

Joint Steering Committee
5/20/05

Minutes: Tina Lee

Chair: Stephanie Cabonargi, Paul McBreen

- I. Agenda Approved with the addition of item VII (USS Report) and renumbering original item VII (New Business) to VIII.
- II. Minutes approved pending minor changes.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Up to \$500 was authorized to pay for the plaque for Charlotte Frick's painting.
 - B. \$290 was approved to pay for 500 extra copies of the Advocate due to mistakes in the original printing.
 - C. Congratulations to Andrea Morrell our new Adjunct Project Coordinator. It was discussed that we might want to change the name to "Graduate Labor Coordinator."
 - D. Our new logo was adopted and will be put on the website next week.
- IV. Co-chair for Student Affairs Report: Stephanie brought up making postcards/notecards with the new logo for use in mailings. Design of double-sided cards with our logo and the GC logo was discussed. \$150 approved for this purpose.
- V. Co-chair for Communications Report: Spencer Sunshine has accepted the editor-in-chief position at the Advocate. He also paid \$550 on his credit card for Linco printing. He will be reimbursed for this pending a bill from Linco.
- VI. Co-chair for Business Management Report: Office hours for June will be by appointment only.
- VII. USS Report: Quorum was not reached for a meeting on 5/14. In a meeting with Fiscal Vice Chancellor Malave, it was learned that CUNY is facing a \$30 million budget gap that cannot (per Albany) be filled with undergrad tuition. The current plan is to fill 2/3 of the gap with graduate tuition. The Law and Journalism students will be hit hardest. The consolidate fee will also increase. Golland suggested to Malave that this must be accompanied by an increase in consolidated services—like access to wellness centers CUNY wide for GC students.
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Brief orientation was given to new SC members about duties (info prepared by Celia Braxton), election work, meetings.

- B. Ongoing issues of importance were discussed—the upcoming wellness center referendum, the tuition increase, and tuition remission for mid-level students.
- C. A discussion was held about how to spend our team building money. 2 options were considered: a formal teambuilding with a facilitator (maybe from the counseling center) and an informal outing (pool, Coney Island, bowling, indoor rock climbing, karaoke were all suggested, dinner). The consensus was to have an informal event early and then an afternoon with a facilitator. It was decided that everyone should email their schedules to David Golland by June 3rd.
- D. Coordinator positions (office management, international students, campus outreach, students with disabilities, 2 more TBD) were discussed. Everyone will need to choose one at the beginning of the year.