

Plenary Minutes
September 20, 2019
4:30 PM

Attendance

Present: Kathryn Alessi (Proxy: Efthimia Johenides), Samantha Barthelemy, Yuliya Barycheuskaya, Carly Batist, Kieran Bono, Giacomo Bianchino, Isatou Bittaye-Jobe, Kiera Bono, Braden Campbell, Elena Chavez, Elizabeth Che, Yuliya Cheban, Ming Chen, Prathmesh Deshmukh, Sharanya Dutta, Kristofer Eckelhoff (Proxy: Robert Wrigley), Andre Eliatamby, Sonja Gandert, Michael Greer, Jane Guskin, Roderick Hurley, Bertrand Fredrick Ithurburn, Adam Kocurek, Raj Korpan, Andrew Kotick, Ariel Leutheusser (Proxy: Chandni Tariq), Tenn Joe Lim, Mary Jean McNamara, Zachary Mitnik, David Monda, Lauren Moton, Jason Nielsen, Kwame Ocran (Proxy: Maxaie Belmont), Bernadette Ojukwu, Alison Parks, Carmin Quijano, Sami Sauma, Gwen Shaw, Joseph Torres-González, Joseph van der Naald, Anais Wong, Zhuo Yin.

Absent: Angie Alvarado, Shoumik Bhattacharya, Hyein Cho, Julia Danitz, Sarah Frantz, Raven Gomez, Carolina Heredia, Rachael Joakim, Simon Kostelanetz, Fuxian Li, Casina Malinchak, Dominique Nisperos, Kieran O'Reilly, Valicia Philbert, Andres Rayas, Sherry Sayavongsa, Andriele Silva, Queenie Sukhadia, Yilin Wang, Anthony Wheeler.

Following the presentation of the guest speaker, Interim President of the Graduate Center, James Muyskens, Roderick Hurley (Psychology) Calls the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

I. Approval of Agenda

Raj Korpan (Computer Science) moves to approve the agenda, Giacomo Bianchino (Comparative Literature) seconds.

Discussion:

Elizabeth Che (Educational Psychology) makes a friendly amendment to strike the following items from the agenda:

- Advocate Advisory Board, DSC Representative
- OpenCUNY Advisory Board, DSC Representative
- Solicitation of DSC Committee Members

RK (Computer Science) accepts the amendment.

Discussion: None.

Motion passes unanimously

II. Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2019

EC (Educational Psychology): Moves to approve the minutes. Sharanya Dutta (English) seconds.

Discussion: None.

Motion passes unanimously

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III. Executive Committee Reports

1. Co-Chair for Student Affairs (Elizabeth Che)

Chartered Org Updates:

- The following chartered organizations are in danger of being de-chartered. In case the listed chartered organization leaders are unable to be contacted or do not wish to re-activate the chartered org., we are seeing interested leaders who may want to reactivate these organizations:
 - [Africana Studies Group \(ASG\)](#)
 - [CUNY Public History Collective \(CUNY PHC\)](#)
 - [Puerto Rican Studies Group \(PRSG\)](#)
- Sign the chartered org. rosters at <http://cunydisc.org/chartered-organizations/>
- For Fall 2019 active Chartered Org. status, Chartered orgs. require 20 signatures and Spring 2019 reports submitted.
- Student Leaders (Chartered Orgs, PSA leaders, and DSC Reps) need to complete SPARC training by **Wednesday, September 25** and email certificates to Eric Brown (or leaders will be removed from their leadership position and may lead to defunct chartered orgs.).

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Hiring Committee Updates

- OpenCUNY: 6 applications received Interview process for selected applicants are ongoing. Results should be finalized by next week.
- Adjunct Project: Application deadline originally today but extended to Tuesday 9/24 at 11:59PM.

Election Updates

- Special Elections for Middle Eastern Studies Program is currently in progress. Nomination ballot link was sent to the MES Program on Sept. 13. Nomination period is from Sept. 16 -- October 1.

