



CUNY Graduate Center
Doctoral Students' Council
Steering Committee Minutes

February 10, 2006

- 4:30PM Special meeting called to order (quorum met). Celia Braxton; Stephanie Domenici; David Golland (chair); Lee Hachadoorian, Tina Lee; Brenda Vollman (by proxy: Charles Lieberman), and Charles Lieberman (minutes), present.
- 4:33PM **Approval of Agenda**
Add III E. Coffee Hour
Motion for unanimous approval by D. Golland
Seconded by L. Hachadoorian
Unanimous Approval.
- 4:35PM **Approval of Old Minutes**
Motion to table minutes by T. Lee
Seconded by C. Braxton
Unanimous Approval.
- Old Business**
- 4:36PM **Perez v. CUNY and Quorum**
OSA report
D. Golland reported that the Perez v. CUNY does not apply to DSC as per Office of Student Affairs.
- 4:37PM **USS report**
C. Lieberman reported that a representative from CUNY legal stated at the January USS meeting that the Perez v. CUNY applies to USS as of the November decision by Judge Kaye, NY Court of Appeals.
- 4:38PM **Report of Outside council**
S. Domenici reported.
- 4:40PM **Other Legal Research**
L. Hachadoorian reported
Motion for statement to be approved by Steering Committee as our opinion prior to February 8th by L. Hachadoorian
Seconded by C. Braxton
Discussion
Motion fails
(Hachadoorian & Braxton aye; Domenici & Lee nay; Vollman [proxy] abstain; Golland tiebreak nay)

- 4:50PM Motion to approve the draft of the DSC opinion of the open meetings law as the position of the Steering Committee and forward to President Kelly by L. Hachadoorian
 Seconded by C. Braxton
 (Erica Calton & Chong Wojtowski arrived)
 Friendly amendment proposed by D. Golland moved, deleting references to how the rules apply to the DSC and how the Steering Committee or Co-Chairs are to relay this opinion. (Accepted)
 Motion to table by E. Calton (Fails)
 Amendment proposed to pass the opinion to President Kelly. (Withdrawn following discussion.)
 Original Motion passes as amended.
- 5:15PM **Structure Committee Report**
 D. Golland stated that Structure was considering trimming departmental representation of both faculty and students but that he had prevented a vote for now.
- New Business**
- 5:16PM **Chairmanship of Constitution & Bylaws Committee**
 Motion by D. Golland to elect L. Hachadoorian to Chair Committee
 Seconded by C. Braxton
 Unanimous (Hachadoorian abstain, Domenici not present)
- 5:18PM **Nominations to fill At-Large Vacancies**
 Consensus to have an impartial observer pull nominees' names from an envelope at the plenary meeting.
- 5:20PM **Hierarchy for DSC Alternate Reps to Grad Council**
 Wojtowski, Lieberman, and Hachadoorian volunteered to serve as Grad Council Alt's in the absence of one or more co-chairs.
- 5:21PM **Website Move**
 Request by D. Golland for addition of Polls; stated that the new URL will be cunydisc.org.
- 5:22PM **Coffee Hour Time**
 Motion by T. Lee for coffee hour to be from 3:00PM to 6:30PM on Thurs, 2/23
- 5:25PM **Other New Business**
 None presented
Announcements
 None presented
- 5:26PM Motion to adjourn by C. Wojtkowski
 Seconded by E. Calton
 unanimous