



Plenary Minutes September 24, 2021

Attendance

Present: Abigail Findley, Adam Kocurek, Adashima Oyo, Angela LaScala-Gruenewald, Aninash Jairam, Austin MacDonald, Ayo Andra Deas, Ava Zwolinski, Barbara Storch, Beicer Tapia, Carmin Quijano-Seda, Casey Berner, Chapman Lindgren, Christopher Campbell, Chuxin Liu, Cristina Pardo Porto, Deborah Leter, Edward Charnley, Efthimia Johanides, Fedor Marchenko, Jason Nielsen, Jena Marie Sparacio, John Young, Jonathan Hanon, Katherine Anderson, Labanya Unni, Maura McCreight, Michael Greer, Natacha Pawa, Oriana Mejias Martinez, Parisa Montazaran, Prathmesh Desmukh, Roderick Hurley, Robert Wrigley, Ryan Brunette, Sami Sauma, Sharanya Dutta, Shibanee Sivanayagam, Silvia Rivera Alfaro, Tenn Joe Lim, Thierry Michel Nda, Trey Dellucci, Yassin Chandran, Sameer Sabharwal-Siddiqi

Guests: Ruwanthi Edirisinghe, Seon Britton

Absent: Alexandria James, Amit Kumar, Brittany Munro, Khanh Le, Kyle Fraser, Monica Thompson, Soojung Choe, Tianyu Gao, Tyler Crown, Zhuo Yin

Meeting called to order at 4:36 PM

I. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Debbie Leter (Anthropology)

Seconded: Jonathan Hanon (Computer Science)

Vote: Passes unanimously

II. Approval of Minutes of the May 21, 2021 Plenary Meeting

Motion to approve: Jonathan Hanon (Computer Science)

Seconded: Debbie Leter (Anthropology)

Vote: Passes unanimously

III. Approval of Minutes of the May 21, 2021 Plenary-Elect Meeting

Motion to approve: Sameer Sabharwal-Siddiqi (Neuroscience)

Seconded: Sharanya Dutta (English)

Vote: Passes unanimously

IV. Executive Committee Reports

A. Co-Chair for Student Affairs (Sharanya Dutta)

Chartered Organization Updates:

- If any organization has had a change in leadership, please email me at ccsa@cunydisc.org as soon as possible to let me know. **PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CHARTERED ORG CHAIRS HAVE A DSCWORKS ACCOUNT—this is essential for me to communicate with you, mark you as “chair” and for you to submit reports, sign rosters, or do any DGSC-related work.** Please also try to email me using the same email you use to sign up to DSCWorks, ideally your GC email.
- We're experiencing some issues with DSCWorks while we try to build our new website, so it may show the older chartered org leaders in Works (we're working on this and it may take some time). In the meantime, however, I personally maintain an alternate record of all the leadership changes, so it's essential that you email me + put it in the reports when you submit one at the end of this semester.
- The following chartered organizations are in danger of being de-chartered. I sent them all emails last semester, and will now begin the process of de-chartering. If any of these orgs/people would like a chance to reactivate, they have to reach out to me and let me know their reactivation plan ASAP. I'll also put this out on the listserv. If you know of anyone who may be interested in taking any of these orgs over, please ask them to email me ASAP at ccsa@cunydisc.org. The constitution and most of the structure already exists, we just need to breathe new life into them. There is also money available for these organizations for events etc. The orgs are:
 - [Africana Studies Group \(ASG\)](#)
 - [Association for Critical Theory \(ACT\)](#)
 - [Collective of Critical Transport Scholars \(CCTS\)](#)
 - [CUNY Materials Research Society \(MRS\)](#)
 - [CUNY STEM Outreach](#)
 - [Feminist Studies Group \(FSG\)](#)
 - [Food Studies Collective](#)
 - [Frame](#)
 - [GC Poetics Group](#)
 - [GC-ISO: GC Chapter of the International Socialist Organization](#)
 - [Global Enlightenment Thought \(GET\)](#)
 - [Global Studies Collective](#)
 - [Hunter Alliance of Cross-Disciplinary Sciences \(HACS\)](#)
 - [Jewish Connection Group](#)
 - [Korean Students Association \(KSA\)](#)
 - [Middle Eastern Studies Organization \(MESO\)](#)
 - [Mise en Scene](#)
 - [Prison Studies Group](#)
 - [Puerto Rican Studies Group \(PRSG\)](#)
 - [QUNY](#)
 - [Religion and the Sacred in Art and Critical Theory Studies \(RSACT\)](#)
 - [South Asian Students and Scholars \(SASS\)](#)
 - [Space Time Research Collective](#)
 - [SPTSA: Social and Political Theory Students Association](#)
 - [Text Textile Texture \(3Text\) Studio](#)
 - [Women of Color Network](#)
- The chartered org rosters are live! Please sign the chartered org rosters at <http://cunydisc.org/chartered-organizations/>. For Fall 2021 active Chartered Org status, they require 20