Discussion:

Gwen Shaw (Art History): The SPARC training's user-friendliness is questionable. It is difficult to access and navigate on different devices

RK (Computer Science): Students who do not complete the training will be deemed ineligible.

GB (Comparative Literature): Regarding SPARC vs. ESPARC, you only have to complete one of the trainings, not both. Has anyone brought up that the SPARC training may be triggering for survivors?

EC (Educational Psychology): SPARC is mandatory, ESPARC is optional if you did SPARC.

Alison Parks (Political Science, At-Large): Office of Student Affairs is not sure if ESPARC will count as SPARC so email your certificate to Eric Brown before you take the training a second time. Regarding triggering, this one is more sensitive than previous editions. There is also an option to email them if you feel like you can't complete this training. If you can't, you should email them.

2. Co-Chair for Communications (Roderick Hurley)

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- September 5: DSC Executive Committee met with Dean for Master's Programs, Julie Suk. Dean Suk informed us that she oversees the administration of all Master's programs, and also works on recruitment and marketing initiatives for the various programs. One new Master's program has been added: Biography and Memoir. We expressed several concerns including: the need for transparency and accountability on program budgets and spending, as well as scholarships and funding, and NYSHIP coverage for Master's students. Dean Suk assured the EC that she will make efforts to see that there is more budget transparency, including the required reporting on the use of Academic Excellence Fees. We will be scheduling a follow up later in the semester. Please email ccc@cunydisc.org if you have questions or contributions relating to issues affecting Master's students that you would like to see addressed at the meeting.
- September 18: DSC Co-Chairs met with the Office of Student Affairs for our first monthly meeting of the academic year. CUNY has a new Executive Vice Chancellor, Jose Luis Cruz, responsible for Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, and Enrollment Management. Chris Rosa, former Interim VC for Student Affairs, is now Associate VC for Disability and Inclusion. OSA also provided updates on NYSHIP. Students past their fifth year at the GC may be removed from NYSHIP coverage unless you have either another Grad Assistantship or a staff appointment at CUNY. Please contact me for details about how students can qualify for extended NYSHIP coverage.

Upcoming Meetings

- Interim President James Muyskens and EC (9/26) (budget)
- Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness and EC (9/26)
- Interim Provost Julia Wrigley and EC (10/4)
- Office of Student Affairs and Co-Chairs (10/16)
- Interim President James Muyskens and EC (10/28) (broader issues)
- Information Technology and DSC (10/28)

Announcements:

- All DSC representatives** must have DSC Works (cunydisc.org/works) accounts. Make sure that you do. If you have not been receiving emails about plenary, email ccc@cunydisc.org.

Discussion:

Andre Eliatamby (Linguistics): What do Programs use excellency fees for?

RH (Psychology): It is supposed to be used in ways that benefit students directly. This could include purchasing equipment, hiring support staff, etc. There are requirements for Programs to submit reports on how the fees were used.

AE (Linguistics): Was she specific, new rooms, etc?

RK (Computer Science): We asked. She said it varied program by program. Each program has to give a report each semester that gets delivered to the Board of Trustees. It includes a breakdown of the budget and has to say how they consulted with students in spending fees. It could be for tech needs in one program, staff in another, scholarship in another, etc.

AE (Linguistics): Do students have access to this report?

RK (Computer Science): It's not public, but said she would think about making them public.

SD (English): The English department Faculty is asked to do more labor but not getting compensated.

RK (Computer Science): The master's program in Biography and Memoir does not include an excellence fee. She said she would look at whether an excellence fee is needed for each program.

Mary Jean McNamara (Classics): Dean Suk mentioned that math didn't add up between student tuition and costs of the program.

RK (Computer Science): Her view is that while previous administrations may have envisioned master's programs as revenue earners, this is somewhat counter to the GC's mission to bring in and support students of all backgrounds.

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3. Co-Chair for Business (Raj Korpan)

Executive Committee

- Legal consultations - Available to be scheduled, students can get two free sessions - tell students to email ccb@cunydisc.org

Steering Committee

- Movie tickets - We have plenty of discounted movie tickets on hand, please stop by when we are on office hours. We currently accept payment by check, money order, paypal, and credit/debit card. We are looking into also using Venmo.

Constitution and Bylaws

- Lockers - I will conduct a lottery to assign lockers to students who submitted a request. We got 75 requests for 59 lockers.

Grants

- Budget - Large budget carryover (\$36,000) from last year will let us recover much of the cutbacks we had in the budget voted on in May. Otherwise spending is currently pretty low

Health & Wellness

- Program Allocation (\$500 per program?)

Outreach

- Per DSC Bylaws, programs with more than one representative must send me, CCB, an advisory memo indicating which representatives can authorize expenditures.

Student Services

- All representatives can authorize, or a particular representative can be designated with this desk, but the preference should be made in writing.

USS Advisory Committee

- I just got the final registration numbers and was able to calculate program allocations, I shared a spreadsheet with the allocations with all the program reps

Advocate Advisory Board

- Chartered Org Allocation

OpenCUNY Board

- The same advisory memo policy applies to Chartered Organizations with more than one leader.
- Once chartered orgs are active I will begin to give them access to their allocation

Governance Task Force

- Check request policies

- How do you get reimbursed? Original receipts should be pasted flat, with tape and not staples, to an 8.5x11 piece of paper. Write your node id number on top of that paper, that number appears when you receive confirmation from Works of your request being placed. If you have an electronic receipt, you can attach it to the check request, but scanned paper receipts don't count as electronic. :) You can place receipts in CCB's mailbox in 5495.

- When submitting check request through Works, choose the appropriate budget line you're requesting money from ("Program Allocation," "Chartered Organization Allocation," "Grants," etc.) from the drop down menu and then choose the appropriate program/chartered org/grant in the second drop down menu. If the fields aren't filled out, it takes much longer to track the request and delays reimbursement.

- Tax-exemption form - All purchases must use the form as the Business Office is not reimbursing tax any longer
- Honorarium - Must be paid directly to individuals, you cannot be reimbursed for an honorarium you paid out of your own pocket. Require a residency status form for any honoraria or stipend payments. Any honoraria for CUNY employees is paid through the payroll department. Honoraria cannot be paid to CUNY full-time faculty.
- Deliveries - Must be delivered to the GC
- Program allocation and chartered organization funds can be used to purchase alcohol for student-led events! DSC grants do not fund alcohol purchases.

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Discussion:

Michael Greer (Philosophy): My department allocated money for furniture, but can DSC funds be used for program lounge furniture?

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RK (Computer Science): Even with DSC funds, the purchasing of furniture has to go through CUNY. Some programs have done it. Facilities could remove furniture not bought through the correct channels, even if bought with DSC funds

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GS (Art History): Facilities has no obligation to clean or move furniture purchased with DSC funds, as it's not GC property.

Health & Wellness

Elena Chavez (LAILAC): can we purchase through facilities website using DSC money.

Outreach

RK (Computer Science): We'd have to transfer money internally. Email me.

