



Plenary ELECT *Minutes*

May 21, 2021

Attendance

Present: Deborah Leter, Kyle Fraser, Maura McCreight, Jenna Marie Sparacio, Katherine Anderson, Sami Sauma, John Young, Sameer Sabhrwal-Siddiqi, Avinash Jairam, Jonathan Hanon, Tenn Joe Lim, Austin MacDonald, Fedor Marchenko, Brittany Munro, Labanya Unni, Thierry Michel Nda, Edward Charnley, Cristina Pardo Porto, Efthimia Johanides, Yassin Chandran, Robert Wrigley, Michael Greer, Alexandria James, Prathmesh Deshmukh, Tyler Crown, Ryan Brunette, Abigail Findley, Trey Dellucci, Chapman Lindgren, Adashima Oyo, Angela LaScala-Grienerwald, Parisa Montazaran, Dohyun Shin, Ivy Bryan, Sharanya Dutta, Adam Kocurek, Roderick Hurley, Silvia Rivera Alfaro, Carmin Quijano-Seda, Natacha Pawa, Oriana Mejias Martinez, Zhuo Yin, Christian Martinez, Shibane Sivanayagam, Chuxin Liu,

Absent: Beicer Tapia, Christopher Campbell, Pamela Stenberg, Amit Kumar, Barbara Storch, Khanh Le, Soojung Choe, Jason Nielsen, Tianyu Gao, Monica Thompson, Ava Zwolinski, Mette Christiansen

Guests: Casey Brener, Sara Chu, Cassandra Barnes, Raj Korpan, Sara Ortiz

Meeting called to order at 4:57pm (EDT)

I. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Adam Kocurek (History)

Seconded: Jonathan Hanon (Computer Science)

Vote: Unanimous

II. Orientation to the DGSC

A. DGSC Structure

Sharanya Dutta (English) presents on the DGSC Structure (See Slide Deck)

B. CUNY Power Map

AK (History) presents on the CUNY Power Map (See Slide Deck)

C. Robert's Rules of Order

Rod Hurley (Psychology) presents on Robert's Rules (See Slide Deck)

D. Title IX Training

RH (Psychology) explains that online SPARC training is mandatory for all representatives.

Discussion:

John Young (Classics): Will we be on Zoom for these meetings in the next academic year?

RH (Psychology): Yes, the plan is to still have Plenary meetings on Zoom and also allow elected officers to attend Steering Committee meetings remotely.

III. Elections

A. Co-Chair for Student Affairs

RH (Psychology) explains the role of Co-Chair for Student Affairs.

Discussion:

Raj Korpan (Computer Science): The stipends are taxable as 1099 miscellaneous income for US residents and as 1042-S for NRAs. When it comes to tax time you will have to pay income tax on those monies. For residents this may be a lot because there was no withholding applied.

RH (Psychology): Residents can pay quarterly estimated taxes on stipends to avoid penalties and reduce the amount of tax you have to pay when you file.

AK (History): Stipend amounts are proportional to Grad Assistant B salary, so we expect a 2% raise soon.

Nominations for Co-Chair for Student Affairs:

1. AK (History) nominates Sharanya Dutta (English)

Vote: Sharanya Dutta elected by unanimous consent.

B. Co-Chair for Communications

RH (Psychology) explains the role of Co-Chair for Communications.

Discussion:

Ivy Bryan (Women and Gender Studies): Does the Social Media Correspondent work under the CCC?

RH (Psychology): Yes, social media is under CCC's purview, so they work together to streamline communications.

Nominations for Co-Chair for Communications:

1. SD (English) nominates Deborah Leter (Anthropology).
2. Natacha Pawa (French) nominates Cristina Pardo Porto (LAILAC).
Cristina Pardo Porto declines the nomination.

Vote: Deborah Leter elected by unanimous consent.

C. Co-Chair for Business

RH (Psychology) explains the role of Co-Chair for Business.

Nominations for Co-Chair for Business:

1. SD (English) nominates Adam Kocurek (History).

Vote: Adam Kocurek elected by unanimous consent.

D. University Student Senate Delegate

Sara Ortiz (Int'l Migration Studies) explains the role of the USS Delegate.

Discussion:

Kyle Frasier (Anthropology): Have there been any indications about USS meetings being virtual or in person?

SO (Int'l Migration Studies): They will follow reactivation guidelines. We'll need to be flexible to allow students who cannot be vaccinated to have options to attend.

RH (Psychology): USS Delegate and UFS Liaison are Executive Committee positions. So in addition to the steering committee meeting once a month, and the plenary meeting once a month, the executive committee meets with admin. They meet as a committee from time to time as well.

Nominations for USS Delegate:

1. Avinash Jairam (Computer Science) nominates Jonathan Hanon (Computer Science).
2. Christian Martinez nominates Edward Charnley (History).

Candidates respond to questions from the floor.

Vote: Edward Charnley elected by majority vote.

E. University Faculty Senate Liaison

NP (French) explains the role of UFS Liaison.

Nominations for UFS Liaison:

1. Sharanya Dutta (English) nominates Christian Martinez (Cognitive Neuroscience)
2. Angela LaScala-Gruenewald (Sociology) nominates Parisa Montzaran Osmanovic (Sociology).
3. Natacha Pawa (French) nominates self.

Candidates respond to questions from the floor

Vote: Parisa Montazaran Osmanovic elected by majority vote

F. At-large Steering officers (6 vacancies)

RH (Psychology) explains the responsibilities of the six Steering Officer roles.

Nominations for At-Large Steering Officer:

1. Christian Martinez
2. Jonathan Hanon
3. Oriana Mejias
4. Silvia Rivera Alfaro
5. Adashima Oyo
6. Katherine Anderson
7. Natacha Pawa
8. Carmin Quijano-Seda
9. Sameer Sabharwal-Siddiqui

Vote: The following representatives were elected by majority vote:

- Christian Martinez
- Silvia Rivera Alfaro
- Adashima Oyo
- Katherine Anderson
- Carmin Quijano-Seda
- Sameer Sabharwal-Siddiqui

IV. Ratification of Elected Officers

SD (English) moves to ratify the new officers

AK (History seconds the motion.

Vote: Elected officers ratified unanimously.

RH (Psychology) administers the oath of office to the elected officers.

V. Election to External Committees

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

tabled until September plenary

B. Auxiliary Enterprise Board (2 vacancies)

tabled until September plenary

C. College Association (3 vacancies)

tabled until September plenary

D. University Student Senate Alternate (1 vacancy)

Nominations for University Student Senate Alternate:

1. AK (History) nominates Jonathan Hanon (Computer Science)

Vote: Jonathan Hanon elected by unanimous consent.

E. DGSC Childcare Center Representative (1 vacancy)

tabled until September plenary

F. Research Foundation Board (1 vacancy, 2-year term)

tabled until September plenary

VI. Solicitation of Committee Members for DGSC Standing Committees

RH (Psychology) explains the DGSC committees.

- A. Constitution & Bylaws**
- B. Grants**
- C. Health & Wellness**
- D. Outreach**
- E. Student Services**
- F. USS Advisory Committee**
- G. Governance Task Force**

Representatives interested in any of these committees can sign up here: [Committee Signup Google Doc](#)

VII. Announcements

If you do not have a Works account, please be sure to create one: <http://cunydisc.org/works/>. It is the primary means by which communication will be sent to you. It will also be needed for check requests, proxy requests, and room reservations (when we restart this).

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm