

Plenary Minutes April 27, 2018

Attendance

Present: Kathryn Alessi, Andrew Alger, Adrienne Ammirati, Nora Bartosik, Kyla Bender-Baird, Shoumik Bhattacharya, Rachel Bogan, Carlos Cuestas, Isabel Dominguez Seoane, Allison Douglass, Shun Feng, Nicholas Glastonbury, Sugandha Gupta, Roderick Hurley, Kyueun Kim, Raj Korpan, Khanh Le, Soohyun (Ashley) Lee, Mounira Kechida, Sean Kennedy, Mary Jean McNamara, Jessica Murray, Marlene Nava Ramos, Sai Ying Ng, Jason Nielsen, Dominique Nisperos, William, Novello, Teresa Ober, Kieran O'Reilly, Alison Parks, Leah Persaud, Roxana Piotrowska, Taha Poonawala, Saira Rafiee, Jeremy Randall, Cecilia Salvi, Patty Sanchez, Liza Shapiro, Gwen Shaw, Hamad Sindhi, Richard Smith, Iris Strangmann, Armando Tapia, Nga Than, Charlotte Thurston, Alicen Weida, Tellisia Williams, Anais Wong

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

Absent: Christina Arroyo-Rodriguez, Alexis Brewer, Pierpaolo Cordone, Kristofer Eckelhoff, Andrea Juarez Mendoza, Jennifer Tang, Kishore Gangangari, Wataru Gima, Felix Grezes, Ian Haberman, Kyueun Kim, Jaime Lindsay, Ana Perry, Francesca Silva, Jeffrey Suttles, Jennifer Ware

Charlotte Thurston (English): Calls the meeting is to order at 5:24 PM.

I. Approval of Agenda

Liza Shapiro (Comparative Literature): Moves to approve agenda with proposed chartered organization to New Business item 2 after Ratification of New Members to accommodate the schedule of the presenters. Nicholas Glastonbury (Anthropology) seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes of March 16, 2018

Shoumik Bhattacharya (English) motions to approve minutes. Anais Wong (Political Science) seconds. Minutes approved unanimously

III. Executive Committee Reports

1. Co-Chair for Student Affairs (Charlotte Thurston)

DSC Elections: Vote in elections and encourage constituents to vote in elections! All members of the GC can vote online here: Eballot4.votenet.com/dsc. Contact CCSA about getting a representative if you don't have one

Chartered Organization Rosters: Sign chartered organization rosters and encourage your constituents to do so. The deadline is May 24.

Complete Title IX training: This needs to happen if you are a student leader.

Link: https://platform.everfi.net/new_registration (Enter this registration code: 441e0ce9). There are some useful things you might learn such as that EOs and others seen as “managers” (including advisors) are mandated reporters; however, the Ombudperson and Wellness Center counselors you can report to in confidentiality. Please email eperram@gc.cuny.edu w/ evidence of other campus training; will do more in-person trainings if there is still interest!

Weekend Room Reservations: Laurie Duggan Gold (Director of the Office for Communications and Marketing) is doing an analysis of room use in the building. I asked her about getting rooms reserved for more public defenses and getting more rooms for student use on weekends. She wants to know about the kinds of events, spaces, etc. that students would want to put on, so please let us know

Food Pantry: Reported back to Student Affairs some feedback on food pantry (including interest in a CSA); they are no longer “required” to start a food pantry, but possibly will still be looking into doing so, if you have interest.

Please stay for vote on chartered organization, Global Enlightenment Thought

Also, stay and party with us after this meeting!

Questions:
None

2. Co-Chair for Communications (Teresa Ober)

Meetings since Last Plenary

PB Ad-hoc Committee met on March 30. During the meeting we discussed the progress of project implementation and what lessons can be extracted for planning next year.

DSC Co-Chairs met with OSA on April 23. During the meeting the following issues were discussed:

- CUNYFirst Transition. Some updates regarding
- Students will be registering through CUNYFirst for the fall 2018 semester. Registration will begin online on May 7. Please make sure that you have an active account before then. You must log-in with your CUNYFirst ID, which is most likely your firstname.lastname and some two digit number, and CUNYFirst password. Make sure that your email and address are up-to-date and that you do not have any unexpected holds on registration.
- Title IX Training: All student leaders are required to complete this on an annual basis. If you have already completed it at another college, make sure to email Elise Perram with your proof of completion or the verification of a trainer (if done in person and not online). If you have already completed Part I in the New Haven system, then you should be all set.