signatures and Spring 2021 reports submitted BY DECEMBER 20, 2021. To reiterate, by signing a roster you do not become a member of the chartered organization. You are simply showing support as a member of the student body!

- **SPARC training:** All reps and affiliate leaders HAVE to complete SPARC training that is in your Blackboard under “My Organizations”. You MUST do this as soon as possible or you will be removed from your representative positions. If you are a program rep, this means your program may lose representation and the money you receive. After completion, you no longer need to email your certificate to Eric Brown, but email him if for some reason you don't see it on Blackboard (ericbrown2@gc.cuny.edu).
- **OIS meeting updates:**
 - On Tuesday, Adam and I met with the Office of Student Affairs and Linda Asaro, from the Office for International Students.
 - The most pressing issue we raised was that we've received complaints from international students (it was also in the survey we conducted) that the OIS was unresponsive to student emails and requests for phone and Zoom calls. They told us that that is not what they had heard, and in fact, students have been happy with the live chat and have had their issue resolved within a 48ish hour turnaround. Since we seem to be operating with conflicting information, the DGSC is requesting that if you have any issues getting a response from/any other issues with the OIS, please email intstu@gc.cuny.edu AND cc lasaro@gc.cuny.edu, PCroser@gc.cuny.edu, hrausch@gc.cuny.edu, MSchoengood@gc.cuny.edu, and (VERY IMPORTANT) dgsc@cunydisc.org. This way the DGSC is looped in on the issue, as are all the advisors in the OIS, and the office of Student Affairs.
 - They are also understaffed at the moment, and are looking to hire another person. As of now, the live chat hours on the website are what they're able to offer. If you want to make an appointment with them my phone or zoom, send them an email. They will ask you for some preliminary information to see if the issue merits a phone call/zoom. If it's something that can be resolved quickly, they may refer you to the live chat. If they feel like it would be better to handle it on phone/zoom, they will facilitate.
 - If there are issues with the live chat, please try different browsers.
 - Because each student's issue is so specific to them, they cannot have Zoom “office hours” for privacy reasons.
 - CPT and I20 travel authorizations are all digital now, even for continuing students, so they should be able to do all of that over email, with a fairly quick turnaround.
 - We asked them if they had any clarity on the FICA exemption issue for international students/what exactly the process was and how many times a year we had to do that. They don't have a clear response for us, because that is HR's domain. We are following up.
 - We also asked for a Sprintax TDS workshop conducted by the people in the company, the way they do for Sprintax NR, which is the tax filing platform. TDS is the tax status determination software, which has replaced Glacier that nonresident aliens used to use. Apparently, this was a CUNY purchase, and a lot of admin at the GC aren't necessarily familiar with it either. This is a high priority for us at the DGSC and we will do our best to help admin facilitate this workshop ASAP.
 - If you have specific issues, please email Sameer, our Officer for Outreach, as the initial point person for international student-related issues. Email is outreach@cunydisc.org

Discussion:

Adam Kocurek (History): Chartered orgs usually have \$300 but I want to increase it to \$600 per semester. So, chartered orgs will have \$1200 annually to organize events and other activities. Please share this info with your students and encourage them to participate in chartered orgs.

Jonathan Hanon (Computer Science): How do you start a new chartered org?

Sharanya: You need to fill out a form. I will put the link with the instructions on how to start a chartered org on the chat.

