Cully, Maria del Rocio Carranza Brito, Chloe Edmondson (proxy Esther Bernstein), Margit Edwards, Luke Elliott-Negri (proxy Nga Than), Miranda Fedock, Rebecca Fullan, Ernesto Garcia, Nicholas Glastonbury, Kerri-Leigh Heeseman (proxy Francesca Silva), Jeannette Huaman, Emese Ilyes, Philip Johnson, Sean Kennedy, Julia Kolak, Raj Kochar, Amy Martin, Marino Mugayar-Baldocchi (proxy Karen Lepri), David Nagy, Jason Nielsen, Dominique Nisperos, Marcelo Nomura, Teresa Ober, Javier Otero Pena, Yasemin Ozer (proxy Dean Shafer), Alison Parks, Irena Parvanova, Ana Perry, Jennifer Prince, Jeremy Randall, Robert Robinson, Jacob Russell-Madonia (proxy Richard Gustavson), Warner Sabio, Cecilia Salvi, Patty Sanchez, Liza Shapiro, Iris Strangmann, Matthew Stuck, Charlotte Thurston, David Topel (proxy Shun Feng), Stephanie Vella, Alicen Weida (proxy Sara Yahyaoui), Janet Werther (proxy Corinne Tamler), Tellisia Williams, Alexander Wood (proxy Teddy Maghrak)

Absences: Rachel Bogan, Rachel Chapman, Andi Çupallari, Kristofer Eckelhoff, Ferzileta Gjika, Ian Haberman, Michael Murphy, Leann Osterkamp, Gwen Shaw, Hamad Sindhi, Nicole Whalen

Guest speaker: Matt Gold, CUNY 2020 Coordinator

Matt Gold (MG) provided updates on CUNY 2020 plans. In 2014 NYS gave a grant called CUNY 2020. Before that there was a SUNY program. 15 million dollars between CUNY. 4-5 million for GC. Went to big data consortium with GC and CSI. Can only be used on capital construction costs and tech. Took a few years for monies to get to central office. Office of Construction Management runs the project. To create a new center on the concourse level of the library. 2 DSC reps on the steering committee of the grant and the steering committee has been meeting regularly. Goal to pull together various digital initiatives and create student group workspace. Process with architects has been interesting. Mission of GC digital initiative is to think about how to introduce technology in graduate level work. Want to dialogue with us about space and work use of students in the interim while construction is happening. Fewer desktops hope being folks will bring/borrow laptops to work. The design he's showing may shift. ITP and two new master's program will have a program office in this new concourse. Hoping to feature a makerspace with several 3D printers, legos, fabric and more. Considering a plant wall to bring some life into concourse. Hoping to have a kitchen with coffee. Waiting to hear back about wireless printing (from architects).

Questions:

Teresa Ober (TO): Excited. In addition to more tech, what else will be done to expand human capital? Will there be tech support and/or student employment? MG: does not pay for staff so we cannot use the resources to pay staff but the new offices that take over will be able to provide, ideally, some level of tech support. Hoping to build on this and employ new staff and new positions but no funding at this time.

David Nagy (DaN): Will the printers there be moved or will they remain? MG: Do not know. We're waiting to hear back from architects. Confident there will be printers but not sure where or how they'll work.

Cassandra Barnes (CB): Will there be funding to keep the space up to date? MG: To some extent it is unclear. Funded through grant so has to be spent down. We're hoping for a mix of funding sources including the President/Provosts office, perhaps City Council and other funds. It's on our minds and that the Digital Initiatives is already dealing with.

Raj Korpan (RK): Only for GC or CUNY students? MG: Will have same rules as library. We worked with City Tech so we expect some interactions. Most will enter through library so whatever the library rules are. There are DSC reps on the committee but if you have feedback please let us know.

Tellisia Williams (TW) calls the meeting to order at 5:22PM.

I. Approval of Agenda

DaN moves to approve agenda. CB seconds. Motion approved.

II. Approval of Minutes of Dec 16, 2016

Nick Glastonbury (NG) moves to approve minutes. Javier Otero-Pena (JOP) seconds. Motion approved.