Student Services

4. USS Delegate (Interim) (Jane Guskin)

USS Advisory Committee

- Nominations for the election of USS officers take place this Sunday, September 22, 2019, at 12 noon at the USS plenary meeting at Guttman Community College, 50 West 40th Street, NYC 10018, Room 401. Present CUNY ID to public safety at the reception desk. CUNY students and the general public are welcome; only delegates (or alternate delegates replacing missing delegates) are able to speak and vote. Elections for officer positions will then take place at the following USS plenary on October 20, 12 noon, at the same location.
- Next CUNY Board of Trustees meeting and public hearing: Monday, October 21, 2019, 4:30pm, at Hunter College, Silberman School of Social Work, 1st Floor Conference Room (Rooms 115/116), 2180 Third Avenue (corner of 119th Street), New York, NY 10035. Anyone wishing to testify at this hearing must notify the Office of the Secretary via email at hearings@cuny.edu before 4:30pm on Friday, October 18.
- I participated by phone in a CUNY Rising Alliance meeting on September 12. It was well attended with a lot of enthusiasm for planning militant actions to demand full funding for CUNY. A grant from North Star Fund is supposed to pay for student organizers on the campuses. I am trying to get looped in to follow up but am still waiting for a reply.

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Discussion:

RK (Computer Science): Do you know who is running for USS chair?

Jane Guskin (Sociology): No, the person I know who was going to run has been disqualified from the USS.

5. UFS Liaison (Mary Jean McNamara)

- I have reached out to Professor Martin Burke twice since the beginning of the semester to follow up on Anais Wong's initiative as last year's DSC UFS Liaison to obtain one vote in the Faculty Senate. So far, I have not received a response but will plan on introducing myself to Professor Burke at the Faculty Senate meeting this coming Tuesday, September 24th.
- I'm in the preliminary stage of pursuing a "transparency in funding" initiative based on the GC's recent failure to provide students with their expected lump sum payments and/or financial aid disbursements. I have outlined several steps that involve student input along with collecting information from Administrators at both the GC and the Central Office in an attempt to understand why GC students are chronically challenged by the University's failure to recognize that their students need to receive their funding in order to be able to function at the level that is expected of graduate students living in the Greater New York City area.
- Any questions related either to our initiative to obtain voting privileges within the Faculty Senate and/or questions and concerns related to our campaign to provide students with their fellowships and funding on time and in the amount expected, please contact me:
At the Chair's discretion order of agenda items is changed.

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IV. Election of Officers (Voting)

A. USS Delegate

RH (Psychology) gives an overview of what the position entails. GB (Comparative Literature) moves to nominate JG (Sociology). JG (Sociology) accepts. No other nominations. JG (Sociology) elected by unanimous consent.

B. At-Large Steering Officer

AP (Political Science) nominates Adam Kocurek (History). No other nominations. AK (History) elected by unanimous consent.

V. Ratification of Elected Officers (Voting)

AP (Political Science) moves to ratify elected officers. RK (Computer Science) seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

Both elected officers say the oath of office.

VI. Election to External Committees (Voting)

A. Student Technology Fee (3 vacancies, 2 alternates)

Zhuo Yin (Physics), Bertrand Ithurnburn (Computer Science), Joseph van der Naald (Sociology) self-nominate for committee positions; Andrew Kotick (History) and Jason Nielson (English) self-nominate as alternates. GB (Comparative Literature) moves to elect these representatives to the committee. MJM (Classics) seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

B. Auxiliary Enterprise Advisory Board (2 vacancies)

RK (Computer Science) explains that this board oversees contracts with Restaurant Associates for dining hall services and all income generated through rental of facilities. Zhuo Yin (Physics) nominates self; GB (Comparative Literature) nominates self. Raj

Korpan (Computer Science) moves to elect these representatives to the committee. Ming Chen (Educational Psychology, At-Large) seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

C. College Association (3 vacancies)

RK (Computer Science) nominates JG (Sociology). JG accepts; RK (Computer Science) nominates MJM (Classics). MJM accepts; MJM (Classics) nominates GB (Comparative Literature). GB accepts. EC (Educational Psychology) moves to approve all three. SD (English) seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

D. University Student Senate Alternate (1 vacancy)

MJM (Classics) nominates JvdN (Sociology). JvdN accepts. JG (Sociology) moves to approve. MJM (Classics) seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

E. DSC Childcare Representative (1 vacancy)

RK (Computer Science) nominates Bernadette Ojukwu (Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences). BO accepts. EC (Educational Psychology) moves to approve, GB (Comparative Literature) seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

F. Research Foundation, 2019-2021 (1 vacancy)

Sami Sauma (Biology) nominates self. GB (Comparative Literature) moves to approve. EC (Educational Psychology) seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

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VII. Reconstitution of Ad-hoc Committees (Voting)

A. Accessibility

RH (Psychology) explains purpose. MG (Philosophy) moves to reconstitute committee. Kiera Bono (Theater and Performance) seconds.