Auxiliary Enterprise Committee met on April 26. During the meeting, we approved the following spending initiatives and amounts

- Dissertation fellowships -- \$500,000
- Graduate Center website enhancement -- \$500,000

- Institutional promotion -- \$250,000
- Furniture to outfit 5 lounges for masters students -- \$35,000

Upcoming Meetings

DSC Participatory Ad-hoc Committee will be meeting on May 3. Thanks to DSC at-large representative William Novello, we will be meeting with PB expert and GC faculty member Celina Su to discuss the process moving forward next year. We will also be seeking to address some of the complications with the current phase, including one project for which we are still trying to negotiate its implementation.

DSC Executive Committee will be meeting with IT on May 4. We will be discussing the maintenance of the DSC website. If you have any IT or tech-related concerns, please let either myself or the Officer for Library and Technology, Marlene Nava Ramos, know beforehand and we will try to raise it during the meeting.

There is a tentative meeting between DSC leadership and Restaurant Associates planned. We would like to raise some concerns about not only the quality, but also the variety of dietary options, and appropriate food labeling. If you have any specific complaints, please let us know.

Announcements

- The speakers for the Dissertation Showcase to be held on May 7 have been announced. You can find more information and register to attend online here: <https://www.gc.cuny.edu/All-GC-Events/GC-Presents/>.
- You may have noticed that a water fountain faucet that can be used for refilling water bottles has been installed on the fifth floor. More may be on their way on other floors. We have been in contact with the Office of Facilities and conveyed that we would like to see more installed.
- The Director of the Office for Communication and Marketing is interested in bringing students for Albany legislative action trip.

Questions:

None

3. Co-Chair for Business (Liza Shapiro)

Receipt Deadlines:

May 25th is the deadline to submit receipts for grants

June 1st is the deadline to submit receipts for program allocations and chartered organization spending. Please check program allocation tracking sheet for updates to spring allocations. There are slight decreases across allocations (\$10-\$20) after another verification of enrollment.

Beginning July 1st and going forward: Honoraria payments will have to be paid directly to the speaker. There is a Business Office directive to bring us into compliance with fiscal accountability handbook and tax audit issue. Through June 30th, the Business Office will honor reimbursements to students who have paid speakers themselves, going forward they will not. Honoraria can be requested and processed ahead of an event once the event is scheduled so that it can be ready to give to the speaker at the event.

Spend spend spend! Program allocations don't roll over to next semester.

Questions:

Andy Alger (History)-If speaker asks to give to organization rather than person, is that possible still?

LS: Yes. Just a matter of IRS not tracking tax paid to speaker which is considered 1099.

William Novello (Political Science): How can you get the program allocation tracking sheet?

LS: All program representatives get a tracking sheet. If you didn't get one, please email me.

4. USS Delegate (Tellisia Williams)

Student Activity Fee Reform Timeline

- On April 16, there was a Student Affairs and Special Programs Committee meeting. An action item recommending the proposed changes was presented.
- On April 30, there will be a Board of Trustees Public Hearing. Students can testify on agenda items
- On May 7, there will be a Full Board of Trustees Meeting. An action item recommending the proposed changes will be presented.
- On June 4, Student Affairs and Special Programs Committee meeting
- On June 18, the Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing. Please note that students can testify on agenda items.
- On June 25, there will be Full Board of Trustees Meeting. The Board takes action on recommended changes.

Tracked Line Changes to SAF Updated BoT Proposal

- SECTION 16.1. STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE.
- SECTION 16.5. COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OR EQUIVALENT.
 - Committee that is mostly students should review changes to the budget
- SECTION 16.6. MANAGEMENT AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS
 - NYPIRG specific cause
 - Won't be able to fund organizations outside of the SGA directly
 - If this goes into effect NYPERG cannot request funds from students but can create a student organization to get a funding allocation from the SGA
- SECTION 16.12. REFERENDA
 - Easier to change earmarks.

There are concerns regarding the definitions of "speech related and non-speech related" activities?

Websites tracking SAF Reform

- During the last DSC plenary, I reported that USS created a page on the website to house all of Student Activity Reform: <http://www.usscuny.org/student-activity-fees>

- CUNY has also created a one stop shop for all SAF documents. They also have a comments box to gather all student input: <http://www2.cuny.edu/current-students/student-affairs/student-life/student-activities-fees/>
- On this website you will find:
 - Board of Trustees Resolution & Charge
 - CUNY Bylaws and Policies
 - Legal Framework
 - Proposed Revisions
 - Q & A
 - Current SAFs
 - Task Force & Working Group Members
 - Task Force Meeting Notes
 - Commentary

USS Scholarship Update

- Technical difficulties with the digital platform.
- Data security concerns over the new online platform that students submit documents to.
- COSA and the USS Scholarship Committee are working on the issue and the scholarship deadline will be extended this semester.