<https://cunydisc.org/chartered-organizations/start/>

B. Co-Chair for Communications (Deborah Leter)

Recent Meetings:

- **9/1 - Co-Chairs meeting with Office of Student Affairs**
 - The OSA's offices are open for in-person consultations Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - NYSHIP: if you are transferring from one campus to another or from one title to another, reach out to the GC's NYSHIP coordinator Bill McGowan (wmcgowan@gc.cuny.edu)
- **9/22 - Co-Chairs meeting with Office of Student Affairs**
 - **Sept. 27 deadline to upload vaccination docs in CUNYFirst.** Students who don't do so by then might be subjected to academic withdrawal from classes, which could impact financial aid. Students who have been granted a medical or religious exception are not impacted by this and must continue to follow CUNY testing requirements.
 - **Changes to the GC's incomplete (INC) policy:** effective this Fall 2021, students who received an INC grade must complete this INC within one calendar year of the end of the semester in which the INC grade is given. Otherwise, students will receive a failing grade. We expressed our concerns to OSA and they are bringing this issue up with senior staff next week, hoping to change this policy and give students more time.
 - **The Everbridge/Vaxpass system is being discontinued, we're switching to Cleared4.** See email from Pres. Garrell about this and search for an email titled "Cleared for CUNY Access). Contact Human Resources or the GC's Vaccine Liaison with questions (hr@gc.cuny.edu or lva@gc.cuny.edu)

Updates:

- **DGSC rooms:** We just got the green light to open up DGSC rooms for students who need them to take Zoom classes / organize small events in. We will provide further updates on this soon.
- **Out-of-state residency issue:** The recent resolution does not seem to include MA students. I'm in touch with the Out of State organizers at the GC and pushing to get comments from the administration about this. In August, the Steering Committee wrote a statement of support to students affected by this issue (sent to CUNY Chancellor and Board of Trustees).
- **Our Officer for Funding** had to step down unexpectedly a few weeks ago, so Co-Chairs decided to work with an interim Officer, Angela LaScala-Gruenewald, who is part of the DGSC's Grants Committee. Angela has been doing a fantastic job!

Announcements:

- **All DGSC 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

- If you have comments or questions relating to any of today's updates, or want to discuss raising an issue at an upcoming meeting, please email me and let me know.

Discussion:

JH (Computer Science): I have a question about the incomplete policy. We used to be able to extend it indefinitely, so how will we negotiate this?

DL (Anthropology): It is an unfair policy. It's probably not going to be indefinite. In the next few days we will get more insights, hopefully we can get them to extend it a couple of years?

Rod Hurley (Psychology): The one year policy was actually in place before, they are going to enforce it now. For us, if it becomes a permanent incomplete it doesn't affect our GPA, but for undergraduates it does. This only applies for NEW incompletes, not existing ones.

Michael Greer (Philosophy): Have you guys talked about extenuating circumstances re: the incompletes?

DL (Anthropology): We will be bringing it up with the provost and president.

C. Co-Chair for Business (Adam Kocurek)

Updates:

- Budget updates: I received the new student enrollment numbers just yesterday; I have calculated the total DGSC income based off of the SAF contribution and made the necessary changes to the budget. I do not have anything concrete yet regarding numbers for individual programs yes, though it looks like enrollment totals are comparatively healthy to last year; the doomsday scenario we predicted which informed the preliminary budget I presented at the Plenary elect meeting has not come to pass. Enrollment numbers for Fall 2020 were 3474 students, and they look to be about 3427 students for Fall 2021. Thankfully, we also have a carryover of approximately \$58K from last semester, which will help us pad program allocation and chartered org allocations for the year as we start moving back to in-person activities.
 - Note: Room reservations, use of the lounge, and locker requests were suspended for the last academic year; the GC reactivation plan is now accommodating for some return to the building, and while we are planning on opening our small rooms for student use, locker reservations, large room reservations, and other services are hopefully going to resume as the semester continues.
 - Requisitions: for those of you already planning parties, academic events, conferences, etc. please note - due to a mandate by CUNY Central Office, any honoraria to non-CUNY people now needs a requisition generated within CUNYFirst, which then needs to be approved by an oversight committee, then generated by the purchasing department, at which point I then need to generate receipts, and only then can the Business Office process payment. So this will take some time - I encourage you to reach out to me personally at ccb@cunydgsc.org with any specific questions so that we can assess your situations and make a plan going forward.
- The Adjunct Project: over the summer, The Adjunct Project has been working with a number of consultant workers to survey and collect data across the CUNY system in an attempt to find more information about which colleges, departments, and communities were most affected by the large adjunct layoffs last year. I will be meeting with them soon to hear about their progress and to get their goals report, and will present them at the next plenary.