III. Executive Committee Reports

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

- a) Nominations ballots are now open, until March 1 at midnight. Then, after the nominations and verification process, we will hold elections from April 1-May 1.
- b) Please give the DSC more time to process room reservations, because we are receiving more than usual.
- c) Chartered Org moves are going well. I anticipate having 5396 available by the end of next month.
- d) The Fiscal Affairs Committee of the BoT met and approved a Revised Procurement Policy, after 22 years. This is in line with other fiscal policies and changes meant to make CUNY spending more transparent. The BoT recently created an Audit Committee.
- e) For executive searches and recruitments, the Fiscal Affairs committee approved a contract for 3 firms. It added the following language after student representatives requested more attention to diversity hiring: "All three firms that will be contracted for these services will be required to provide University search committees with a diverse pool of candidates for each search engagement. If a diverse pool of a candidates is not supplied, the University reserves the right to terminate the agreements."
- f) Liza Shapiro (CCB) and Cecilia Salvi (CCSA) met with Student Affairs on Feb 17. They report: that fitness classes are mostly going well; that if you win the travel support and go to an international conference, that you must purchase travel insurance to be reimbursed; that current reps are now being certified to serve; that in the GC apartments, rent will be stable for the coming year. There are generally 35-40 vacancies a year.
- g) The search for the Advocate Editor –in-Chief is ongoing until Feb 28, and interested candidates should email Cecilia.
- h) Questions: JOP asks if she was referring to the East Harlem housing? CS: Yes; Matt Stuck (MS): What does book early mean? CS: 2 weeks in advance. Conference months early; RK: Strategic Plan Committee details? CS: meets once a month to help implement the strategic plan; Charlotte Thurston (CT): Can the reps be DSC or DSO? CS: 3 people total; Amy Martin (AM): What is the price of the apts? CS: Email me; Pierpaolo Cordone (PC): Info on the travel support? CS: Email me. They need you to have travel insurance and they will not refund you if you do not have it.

2. Co-Chair for Communications (Hamad Sindhi | ccc@cunydisc.org)

- a) College Association met on Jan 18: There was discussion about the referendum vote, the services provided by the NP, and what DSC would do with the reallocated funding; There was a motion to approve \$40,000 of the DSC budget to go toward the Wellness Center for Spring 2017, and \$6000 to be allocated toward the rest of the budget, pending DSC Plenary meeting in March. Motion was approved unanimously. The approval of this motion was the last step in the student fee re-allocation process.
- b) DSC Exec Committee and GC-chapter of the PSC have co-signed a letter to President Robinson asking him to commit to the following: Sustained, public support for any students, faculty or staff affected by discriminatory orders or policies developed under this exceptional presidency,

including support for any community members who actively oppose such policies; Continued pay and benefits for any students, faculty or staff affected by the Muslim ban, and other similarly discriminatory orders and policies; Hiring substitutes for affected students, faculty and staff at appropriate, contractually negotiated PSC rates; Advocating with CUNY Central for continuing and creating additional funds for any students, staff or faculty who will be adversely affected by previous or upcoming discriminatory orders or policies; Still waiting to hear back from President Robinson about this.

3. Co-Chair for Business (Liza Shapiro | ccb@cunydisc.org)
 - a) Movie tickets available-pay via PayPal and check
 - b) Legal consultations still being offered, but no-follow ups are currently being scheduled because only ten more consultations are currently funded for the rest of the year and want to prioritize students who haven't had a consultation before
 - c) Per DSC Bylaws, only DSC program representatives can place check requests for program funds. If your program has a PSA, at least one of its representatives should be a voting member of the PSA to help make financial decisions more democratic.
 - d) Reimbursement stops being valid 6 months after they're issued. If a student deposits the check after 6 months, the check will bounce and students may incur a fee from the bank. So it's important that they check the e-mail they provide to you when you submit their check request, because that's where they'll receive a notification of the check being issued to them.
 - e) We've asked student affairs about any updates to the alcohol policy: there's still no answer from CUNY Central
 - f) Questions: PC: How does fund requests work? LS: Go to DSC works and create a check request. Email me for a guide as to how do that.