CUNY Board of Trustees Public Hearing

The next public hearing will be held on **Monday, April 30, 2018** (jointly with the public hearing on the Board's policy calendar) starting at 4:30 p.m. at LaGuardia Community College in the Mainstage Theater (31-10 Thomson Avenue, Long Island City, New York 11101)

The purpose of The City University of New York Board of Trustees' borough hearings is to receive testimony and statements from concerned individuals about University issues.

IN ORDER TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT THE HEARING:

1. Persons wishing to speak are asked to please notify the Office of the Secretary via email at hearings@cuny.edu prior to 4:30 P.M., **Friday, April 27, 2018**.
2. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. No substitution of speakers will be permitted. Written statements are recommended. These statements may be any length.

The recommended Calendar Items to testify on are:

- **NO. 3. The City University of New York - Notice of Amendment of the Board Bylaws**
- **NO. 4. A. The CUNY Graduate Center - Academic Excellence Fees - Master's Program**
- **NO. 4. B. The City College of New York - Academic Excellence Fee for Graduate Programs in the Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture**

USS Staff Member Search

Formal search will be conducted in June to fill two vacant positions:

1. USS Executive Director: Fernando Araujo is stepping down

2. Legislative Director: Donavan Borington stepped down in March. Hercules E. Reid was appointed Interim Legislative Director on April 15

Questions:

Iris Strangmann (Speech Language Hearing Sciences): What is NYPIRG?

Tellisia Williams (Psychology): Student-run public interest group.

Kathryn Alessi (MALS): Can you explain USS scholarship. TW: go to website for information. One is explicitly for graduate students.

WN (political Science): June meeting of Board of Trustees is where all the changes are approved?

TW: Yes, before June 25th chance to testify at public hearing. If approved goes into effect next year.

Marlene Nava Ramos (Earth and Environmental Sciences): Is there a strategy for all of us to respond to changes via public forum to know that there's a unified voice providing input?

TW: I'm in favor of this, just voice the concerns.

5. UFS Liaison (Nicholas Glastonbury)

The most recent UFS plenary meeting focused on Pathways and faculty critique with program. All incoming students will be mandated to take sexual misconduct title ix training. Changing the policy to take out mandated disclosure.

Cloud computing policy: CUNY legal going back to reframe policy. E-mailed UFS point person to emphasize that graduate students are impacted by these changes as both researchers and adjuncts

Questions:

None

IV. Steering Officer Reports

1. Officer for Funding (Raj Korpan)

Last grants committee meeting took place on April 9th where we approved 9 requests for a total of \$5,355.

For the year we approved 34 regular grants and 2 start-up grants for a total of \$20,447. One regular grant and two start-up grants were withdrawn by the requestors and zero requests were rejected.

Presents finding of 8 years of grant: over the past 8 years we've approved over 150K.

Questions:

None

2. Officer for Governance & Membership (Alison Parks)

ALL LIVE SEATS ARE FILLED WITH ACTIVE REPS!!!!!!! YAY!!!!!!!

Regarding the proposed amendment to the constitutional article defining quorum, C&B's general consensus at this time is we would rather focus on increasing meeting attendance/participation/if we change anything consider an amendment concerning the minimum number of representatives that stipulates what happens should the number of active reps fall too far below the number of seats. Constitution and Bylaws Committee will have our last meeting in May so if you have any constitutional concerns, please bring them up!

Questions:

None

3. Officer for Health & Wellness (Andrew Alger)

The Wellness Festival will be on Tuesday, May 1st, from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM on the Concourse level. Health & Wellness still needs one or two DSC representatives to volunteer with handling sign-ups and welcomes. Please get in touch with me if you'd like to volunteer at wellness@cunydisc.org. Wellness Festival will also have free vision and hearing tests, rapid HIV testing, and some information about city-wide health services.

Ms. Adrienne Bowe, formerly the Nurse Practitioner at the Wellness Center, is continuing at the Graduate Center as Supervisor to the Health Education Coordinator for the duration of this semester. She will not be acting as Nurse Practitioner.