- OPENCuny: I am scheduling a meeting with members of OPENCuny soon to assist them with their projects and to provide you with an update of their work
- ● The Advocate: last academic year they were able to continue to solicit contributors and readers of The Advocate, publishing exclusively online and increasing their internet presence. They will be striving to publish 6 issues for the academic year, and will be continuing their Spotlight project, giving voice to the achievements of CUNY students/faculty/staff, and their "Archiving the Pandemic" project, promoting stories about the pandemic impacting our community. The Advocate pays contributors between \$150-\$300 for submissions, so please tell your student communities about them.
- Legal consultations: We have two lawyers on retainer who provide legal consultations for GC students that the DGSC will compensate. Should you be facing any legal concerns and feel like you need to contact a lawyer, please reach out to me at ccb@cunydgsc.org
- I have been asked by President Robin Garrell to serve on the Graduate education task force, and have accepted the responsibility. The task force, which has been appointed by the Chancellor and co-chaired by President Garrell and Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Dan Lemons, will launch a two-year, two-phased process to formulate recommendations that will aid in the development of a unified strategic direction to support, improve, grow, and promote graduate education as a whole at The City University of New York. The task force will have between 16 and 20 members, including two graduate students, myself being one of them. I will be providing updates soon. Our first meeting is scheduled for 9-30-2021.

Discussion:

Sharanya Dutta (English): I want to reiterate the point about honorariums. I would like to suggest that you invite speakers to come from the CUNY community or New York State, and avoid honoraria as much as possible.

AK (History): Yes, internal transfers are much quicker and easier to process. But if they are from outside CUNY, it will not take as long as it did before. But please try to consider giving the opportunity to CUNY talents and resources.

D. USS Delegate (Edward Charnley)

Activities:

- USS Meetings commenced this Sunday 12th Sept with a "meet and greet."
- The next USS Plenary has been set for September 26th.
- Board of Trustees Meetings have been set to start on 10/4. The schedule may be viewed [here](#).
- I have met with Jonathan Hanon and the USS Coalition running a slate for the coming years USS term.

Updates:

- Courtesy of Sara Ortiz, I have a handful of updates from the reactivation committee.
 - GC Reactivation Committee meeting scheduled for yesterday, Thursday, September 23 is now **rescheduled for Thursday, October 14 from 9-11am.**
 - CUNY continues to implement the [Cleared4](#) platform to manage campus access and validate either proof of vaccination or proof of a negative PCR test result for students, faculty, staff and visitors coming to campus.
 - The GC is hosting a vaccine van organized by NYC Health and Hospitals until Sunday, September 26 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, in front of the GC on Fifth Avenue.

It is walk-up, first come, first serve service.

The Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are available.

- Students have until this Thursday, September 23 to get the single dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine to meet CUNY's deadline of Monday, September 27 to upload proof of vaccination documents to CUNYfirst. NYC Health and Hospitals is offering first doses to all patients ages 12+, and second and third doses to eligible patients. Patients receiving a first dose will be connected to a permanent site near them for their second shot, and are also eligible for the \$100.00 incentive for getting their first shot.
 - Individuals coming to get vaccinated need to bring any form of ID (including national passport) and documentation of vaccine eligibility (document showing age, employee ID, physician note, etc.).
- Visit [CUNY's Coronavirus Webpage](#) for Fall 2021 Safety Guidance and details on CUNY vaccine mandates for all students taking in-person and hybrid classes.
- Graduate Center specific COVID-19 Information and Updates are available on the [GC's COVID-19 Information and Safe Campus Reopening Webpage](#).
- The [University Student Senate Scholarships Committee](#) (<https://www.uscunyc.org/uss-scholarship>) is urgently in need of more readers/reviewers for the Fall 2021 semester! We are down to the wire in that by October 1st, we are to review over 1,000+ scholarship applications submitted by CUNY students across all 25 campuses towards tuition and other related expenses, so this will make a great difference in their lives!