4. USS Delegate (Tellisia Williams | uss@cunydisc.org)
 - a) The USS Plenary was held on January 22nd at Guttman Community College @ 12PM
 - i. USS Scholarship Committee Report: The application packet was emailed on February 21st. It can also be found at <http://www.usscunyc.org/#!application/x48ba> and the Student Affairs office Room 7301; One Ernesto Malave Merit Scholarship of \$1500.00 will be awarded to a Graduate Center student in good academic standing with a 3.5 and above demonstrating outstanding academic and leadership performance under extraordinary circumstances; The Donald and Mary Ellen Passantino Awards are for Graduate Center students with a disability and / or international students that have at least a 2.5 GPA. One Donald and Mary Ellen Passantino Award of \$1000.00 shall be awarded to a student with a disability and one to an international student. This scholarship recognizes international students and students with disabilities who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship and enthusiastic leadership and service under extraordinary circumstances; In 2013, the University Student Senate of the City University of New York established the Graduate Peer Mentoring Scholarship. The scholarship awards \$1000.00 to one student per campus, per academic year for demonstrating a tremendous effort to help other graduate students through academic support, professional development, and leadership development within their college community. Students must that have at least a 3.0 GPA; Applicants can apply to only one scholarship per academic year (either the Ernesto Malave Merit, Graduate Peer Mentoring, or the Donald and Mary Ellen Passantino Scholarship); Please read over the criteria and encourage students to apply; All applications must be received by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs - Room 7301- by April 21st.
 - ii. Vice Chair of Legislative Affairs report critiquing Governor Cuomo's 'Free Tuition' Proposal: Some troubling findings: This proposal is in fact lip service because the Governor does not include all CUNY students. Full time, according to him is 15 credits but according to CUNY it is 12 credits; The preliminary budget will not cover full tuition, only the balance after Pell grants, TAP, and other funds are already distributed; Governor Cuomo still wants to raise tuition for CUNY and SUNY students by \$250 over the next 5 years. This contradicts his call for free tuition with this scholarship; This free tuition

proposal will only benefit students that don't receive financial aid. Out of state, undocumented, part-time, and international students are ineligible for this scholarship so they are still hurt the most by this tuition increase; The USS will still push for a tuition freeze to protect all students and to make CUNY affordable

- b) The USS Plenary was held on February 12th at Guttman Community College @ 12PM: Chair's Report focused on BOT changes to the bylaws that will impact how funds are spent: Advocated to have students on the new audit committee; This proposed bylaw change will treat all university money the same; This is an issue because the tax levy procedures to purchase things takes months/years and this can hinder student government
 - c) USS Budget Request: 2/15 submitted a request for DSC Social Event, \$1200; 2/22 submitted a request to fund the Health & Wellness Festival, \$520 for massage therapists; Working on requests for USS funds for Legal Consultations and workshops and for DSC Affiliates
 - d) Upcoming Events: Committee on Diversity and Inclusion will meet on February 28th, Guest speaker Provost Connolly; topics: faculty recruitment and hiring.; Next USS Plenary scheduled for Sunday, March 12th
 - e) Questions: RK: scholarships to be applied for through where we attend or teach? TW: Apply through the GC since you're a student here; CB: What is this tuition policy doing? TW: Unclear. Some of this will be discussed later during new business; CS: app says there's a credit limit? TW: Look closely to see if you apply. It was crafted that way. Email me questions to bring to committee. CS: Asking you to advocate accepting all grad student apps without credit limit. TW: Okay; CB: Fall 2017? TW: There is a process so yes I believe so.
5. UFS Liaison (Teresa Ober | ufs@cunydisc.org)
- a) The most recent UFS Plenary was held on Tuesday, February 7. The next plenary meeting of the UFS will be March 28. The agenda items from the February meeting included: A visit from James Milliken, CUNY Chancellor; A visit from Matthew Sapienza, CUNY Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer; And a visit from Shirley Raps, Chair of the UFS Faculty Advisor Council to the CUNY Research Foundation
 - b) Report from Chancellor Milliken: The Chancellor spoke disapprovingly of the Executive Order regarding immigration; The Chancellor appeared largely approving of the recently released NYS budget, referring to it as "the best one in years" due to significant allocations for critical maintenance for many campus infrastructures, in addition to support for fringe benefit costs; Addressing the UFS, the Chancellor also mentioned that the budget called for the transfer of the NYS Institute for Basic Research (IBR) to the College of Staten Island; He spoke favorably of the Excelsior Scholarship' Referring to the goals of CUNY's Strategic Plan, which include: College and career readiness; Faster graduation rates; More opportunities for experiential learning; According to the Strategic Plan, these goals for CUNY would be achieved by striving for: increased state and city funding; the restructuring of administrative entities; more support from philanthropic and private sectors; increased collaborative efforts; In response to the comments raised about the budget and scholarships for students, one faculty senator spoke about increasing financial assistance for part-time students by investing more funding in the TAP program; Another faculty senator requested to know the status of the hiring of a Chief Librarian. Speaking to this question, CUNY Vice Chancellor Rabinowitz was asked to comment, and replied that there was not sufficient funding to allocate towards this position.
 - c) Report from Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer Matthew Sapienza: VC Sapienza also spoke approvingly of the NYS budget, citing: Increased funding for senior colleges (+4.6%); More tuition assistance for qualifying students (+\$35 million); More funding to cover retroactive pay and salary increases under the current PSC contract (+\$250 million); Tuition increases (+\$43 million); He appeared to voice general support for the Excelsior Scholarship; Based on his report, the city and state budget now include some coverage of increased salary rates and retroactive pay for CUNY employees, but state budget may not cover salary increases in the future. This could result in a budget deficit (\$60 million). Some portion of this will likely be covered by increased tuition rates (\$250 over next 5 years); One faculty member asked Sapienza about the possibility of the current presidential administration reducing or even rescinding Federal Aid for students. The VC did not comment directly, but expressed that the concerns may be valid.

- d) Report from Shirley Raps, Chair of the Faculty Advisor Council to the Research Foundation: Raps mentioned that the Chancellor created a task force to review the Memorandum of Understanding between the RF and CUNY; Regarding access to grants, Raps recommended that faculty consider using Grant Forward and Pivot to search for possible external sources of funding as the RF currently subscribes to both
- e) In UFS news: There is a new Executive Director of the UFS. Matthew Cotter, who holds a PhD from the Graduate Center in history and teaches at Bronx Community College, has assumed the position; Since the February UFS plenary, there has been some uproar over the threat of cutting funding to the national Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts; The CUNY Faculty Diversity Report is now available. It shows changes in the composition of the entire faculty body at CUNY between 2010-2015; The UFS Blog has an FAQ on the Excelsior Scholarship; It notes that: "Graduate students, out-of-state students, international students, students who have not filed an up-to-date FAFSA financial aid form [are not eligible.] Part-time students are also not eligible based on the full-time credit load requirements."; "The 15-credit rule is per semester [is currently standing], with some consideration of extending this to 30-credits per year in place of this current criteria"
- f) In other news: There has been no update concerning the "Policy on Freedom of Expression of Expressive Conduct."; A new interim CUNY Vice Chancellor of Legal Affairs has recently stepped in to replace predecessor, former Vice Chancellor Schaeffer. Jane Sovern is now serving in this capacity for the time being; The Office of Communication and Marketing at the Graduate Center has new leadership. Lori Duggan Gold has stepped in as the Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs.
- g) Questions: JOP: Where can we see the Faculty Diversity report? TO: Can email it to you.

IV. Steering Officer Reports

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

- a) Last Grants Committee meeting held Friday 10 February 2017. We reviewed 6 grants requests.
- b) 5 grant proposals were approved, for a total of \$2,100. One was asked to review. Total amount left for future requests in 2017: \$6,416. Next deadline for submissions is March 17 at 11:59pm. THIS IS THE LAST DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR DSC GRANTS!!!
- c) Draft page for grants was created, soon it will be made public in the DSC website, to provide further orientation on funding opportunities for students.
- d) One Grants Committee member stepped down (Emese Ilyes).
- e) Question: LS: Remind you that we like to sponsor interdisciplinary events. Had groups that had insular events that later expanded. JOP: That's true. Also \$650 cap; Karen Lepri (KL): How long from deadline to decision? JOP: Must submit by March, April 7th last meeting will discuss the decision made that day. No revise and resubmit at the last meeting. Details in the DSC website; Francesca Silva (FS): What kind event can you sponsor? JOP: We have a series of samples on the website and use them as best cases.

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

- a) There are 66 live seats. Every seat is now filled. We will be ratifying 2 new members. MALS had a special election. No nominations were received, so the election was closed. If there is interest within the program, they should complete the petition to open the seat.
- b) C&B met on February 15th to discuss Constitutional Article III.2.3 "Nomination and Election of Representatives" and voted to add language that would enable newly inaugurated programs to elect reps their first semester. Representatives should be on the look-out for that language coming soon!