No one attended the Navigating NYSHIP seminar on Wednesday, April 3rd. Next year, we will aim to have two seminars in the fall semester, when attendance is likely to be higher.

Questions:

Hamad Sindhi (Sociology): Will there be final relief stations this year?

AA: The massage therapist will return one day during finals week but contact me if you'd like to see her come back.

4. Officer for Outreach (Shoumik Bhattacharya)

The Outreach Committee had an outreach event, and it was an intimate affair, but some major issues were brought up. Two issues I am following up on is delivery of I-20 forms to sanctioned countries by the international student office and a follow up with Student Affairs office on whether hardship funds consider a financial crisis in a student's home country as a validating factor. Students also raised issues of taxation and the absolutely random mess that is entering the US/experiencing TSA. Possibly look into building a booklet with tax-related information to crowdsource for tax information. I also attended the PSC meeting where international students asked how the 7k campaign would impact them, in terms of tax and how much they would actually retain of the amount. Making science fellowships fair for new and already registered students was brought up. I intend to keep attending meetings and keeping a track of these issues specifically.

Questions:
None.

5. Officer for Student Life & Services (Anais Wong)

Meditation: There will be a meditation session as part of the Wellness Festival on Tuesday May 1st, 2-3pm in room C197 (lower level).

Board game night! Last one of the semester on Tuesday May 8th, 7:15pm-10:00pm in 5396.

MA fee hike: suggestions for statements against the requested “excellence” fees for 8 GC MA programs at BOT hearing (calendar item #4):

- The GC administration pushed these fees on the calendar of the committee for fiscal affairs despite widespread opposition from both students and faculty, including many students from some of the concerned programs (refer to petition in opposition to ‘excellence’ and ‘premium’ fee signed by 582 members of the GC community: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qgouR8IWyv-aqKWH0w0Ru9wy7UnJ5pHRb-nENydzys>)
- 3rd “whereas” of the resolution from the committee on fiscal affairs suggests that funds are needed for services such as library and advising, which are school-wide services. This is inconsistent with having program-specific fees, which we have been told could only be funding program-specific services.
- The promise to allocate these fees in consultation with faculty and students from these programs seems dubious given the fact that the administration gave no consideration to opposition to the fees by students in some of these programs. In addition, 6 of these MA programs are new and do not have current students, making consultation impossible at the moment.
- Fees of \$100 per credit represent a significant tuition increase of \$1200 to \$2400 per year (for 6 to 12 credits/semester), which would come on top of the \$200 yearly tuition increase for senior colleges approved by the Board last October. The claim that tuition would still remain “much lower” than at other “leading institutions in the area” is outrageous and in deep contradiction with CUNY’s historic mission to provide quality education to lower income communities. Students have asked the GC president how the school would be able to accommodate those who could not afford such fees, and he has provided no clear plan to address this issue.
- In parallel to requesting these fees, the GC administration is in the process of hiring a Dean of MA students, an administrative position which will likely command a very high salary. Our president and provost have provided no clear answer as to why creating this new position is necessary, and why the funds that supposedly are available for this purpose could not instead directly go towards funding services for MA students.

Statement against the hiring of a Dean of MA programs: I’m working on putting together a statement against the hiring of a Dean of MA programs, a costly administrative position, especially for an outside recruit. This move happens as the president keeps a discourse of austerity, encouraging the implementation of “excellence” fees for MA programs and saying there is no budget for full and fair funding for all. Please reach out to services@cundsc.org to get involved.

Questions:

Raj Korpan (Computer Science): Can students who are testifying at BoT meet up together to strategize?

AW: Will put you in touch with people on the list.

AA (History): The statements about our fees being lower than other institutions are not true if you look them up. There's a document that can be circulated.

AW: It's not that the fee is lower, it's that the tuition that MA students would be paying with fees is still lower than other similar institutions.

6. Officer for Technology & Library (Marlene Nava Ramos)

Regarding meetings: The final meeting with IT leadership will be on May 4th at 3pm. If you have any questions and/or feedback, may you please email me.

Library and Technology blog will be up and running again.

Public University Forum was held on April 12th: Students engaged in a conversation on the meaning of creating a public environment at a public university. We also heard amazing presentations by students such as Deshonay Dozier and Jessica Murray. This should be an invitation to join the Adhoc Library Committee next year.

Drafting statements on three issues: Over the last year, we have seen a lot of initiatives and potential changes in these areas -- these should be interested as important opportunities where students can enter the conversation and include student interests in pending changes. In all, these documents are meant to summarize the work/ decisions that occurred in the last year and make suggestions for next year. The goal is to highlight student needs observed throughout the year and create continuity between this year and next year.

- *First floor and library space:* two important issues highlighted in conversations as well as survey responses are accessibility and functionality. Suggest to hire a third-party expert such as the Hester Street Collaborative in order to include student needs in projected changes.
- *Library and research resources:* strengthen lines of communication with the NYPL, advocate for full MaRLI membership, and direct access of e-resources. The NYPL receive about \$2 M in public funding in order to serve the public and specifically the CUNY Graduate Center. The NYPL's primary research constituency is the CUNY Graduate Center.
- *Student Tech Fee and Information and technology:* Request for full IT budget transparency, tech needs assessment in the library and each program, two/multi-year strategy for covering unmet needs. STF funding is being used to meet all library needs and is currently not enough to keep up with all equipment replacements.

Questions:

WN: The GC doesn't have a digital archive; is there any push for this? History of the institution is not chronicled.

MNR: This has come from DSC grants historically. I don't know if this exists or not. It's true that our library and research resources shift, but they're mostly funded by the STF; hence the importance of our relationship to NYPL. 2 million that goes to NYPL was intended to go for funding public institutions (specifically GC), so strengthening that relationship for resources is very important.

V. New Business

1. Ratification of New Members

AP (Political Science) Moves to ratify new members of the body. NG seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Proposed Chartered Organization:

CT presents criteria for approving organizations.

Proposal for the Chartering of the Mesoamerican Studies Group (Non-Voting Item): Organizers present their group and logic for chartering. Presents events that are forthcoming from the group. There is a demand that there is an underrepresentation of Mesoamerican studies even among existing chartered organizations and also foster academic networks across universities in Central America and Central American networks in tristate area. Outreach is already ongoing.

Questions:

WN: This is a nice presentation! What is the sustainability of the group?

The presenters posted a question of clarification: In terms of finances or organization?

Organization Leadership: We have co-chairs that are elected which will rotate every semester.

NG: Supports chartering of organization to highlight that group has done a significant amount of work that is community-engaged and politically engaged. Would encourage everyone to vote.

Global Enlightenment Thought: Mounira Kechida (History) presents briefly on group.

Questions:

NG motions to charter organization. SB seconds. HS thanks organizer for listening to feedback. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Resolution in Support of Full and Fair Funding for All CUNY Graduate Center Students

Lynne Turner (Sociology) presents resolution on behalf of the Adjunct Project. Resolution is to call attention to issue of funding inequality for adjuncts and two-tier funding system. LT also mentions GC denial to grant FOIL request on funding data.

NG: Motions. MNR: seconds.

Discussion:

AA (History): Thanks group presenting. Asks what this might mean for number of students. Other institutions only take in students they can fund fully and so there is a reduction on this. Is this a concern? LT-points to language in resolution. This should not mean cutting numbers of students or passing the buck, but there's funding disparity within GC that has to be addressed between adjuncts, Graduate Assistants, and Fellowship recipients. We provide value to the university and we are admitted and if the GC makes it a priority it will fund all students. Sheehan Moore: This is also tied into austerity measures across the state.

IS (Speech Language Hearing Sciences): My program has started accepting only five students that are fully funded. Resolution also states that each department benefits from underfunded students, which is not the case in SH.

SM: That language is there because the greater the number of students in the department the more courses a department can offer.

RK (Computer Science): Strongly in favor. As a student who did not receive full funding I support this. At least 50% of Computer Science program admissions are not funded, when this is raised to the Dean of Sciences there is no response. There's no transparency about why the program receives less fellowships while other programs have more fellowships.

Alicen Weida (French): This specifically affects French as a department that gets only four fellowships, so there are 4 people cohorts and classes can't run without 5 people. Within the department there's a push to bring in underfunded students.

TW (Psychology): It's extremely difficult for underfunded students to support themselves. The GC's restructuring to only allow funded positions leaves out those who were originally unfunded.

Lynn Turner (Sociology): responds that they are trying to discover who's getting funding. Are there ways it is exclusionary and reproducing inequities because some seen as getting more merit.

Sean Kennedy (English): The question of elitism runs through CUNY branding as administrators brand us as similar to Columbia and NYU. The GC used to primarily part-time students who did not have full funding and were workers, activists, and artists.