Any matriculated CUNY student may join the committee and can also add this service opportunity to expand their resume. This is also a great introduction to the mission and advocacy of the USS. Interested volunteers for readers/reviewers can contact our Executive Director, Robin Green at executivedirector@uscunyc.org.

If you have any questions or concerns about the USS Scholarships or the USS Scholarship Committee, please don't hesitate to contact Robin or myself.

Announcements:

- USS will be engaged with elections for the next two months' worth of meetings.

E. UFS Liaison (Parisa Montazaran)

Updates: UFS Informational Session 7/27, Plenary on 9/28

- The informational Plenary was filled with info on finances, enrollment data and CARES budget being lost to NYC due to budget cuts. Faculty were split between safety concerns of returning with delta variant precarious and vaccination status being unconfirmed and the other half just wanting to be back in the classroom.
- *review points discussed in 9/10 steering committee meeting and anything we want to bring up for 9/28*

V. Steering Officer Reports

A. Officer for Funding (Angela LaScala-Gruenewald, Interim)

Updates:

- **Interim Officer of Funding duties:** Over the past couple weeks, I served as interim Officer of Funding and held transition meetings with Christian, Debbie, and Adam to ensure continuity of Officer of Funding duties. Office Hours are currently Tuesdays 10 am - 12 noon.
- **General information on applying for DGSC Grants:** We would love to receive more funding requests to support students at the DGSC. Please share info on grants far and wide (more info here: <http://cunydisc.org/grants/>). I will be sending out an email over the next week or so for you to forward to your departments/programs/etc.
 - As a reminder, DGSC Grants are intended to support cultural events, conferences, performances, professional development activities, publications, seminars, and other projects organized by students from program standing or ad-hoc committees, Chartered Organizations, or ad-hoc groups not necessarily associated with programs or Chartered Organizations. The event must be **free and open**—though not restricted to—all Graduate Center students. The DGSC **does not provide grants for conference travel and research**. Grants are due the **third Friday of each month**; DGSC Grant Committee will review 10-14 days after the Friday deadline and be in touch with funding decision(s).
 - Grant max = \$700; Start up grant max = \$200
 - \$25 gift card given to grant applicants who apply for a start-up grants to run an event that supports community-based activities during COVID-19
- **September updates:**
 - Received one (1) request for funding. Assembling Grants Committee to review.
 - Also, an important note to all students seeking funding: Honoraria to non-CUNY people take a long time to process (6-9 months). We are working on a work-around.
- **Planned October activities:**
 - Assemble grants committee (we have one volunteer to serve on DGSC Grants Committee; we would like one more to ensure grants are reviewed carefully and in a timely manner)
 - Review and make award decision for September grant
 - Work on goals for this cycle focusing on promotional efforts and figuring out how to support student activities given COVID barriers and safety protocols.
- **Some goals for this year:** Here are a few priorities for this year...
 - Work with Katie (OGM) and DGSC representatives to promote DGSC Grants and other student funding opportunities. (Related: re-organize the Grants/Funding part of the DGSC website to clearly highlight funding opportunities and grant application process.)
 - Evaluate and make any necessary adjustments to grant application process on DSC Works
 - Christian helped create a special COVID grant opportunity to promote more virtual, low-key, social events. I'd like to figure out how this will work moving forward (it was only applied for once during the past cycle). Should we promote it more and/or reconfigure the incentive?
 - Work with Adam (CCB) to figure out the honoraria issue (it currently may take 6-9 months to pay honoraria to non-CUNY people).
- No need to have a full discussion on these points, but please reach out via email (or write to me in the plenary Zoom chat) if:
 - You are interested in joining the DGSC Grants Committee
 - You have ideas about how to promote funding opportunities to the student body

- Other goals you think should be on my radar for this year (and if you want to help out with anything!)