Discussion: RK (Computer Science): Any GC student may be on these committees, not just DSC reps.

RH (Psychology) calls the motion to a vote. The motion passes unanimously.

B. Gender Neutral Bathrooms

RK (Computer Science): explains purpose. KB (Theater and Performance) suggests a name change to *All-Gender Bathrooms*. Zachary Mitnick (Criminal Justice) moves to establish Ad Hoc Committee for All-Gender Bathrooms. RK (Computer Science) seconds. RH (Psychology) calls the motion to a vote. The motion passes unanimously.

C. Participatory Budgeting

RK (Computer Science) moves to reconstitute and explains purpose. GB (Comparative Literature) seconds.

Discussion: Chandni Tariq (History): How can students can participate? Do they have to be DSC reps? RK (Computer Science): Any student can participate or join the committee. You can always email me with questions.

AE (Linguistics): does this include all the ad hoc committees? RK (Computer Science): Yes.

RH (Psychology) calls the motion to a vote. The motion passes unanimously.

VIII. Steering Officer Reports

A. Officer for Funding (Isatou Bittaye-Jobe)

- The Grants Committee met on August 22nd, 2019 and reviewed the by-laws and procedures of the Grants Committee, grant review application guidelines and publicity requirements, and set grant deadlines and meeting dates.
- The total amount of funds for grants for 2019/2020 academic year is \$20,000, so the maximum grant allocations were set to \$700 for regular grants, and \$200 for start-up grants.
- Grant applications are due 3rd Friday of September, October, November, January, February and March (i.e. September 20, October 18, November 15, January 17, February 21, and March 20).
- As per the by-laws, we set the meetings for the Fall semester (October 3rd, November 5th and December 3rd). We will set Spring deadlines at the December meeting.
- So far, we have only 3 committee members and need additional members for the Grants Committee. Please volunteer to serve in the committee.

B. Officer for Governance & Membership (Adam Kocurek)

- All vacant program representative and at-large representative seats are now taken and updated in the DSC systems with the exception of the MES program seat, for which we will be collecting nominations until October 1st and then steering will announce the new representative, and one at-large representative seat, which we will be looking to fill.
- This is a reminder that you must request a proxy through the DSC works site if you know you are going to miss a plenary meeting, and that if you miss two meetings in a row, you are in danger of losing your position.

C. Officer for Health & Wellness (Ming Chen)

- Contacting the therapist Juli to schedule the massage event during finals week (Dec.16 - 20), and the event date is possible on Dec. 16/17 (Mon/Tue) or Dec. 17/18 (Tue/Wed).
- The Health & Wellness Committee has been recruiting members: We have one at-large representative (Yilin Wang, Educational Psychology) and two program representative (Fuxian Li, Data Science; Bernadette Ojukwu, Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences) agreeing to serve the Health & Wellness Committee. So far, we have 4 members in total (including the chair). The first meeting of the Health & Wellness committee for this semester will be scheduled soon.

D. Officer for Outreach (Sharanya Dutta)

- Sent out a welcome email touching on the following issues:
 1. problems in departments vis a vis international students
 2. language exams
 3. funding (we can make emergency funds available if checks are late)
 4. getting around the city
 5. transfer credits from your Masters (THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT)
 6. taxes (don't have to worry about this yet but I'm happy to talk about it)
 7. ANY discomfort/unease/hostility you may be experiencing

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- Organizing slowly around the issue of students not receiving Masters transfer credits and looking for solidarity in numbers.
- Trying to finalize the Outreach Committee.

Discussion:

ZY (Physics): In the Physics program we have an issue where credits are not being transferred within CUNY so they can make money again.

SD (English): please reach out to me.

AE (Linguistics): How is "whitelist" of universities determined? SD (English): no transparency, they won't explain how decisions are made. CUNY first being blamed.

AE (Linguistics): Did this come into force last year with CUNY first? Sharanya: Yes.

Carly Batist (Bio-Anthropology): Problem is widespread. Not getting my credits transferred either.

Joseph Torres-González (Anthropology): Department has specific guidelines on master's transfer credits. Typically, 9 credits accepted, sometimes 12.

KB (Theater & Performance): experience entering transfer credits, may be technical/bureaucratic solutions.

SD (English): Please email me with name, department, and description of problem.

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E. Officer for Student Life & Services (Giacomo Bianchino)

- Committee for Student Services met in early September, with Carmin Cione Quijado Seda (LAILAC), Zhuo Yin (Physics), Elizabeth Che (CCSA) and Giacomo Bianchino (Officer for SLS) in attendance. Committee decided that we will have two board game nights this semester, on the 26th September and the 18th of November. We will also have a self-defence workshop (date TBA) and a one-stop civil resistance workshop on the 6th of November.
- The first board game night will be on the 26th of September in room 5396.

Discussion:

ZY (Physics): mentions that the events are on Facebook.

Prathmesh Deshmukh (Physics): This building is very depressing. Have you considered getting a ping pong table?

GB (Comparative Literature): We are open to suggestions.

YC (Psychology): Agrees with ping pong table suggestion. Equipment is cheap on Ebay or Craigslist.

F. Officer for Technology & Library (Michael Greer)

Overview: I met with Polly Thistlewaite (head of library) and Elaine Montilla (head of technology) on Friday the 6th of September. The following is an amalgamation of information and questions I gathered from them, the student body, and the rest of the steering committee.

Library Problems & Solutions:

This is a list from an email correspondence with Polly of things that she thinks the DSC should be thinking about. I have elaborated on it using information garnered from last year's Library and Technology Officer, and thoughts from the rest of the steering committee. Proposed solutions are highlighted in this colour.

1. GC students need equal access to library resources:

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- a. NYPL erects and maintains many barriers to access for GC affiliates, while funded \$2mil/year by NY state to support CUNY PhD programs (NYPL does *not* spend nearly that amount on resources for CUNY PhD students, and it should).**
- GC Student access to NYPL resources should be 'seamless' and not involve annual re-registrations to get separate NYPL credentials.
 - MaRLI could involve automatic enrollment of GC students by NYPL. Instead, MaRLI recipients must reapply every year. This is only one of the barriers that GC students face to this program. Starting this year, GC students must go in person to interviews where they will be grilled about the resources they need. NYPL will also only let those students who are ABD enroll in the MaRLI program. This will exclude most PhDs students and all MA students! *MaRLI = electronic resources, borrowing privileges, physical access to library spaces of other NY universities. Note: MaRLI is a much gentler process for Columbia and NYU students!*
1. Petition Julia Wrigley and Jim Muyskens to contact NYPL and advocate for us when it comes to MaRLI (if this is successful, petition for them to advocate for us when it comes to the \$2Mil that the NYPL should be spending on us annually..) We could also advocate for a renewed memorandum of services - there hasn't been a new one in years.
- b. NYU and Columbia do not treat GC students in a reciprocal manner (their students get better access to our libraries than we do to their libraries).**
- NYU and Columbia do not currently let GC Students into their libraries, despite the fact that we are all part of SHARES - which is a library collective that should facilitate physical access with just your home institution's ID card! **We currently let NYU and Columbia access our libraries via SHARES - why shouldn't this be a reciprocal policy? SHARES = physical access to library spaces of other SHARES libraries.**
1. Get in touch with NYU and Columbia DSCs (or equivalent) and explain the problem to them. Ask for them to co-write a letter/petition/statement(?) with us to their libraries.
- c. GC students need information about CUNY 2020: Digital Humanities space on the c-level of the library, complete with new technology. What kind of service/support will be offered on the c-level for the new scholarly labs? And to whom will they be accessible, what hours of the day/eve/weekend? What will the traffic flow look like? Who will maintain the labs, equipment, etc? Note: There has been at least one registered student complaint concerning the digital humanities floor. The complaint was about the lack of information about what's happening with it! I sent an email to Matt Gold (Digital Humanities). We are coordinating a meeting.**
- d. What is happening with the Object library? Is everything done? Is there any money left? If so, where will it be going? I sent an email to Keith Wilson (Center of the Humanities) and am awaiting a reply.**
- e. Implementing a "reading group resource" on the library web page.**