MNR: Also reiterates support for resolution and outreach. Opening presentation also highlights the stratification of funding as centering in data sciences and

Carlos Cuestos (Ethnic Musicology): Concerned about privacy that would come with data? LT: They could easily remove identifying information from funding. They can give us information in a way that protects people's privacy. CC: Programs that have between 3 and 5 could easily be tracked. LT: Yes, we're talking about surveying people.

Jessica Murray (Psychology): Perhaps add something into resolution about departmental information about funding to incoming students.

Jason Nielsen (English): Voices support for resolution. "Public" is being thrown around a lot in CUNY in a way that increases stratification of funding between departments and people and I support the attention that's being drawn to it here.

The motion is called to a vote. It passes unanimously. The resolution is adopted.

4. Resolution in Support of Student-Led Movements against Gun Violence (Voting Item)

William Novello: Presents resolution as extension of recent PSC resolution and in response to lack of interest and funding from state officials. If 7K for courses taught by adjuncts is not on the negotiating table for contract then the PSC will strike.

LS: I support of the resolution particularly in support of what's happening at Columbia right now. Public watershed moment that could influence the PSC the GC the way CUNY admin looks at our strike. Am cognizant that Taylor Law affects and impacts people who strike I recognize that consideration but I think that if everyone were to strike it would make a point and show that university can't run without contingent labor that is underpaid.

AW: Moves to approve resolutions with friendly emendations. HS: Seconds. AW: Presents emendations: this is being adopted as result of PSC resolution adopted yesterday, one is a number clarification, added language about striking being an act of care, language on Taylor law and how striking would be big victory for public sector workers.

RK: Would it be the entire PSC striking or just the adjuncts? AW: The resolution is in support of the PSC going on strike. RK: Specifically, who?

WN: This is not a call to strike, but it would be for all members of the PSC to strike.

WN: Does everyone know what the Taylor Law is? (There was nodding and general consensus of "yes" among the body.)

SK: Adjunct project didn't endorse because they couldn't come to consensus because of question Raj asks. My question is, what is the organizing campaign by this? What's the strategy? I know myself from working at AP that many full-time faculty will not support \$7K. Many staff will not. I am wondering: resolutions are great, but they are beneficial if attached to organizing strategy and specific demands.

AW: This is a resolution and not a plan of action to state support in favor of striking. It doesn't represent plan of action for PSC either but performs the symbolic role of gaining support in favor of striking. WN: Idea is also to unite various organizations around the GC to support higher pay for adjuncts. I

HS: In favor of this resolution. Some history: PSC has been so reluctant in supporting adjuncts and their grievances.

MK (History): Why would full-time time faculty be against this raise?

The motion is called to a vote. The motion passes unanimously.

5. Changes to the DSC 2017-2018 Budget

LS: Notes we stick by our bylaws, unlike some.

LS: Presents budget that was presented at last meeting's plenary. Since LS presented it then there were changes to the budget again because enrollment changed and enrollment was lower than what was presented. LS explains different changes.

RK: Motions. Cecilia Salvi (CS): Seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

6. Presentation of the DSC 2018-2019 Budget

LS: Comments on the proposed budget for 2018-2019 academic year. It may be approved during the May plenary or at the October plenary, depending on when the amount has been finalized. LS commented that the projected enrolled for 2018-2019 was conservative and could be adjusted as need-be. LS: Commented on the changes from 2017-2018 which were highlighted on the document sent out to representatives. As far as the color code in the budget document, yellow indicates a line increase, green indicates the line must remain the same because it is tied to stipends that are contractually bound, and blue indicates that the line would decrease.

HS: Petri Foundation contribution. Will DSC retain some oversight over how that's used?

LS: CCB will be asked to sit on committee when it reviews the applications. Would love to have another way to spend that money, so if you think as reps that there are other initiatives

MNR: Revenues? In the worst-case scenario, that Board of Trustees meets and passes the resolution that we don't want them to pass, how does it affect budget?

LS: We would still get fund from SAF because resolution does not change the amount itself. Our ways of spending that money is not being changed by Board of Trustees because we don't earmark funds for chartered organizations etc. Vendors are apparently okay--law firm that's a vendor we can pay them. If we wanted to donate money to Habitat for Humanity, they are not a vendor so we can't. Very little money that goes to political organizations, and if we did want to donate money, we might be able to find some sort of funding.

VI. Announcements

Make sure to vote in the elections! Remember, as you party that you must complete Title IX training as a student leader. Look out for friends and anyone who seems unwell and alone.

VII. Adjournment

CT: Motioned to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent. There were no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.