3. Officer for Health & Wellness (David Nagy | health@cunydisc.org)

- a) The Health & Wellness website is being updated again: www.opencuny.org/healthdsc: See recent post, "Upcoming Events at the GC," for information about the following events: "Get the Writing Done" workshop (February 28), "On Healthcare and Resistance" discussion (March 6), Learning and Time Management workshop (March 8); See the "NYSHIP" category for information about

health insurance, including healthcare providers recommended by students (and myself). The info pages will be updated in the coming weeks; See the "Uninsured or Under-insured?" category for information about what to do if you don't qualify for NYSHIP. This includes a useful guide put together by Elise Perram on this page: <http://opencuny.org/healthdsc/not-covered-by-nyship-a-guide-to-non-nyship-insurance/>

- b) I met with Scott Voorhees, the NYSHIP coordinator, and Elise Perram, who coordinates non-NYSHIP health insurance, on Tuesday. Important information they shared with me includes: As a reminder, to qualify for NYSHIP you need to both be enrolled as a doctoral student and work for CUNY in some way. Coverage ends 28 days after one or both of these ends; however, you will qualify for COBRA for up to 38 months, though the cost will go up to \$292 a month (for individual coverage); The NYSHIP Benefits Office needs to be informed whenever your residence or place of work changes. Make sure to contact Scott whenever this happens. He's even willing to meet with people each semester to confirm their information is up-to-date; A few things to be careful about with insurance providers: Even if the provider is covered, the laboratory they're using might not be. Consider printing out a list of all the labs NYSHIP covers and giving it to your doctor to make sure they use one of them. There's a similar situation with anesthesiologists; Only your first 15 visits in a calendar year are covered, even if the provider is in-network. There are exceptions though; contact me or Scott if you need help; Some people have expressed concern that their 1095-C form, which says whether or not you've had health insurance in the last year, hasn't been delivered yet. However, as long as you have indeed been covered for the entire year, you do not need the form for tax purposes. You only need it if there's been a gap in coverage.
 - c) In the past, there have been "Safer Sex Point People," whose job is basically to inform me if their program's lounge runs out of safe sex materials. I do have a list of such people but it's almost certainly out of date; if you'd be interested in being one of these, or know someone who would be, please contact me.
 - d) Questions: Erin Cully (EC): Price increase of NYSHIP? DaN: My guess is budget, but will ask Scott Voorhees; (Name not recorded): Family plan is more expensive? DaN: Any number of dependents count; Jennifer Prince (JP): Can you tell us what type of safer sex supplies? DaN: Only condoms at the moment. Will look into more materials. JP: Both male and female condoms available? DaN: yes. JP: Dental dams and finger cots? DaN: Do not have at the moment but can request some. JP: How do I recommend providers? DaN: Name, title (MD, etc.), type, address and phone number. Use website as example. JP: Summer coverage for people with NYSHIP in the past got funds removed early? DaN: Scott and Elise said it will be taken out ahead of time. Can't have that be more than \$100 each payment. Start removing 3-4 pay periods early; CT: Rates go up because the state funds less. Re: form on website to submit might still be there; LS: Info about off site clinic service are being extended in lieu of NP? DaN: Do not at this time. LS: Student Affairs will extend the clinic services until April.
4. Officer for Outreach (Nick Glastonbury | outreach@cunydisc.org)
- a) Emailed Linda Asaro (several times) re: organizing workshops, KYR trainings, other resources
 - b) CCSA and CCB met with Linda Asaro. Linda wants to meet with students individually rather than have group workshops
 - c) Linda says they are working behind the scenes
 - d) "Their door is open"
 - e) Is climate survey something worth doing?
 - f) Questions: Sarah Haley (SH): It's more than international students. We need to have info prepared and streamlined for more students who may travel abroad and may get stopped at border. NG: Email me.
5. Officer for Student Life & Services (Carlos Camacho | services@cunydisc.org)
- a) March 10 first origami workshop 2-4PM room TBD, second April 21st 2-4 5409 (before plenary), Flyer forthcoming
 - b) Sociology Student Association co-sponsoring self-defense class and salsa classes
 - c) SLS has a website, under new business item 2
 - d) Aromatherapy oils remain available in 5495

- e) Email me if there's something you want to do/share with students
 - f) Questions: PC: asks where you can get essential oils. CC clarifies its in 5495; CT: Time for origami? CC: 2-4
6. Officer for Technology & Library (Jeremy Randall | library@cunydisc.org)
- a) The Student Tech Fee Committee met
 - b) New Computers are coming to replace out of date Mac and Windows computers across the building
 - c) Wireless printing is still coming
 - d) CUNY1st is still set for May 2017
 - e) New Printers for the student lounges to replace aging Dell printers
 - f) Library has been funded to provide more journals and drm-free e-books
 - g) Questions: EC: What happens with old computers? JR: Storage but once there's nothing that they can be used for are probably recycled.

TW calls for a break at 6:23PM; meeting reconvened at 6:33PM.

V. New Business

1. New member ratification

AP moves to ratify Julia Kolak (JK), Shoumik Bhattacharya (SB), and Patty Sanchez (PS) as members. AM seconds. Motion approved.