B. Officer for Governance & Membership (Katie Anderson)

Updates:

Since the conclusion of the 21-22 academic year election cycle a few smooth transitions have taken place

- Theater is now represented by Casey Berner
- Duly elected At-Large Representative: Ayo Andra Deas
- Duly elected At-Large Representative: IN PROGRESS
- Petition to open Criminal Justice Program Representative seat: Paul Odér

At the conclusion of this meeting:

- 78% of At-Large and Program Representative seats will be filled (57 out of 73)
- 71% of GC programs will have active representation (29 out of 41; missing 12)
 - of the 12 programs missing representation, three programs have less than 20 students.
 - of the 12 programs missing representation, one has an At-Large Representative

Discussion:

JH (Computer Science): How exactly are these percentages counted? For programs with open seats.

KA (Biology): One seat is counted as 1 and I just added them up.

C. Officer for Health & Wellness (Silvia Rivera Alfaro)

Updates:

- We have organized free yoga for Fall 2021. It consists of 26 sessions on Monday 9:00 a.m. and Thursday 6:30 p.m. We have 119 people registered as of today: 88.2% students, 8.4% faculty, and 3.4% staff. 27 (22.7%) will only attend on Monday, 36 (30.3%) will only attend on Thursday, and 58 (48.7%) selected attend both days. I will keep posted on the level of participation.
- The Committee of Health and Wellness has its first meeting today (9/24). Pamela Stemberg and Jonathan Hanon participated. We have been working on our collective goals and the events we want to organize for this academic year.
- We are currently coordinating Navigating NYSHIP with Elise Perram and William McGowan.

D. Officer for Outreach (Sameer Sabharwal-Siddiqi)

Updates:

Agenda Item #1: GC-Wide Slack

- Various issues (ex. MA Students and In-of-State Tuition) demonstrate the need for better communication between DSC members, program reps, and students, *especially* MA students.
- A Slack Account may serve as a more focused alternative to emailing

- Separate slack channels for separate-issues and orgs
 - ex. #MastersStudents, #ProgramXYZ, #ProgramReps
- Everyone can still view any channel → “virtual” campus
- To everyone in attendance, especially MA Student Program reps, please **join** this central slack via the link provided in the Zoom chat!
https://join.slack.com/t/graduatecenterhq/shared_invite/zt-w65b613n-1dgyuis2Ek~B6PswoiR7gg

Agenda Item #2:

- Finding affordable housing is already tough, but international students face extra hurdles!
 - ex., How to show proof-of-income as a student and w/o U.S. documents?
- Created guide “Navigating NYC Housing as an International Student,” with resources and tips. Shared with international students via Whatsapp and Email.

E. Officer for Student Life & Services (Carmin Quijano Seda)

Updates:

- Public transportation
 - Currently, the MTA is not offering any discounts for students. But students can check for updates and other discounts here:
<https://www.gc.cuny.edu/Prospective-Current-Students/Student-Life/Student-Activities-Discounts>
 - Students can still purchase a MTA monthly card directly through the HR Office with their pre-tax monthly salary. Info:
https://www.cuny.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/page-assets/about/administration/offices/hr/benefits/transit-benefit/CommuterCardPlan_Jan2019.pdf
- Housing
 - I want to reiterate that my colleague Sameer has created a guide with useful information, contacts, and tips. Please, check the link on the chat.
 - I would like to remind you all that students can use the DSC’s ListServ to find a room or a roommate.
- Life in NYC
 - CulturePass (<https://culturepassnyc.quipugroup.net/>)
 - What is Culture Pass? A pass you get with your NYPL, QPL, BPL card to get free admission to museums, historical sites, public gardens and more.
 - The Skint (<https://theskint.com/subscribe/>)
 - By subscribing to their mailing list, you get a list of free activities, events and more in NYC each week.
 - International Social Group (WhatsApp Group)
 - Casual get-together tomorrow (**Sat. 25 at 12:00 pm at Sheep Meadows, Central Park**)
 - All students are welcome. Wearing masks and keeping social distance recommended.
 - Please bring your own beverages and food.
- Activities for fall 2021
 - 90’s-themed Board Games Night (In-person with RSVP)
 - Date: **Oct 12, 2021 (6:00 to 9:00 pm)** - Pending confirmation of time with facilities