- Compiling all the reading groups of the GC onto one list, complete with their locations, times, and contact info for the reading group leader. Might start by emailing all department APOs?
- f. With the c-level closure, the Library needs quick construction in room 2302, making it suitable for expanded student study capacity and library instruction.
I have no idea what to do about this. Who could we reach out to about this?
- g. General questions about the library that I have posed to Polly (I just asked her so it makes sense that we haven't got a response yet):
 - Where can we see the list of online newspapers/magazines that the GC/CUNY subscribes to? (i.e. The New York Times, Paris Review, Wall Street Journal, etc.)
 - Is there any way to get the library to open earlier than 8am

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Information Technology, Overview of Problems:

The following are some IT problems that have been identified by myself and the other steering committee members:

- GC IT took over the maintenance of all building and library scanners in addition to printers. The scanners fail frequently and need to be replaced.
- For the new free individual CUNY dropbox accounts, what are the privacy terms? Will CUNY honor FOI and police requests for their contents? Will we have access to our files when we graduate? How????
- CUNY could provide global "edu" network access so students and faculty can share obtain access on other academic campuses. The guest account access is substandard.
 - We could advocate for this at the IT meeting, October 28th.
- Things to communicate with the student body:
 - A new live chat system will be going up shortly, this will mean that GC students can "live chat" the IT department if they have an issue, instead of calling or sending an email.
 - Reminders to submit work orders when there are problems with computers
 - Apply to the STF fund - there is money for student use. Example of last year's one: <http://cunydisc.org/2018/12/cfp-tech-initiatives-for-students/>
 - Colour printer is now in room 5487 (Three terminals have access to color printing)
- IT Resources:
 - [CUNY Cloud Policy](#)
 - [Dropbox Data Classification](#)
 - [Tutorials for Dropbox Usage](#)
 - [Office 365 for Education](#)
 - [CUNY Cloud Virtual Desktop](#)

Discussion:

ZY (Physics): Will CU & NYU student councils be receptive on MarLI question?

JvdN (Sociology): taking consortium classes gives you access.

MG (Philosophy): SHARES allows them access to our libraries but we don't have access to theirs.

GS (Art History): The library is losing computers by attrition because no budget to replace broken computers.

CB (Bio-Anthropology): works at Office of Professional Development. Writing Center director doesn't have a computer.

MG (Philosophy): Elaine is well aware that students think there is not enough computers.

IX. Presentation of 2019-2020 DSC Budget

RK (Computer Science) presents the proposed budget for consideration by the plenary.

X. Announcements

- A. Plenary Meeting Schedule: [insert dates here]. Rod: Arrange proxy if you can't make it. Let us know if you have suggestions for guest speakers for spring.
- B. DSC Fall Party - October 18.

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XI. Adjournment

RH (Psychology) invites a motion to adjourn. JG (Sociology) moves to adjourn, Giacomo Bianchino seconds. Motion passes unanimously, and meeting is adjourned at 7:30pm.

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