2. Presentation of OpenCUNY/DSC Websites

CC and CS present on SLS and Chartered Org websites; AM asks about URLs. opencuny.org/charteredorgs opencuny.org/services

3. Resolution on Governor Cuomo's 'tuition-free' college proposal (voting item)

TO, DN and JO present on the resolution. Dominique Nisperos (DN) moves to approve the resolution. NG seconds. SK moves to amend the resolution, on pg 2, to change "whereas the State continues its disinvestment by failing to cover fixed costs as part of the maintenance of effort provision." by removing "...and contractually mandated salary increases..." And also the last clause, "...workforce - especially for those among the lowest paid workers, such as adjuncts, graduate employees and college assistants-..." AM seconds. DN asks for it to be projected in context. KL: I feel uncomfortable using that language referring to those categories. Are adjuncts, per hour, lowest paid? Compared to janitors, etc. CB: can we add faculty or teaching to clarify? RK clarifies placement. Emendations approved unanimously. Marcello Nomura (MN): is this for the upcoming fiscal year? What is the timetable? TO: The cap of \$125K income doesn't go into effect until 2019, increasing the max family income over the next three years. Eligibility will change over three years. MN: Plan will be laid out before fiscal year. TO: Hopefully. JOP: we need a time table. RK: Read there was an alternative proposal? Is it clear what will be passed? TO: Good questions. I don't know. There is a push for TAP to be increased and addressing other concerns but it's unclear and not coming from Gov. Cuomo. CS: We have until April 1st when budget approved. TW calls the original motion to a vote. Approved unanimously.

4. Presentation of revised DSC 2016-17 Budget

LS presents the budget. CS: We are looking into USS funding for more stuff. Please email me for more comments and questions.

5. Presentation of Anti-hate Pedagogy Committee (proposed chartered organization)

Karen Lepri (KL; English) wants to start a new chartered org. Open to changing the name as time goes on. There is an urgency given the rise of hate crimes post-election and students on campuses are concerned for their safety. There are also inequality in the lessons we teach. This group will address larger issues of anti-racism and justice in our classrooms. See GC replicating similar results of the much criticised Teach for America which the Chair of the proposed org did. Explains how this group is different from others in that it is always already focused on justice.

Questions: CB: I know the demographics at the GC, what is happening in the group? Is the group more white? KL: Wanted at first to get more cross-racial support. Does think that there are different issues to be worked on in terms of a teaching "entering the room." Planning workshops ahead to address this issue. Through the upcoming events, is striving for equal registration within those workshops. Now imbalanced, with more non-white students signed up. Wants to move towards the programming being balanced. SB: addresses one of the problems of being shocked at the election is not necessarily being reflected. Centers today's hate which may not affect me since the hate is not new. I was working with this in mind throughout. We need to address the recurring urgency of these issues. Centering new voices and recentering voices. KL: Expressed support of this. CB: you gave stats on students and teachers. Is that balance of race part of your central mission? KL: Not sure of the relationship between enrollment and the experience in the classroom. Mission is more about helping GC students who want to have these convos centered to have a space to do it. JR: Agree with mission, to fight newest iteration of hate but I'm confused to why we're not addressing that undergrad and other groups are currently (and historically) addressing this. Concerned about injecting ourselves in their lives when there's already a power dynamic and POC students already burdened to do work that drains and delays isn't being considered. SK: Wants to amplify concern. Has question, you address racism, but it is not stated in the mission. Question of hate? Hate seems like an incongruent term here, perhaps anti-racist pedagogy. Hate can be ambiguous. Confused about that. KL: get that it seems like a knee-jerk reaction. A lot feel similarly. There's a deeper urgency and this is not new and we get that. Language currently does not reflect that well. Name will now reflect social justice issues. DN: Great goal but I want to reiterate the point that activism centered around Trump is a concern, and that work like this is done through other orgs so you need to be more aware of what's already being done considering student resources are already thin. What did you do to connect to other orgs? KL: MFFC not currently functioning. Urban Ed sponsored event and there wasn't any follow-up. DN: Wants to see you look more into what other groups are doing before we vote next month.

VI. Announcements

CS: Thank you proxies. Nominate yourself and others for upcoming DSC elections.

AP: New folks remember to turn in your clickers.

LS: Thank you TW for chairing for first time.

VII. Adjournment

TW motions to adjourn meeting with unanimous consent. No objections noted. The meeting is adjourned at 7:23PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carlos Camacho.