

Doctoral Students' Council Steering Committee  
Minutes from 11/05/04

Chair: C. Braxton

Minutes: P. McBreen

Members present: C. Braxton, P. McBreen, T. Lee, M. Egan, C. Tipton, D. Golland (non-voting)

Absent: S. Domenici Cabonargi, T. Imamichi, A. Styers, E. Doviak (No quorum)

Meeting called to order: 6:07

- I. Approval of agenda: two items were added to "Announcements": 1. Presidential Search Committee and 2. Members needed for College Association. Agenda approved.
- II. Approval of October minutes: skipped pending submission by minute-taker.
- III. Old Business
  - a. Budget update: skipped (A. Styers, Co-chair for Business absent)
  - b. Coffee hour/schedule/publicity (M. Egan): M. Egan spoke on arrangements made with Java Stop (payment, tip, DSC member to meet delivery and take back urns). P. McBreen agreed to put up more flyers.
  - c. Building access issues (P. McBreen): Lunch meeting with President Horowitz discussed where access issues mentioned. All agreed that this is an ongoing issue not to be dropped.
  - d. Health services update (C. Braxton): C. Braxton read "Notes on meeting with Matt Schoengood and Sharon Lerner, 11/05/04". D. Golland pointed out that we were never told that the relationship with Mt. Sinai will surely disconnect when the nurse leaves, only that it may. Golland: Health centers CUNY-wide ought to be open to all GC students. M. Gluzman, Adjunct Project Coordinator may be good person to bring in on this matter. T. Lee: This must be raised at plenary: DSC budget cuts or activity fee raised. Also, the nurse is far less expensive for uninsured student than visiting even public health clinics. This may be good point in explaining potential need for fee increase. C. Braxton: Increase should be specifically earmarked for health services or whatever other specific need can be clearly delineated.
  - e. USS update (D. Golland): New USS administration now in office. Committee positions with Board of Trustees and standing committees of USS in need of members and chairs. AT second steering committee (i.e. USS) eleven ad-hoc committees created (Golland may chair Wellness Center Committee).
  - f. Locker policy (T. Lee): T. Lee sent message to her (large in numbers) program (Anthropology) with few responses. She reminded those present that the representatives at the October plenary seemed overall

unconcerned about the lockers under DSC's supposed jurisdiction. Day-use lockers mentioned as well as coin-operated lockers.

- g. Website (C. Tipton): 2 issues: A completely revised website is still underway with the script allowing us to conduct polls online. Secondly, our "server-down" problem continues but more frequently. Possibly we need to migrate whole website to the correct part of the server. C. Tipton needs administrative rights to server. If we migrate to different part of the server our new address would be web.gc... instead of our current address which we have just publicized widely.

#### IV. New Business

- a. Adjunct Project: Mariya Gluzman hired. She will address plenary
- b. Benchmark for satisfactory progress: Meeting attended by P. McBreen and A. Styers with administration officials: L. Edwards, S. Brier, S. Lerner. They want feedback of information published in Advocate and posted to website.
- c. Changes to student handbook (A. Styers not present).
- d. Discussion of last minute meeting requests from Admin.: All agreed to send thank-you letter to S. Lerner for her overall concern with our business this year. All agreed that we request a few days' notice for meetings.
- e. Holiday party: General agreement on another coffee social or other modest event (even held on another day besides Friday) as opposed to big party. Budget constraints may not allow another party this semester.
- f. Postcard/folders: not discussed (S. Domenici Cabonargi absent).
- g. Coffee hour for international/off-campus students (C. Tipton for T. Imamichi).
- h. An internationally-themed social event may be needed. A Coordinator needed and Tomo previously had agreed (not present this night). D. Golland suggests a long-term goal may be to change the by-laws so that steering committee members are assigned specific positions or titles several of which could be the position for international students or off-campus students.

#### IV. Announcements

- a. Two students needed for enterprise auxiliary board.
- b. One student needed for childcare board.
- c. Presidential Search Committee student members are P. McBreen and S. Domenici Cabonargi.
- d. College Association needs three students besides DSC Co-Chairs.