- Native American Jewelry Workshop for Beginners (On-line with RSVP)
 - Date: **Oct 27, 2021 (6:00 to 9:00 pm)** - Confirmed
- Talent Show (In-person with RSVP)
 - Tentative Date: **Dec 2nd, 2021 (6:00 to 9:00 pm)**

F. Officer for Technology & Library (Adashima Oyo)

- The library is open for students 10am to 6pm, Monday through Friday. We share student interest in extending those hours but are currently limited by staffing issues.
- Our interlibrary loan partners are now asking for us to return materials loaned to GC community members prior to the onset of the pandemic. Please return these materials to the Graduate Center. And place lots of new requests! Our ILL operations are up and running and circulating print again.
- Library workshops this week include introductions to Zotero, advanced Web of Science searching, research for masters students, and an introduction to open resources at CUNY and beyond. Check our calendar and sign up for online sessions here: <https://gc-cuny.libcal.com/calendar?cid=15537&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=15537&inc=0>

VI. Election of Steering Officer (Voting)

Officer for Funding

JH (Comp Sci): Nominates Angela
Angela accepts the nomination.
Vote passes unanimously.

VII. Approval of New Program Representative (Voting)

A. Criminal Justice - Paul Oder

RH (Psychology): Moves to approve Paul as the new program rep for Criminal Justice.
Motion passes unanimously.

VIII. Election to External Committees

- A. Student Technology Fee (3 vacancies, 2 alternates)
- B. Auxiliary Enterprise Board (2 vacancies)
- C. College Association (3 vacancies)
- D. DGSC Childcare Center Representative (1 vacancy)
- E. Research Foundation Board (1 vacancy, 2-year term)

A. Student Technology Fee

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Silvia Rivera Alfaro (LAILAC) nominates Jonathan Hanon (Computer Science).
Jonathan Hanon accepts.

RH (Psychology) nominates Tenn Joe Lim (Earth and Environmental Science).

Tenn Joe Lim declines the nomination.

SRA (LAILAC) nominates Pamela Stenberg (Digital Humanities).

Pamela declines the nomination.

AK (History) nominates himself.

Michel Greer (Philosophy) nominates self.

RH (Psychology) moves to close the nomination.

Ed Charnley (History) seconds this motion.

RH (Psychology) nominates self for the alternate position.

Sameer Sabharwal-Siddiqi (Cognitive Neuroscience) nominates self for the alternate position.

JH (Computer Science) moves to close nominations.

RH (Psychology) seconds this motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

B. Auxiliary Enterprise Board

Christopher Campbell (CompLit) nominates self.

SD (English) nominates Natacha Pawa.

Natacha Pawa (French) declines the nomination.

AK (History): I nominate Oriana Mejias for this position.

Oriana Mejias (LAILAC) declines nomination.

AK (History) nominates Angela LaScala-Gruenewald.

Angela LaScala-Gruenewald (Sociology) accepts nomination.

RH (Psychology) moves to close nominations.

JH (Computer Science) seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

C. DGSC Childcare Center Representative

SRA (LAILAC) nominates Parisa Montazaran Osmanovic.

PMO (Sociology) accepts the nomination.

JH (Computer Science) moves to close nominations.

SRA (LAILAC) seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

D. College Association

SD (English) nominates Jonathan Hanon.

JH (Computer Science) accepts.

AK (History) nominates Ed Charnley.

EC (History) declines.

Silvia (LAILAC) nominates Cristina Pardo Porto.

CPP (LAILAC) declines.

Sameer Sabharwal-Siddiqi (Cognitive Neuroscience) nominates himself.

SRA (LAILAC) nominates herself.

SD (English) moves to close nominations.

RH (Psychology) seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

E. Research Foundation Board

Sami Sauma (Biology) nominates himself.

RH (Psychology) motions to close the nomination.

JH (Comp Sci) seconds the motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

RH (Psychology) moves to elect all the people nominated to external committees.

EC (History) seconds the motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

IX. Presentation of 2021-2022 DGSC Budget

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.