



CUNY Graduate Center
Doctoral Students' Council
Steering Committee Minutes

March 10, 2006

Present: Celia Braxton, Ericka Calton, Stephanie Domenici, Moira Egan, David H. Golland, Lee Hachedoorian, Tina Lee, Brenda Vollman, Chong Wojtkowski, Charles Lieberman (ex-officio, non-voting).

Quorum sufficient to conduct business.

Chairperson: Ericka Calton

Minutes: Chong J. Wojtkowski

Meeting called to order at 6:11pm

- I. Welcome to New (Interim) Member, Moira Egan
- II. Approval of Agenda- with two additions (VI, D [movie tickets] and VII E [bar report]) unanimous consent
- III. Approval of Old Minutes -unanimous consent
 - A. January 27, 2006
 - B. February 10, 2006 (Special Meeting)- unanimous consent
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Frick Plaque (Dave for Lee)—The final draft of the plaque will be approved next week (via email). Moira has the text and dates.
- V. Communications Report (Dave)
 - A. Media Board Budget Priorities—Discussion of CUNY TV's proposal of filming a television show at the GC.
 - B. Absentee Reps—Dave has contacted the four current absentee reps, who have all replied satisfactorily or resigned.
 - C. ADA Doors Complaints—Dave has communicated with President Kelly about posting a larger sign outside the ADA doors as well as suggesting that the GC install Air-Lock doors.
 - D. Technology Complaints—The Committee discussed possible ways to solicit student feedback about the numerous computer and network problems recurring at the GC. Ericka suggested adding a complaint form on the wellness center survey website. Celia suggested posting a form on each computer so students could write in their computer issues. The committee recommended that we solicit ideas from the plenary.

- VI. Business Report (Tina)
- A. Room Reservations Policy—The Steering Committee agreed that our available rooms should be reserved only for students, not for outside groups.
 - B. Stipends for Next Year—The Steering Committee picked up last meeting's discussion of a stipend increase. Charles and Brenda maintained that a \$50 increase was fair percentage-wise. Tina suggested we write a by-law for approval by the DSO and discuss it at the next plenary.
 - C. Next Year's Budget—Tina discussed next year's budget, noting that the discount photocopying program at the NYPL will cease.
 - D. Movie Tickets—The SC still has a huge surplus of movie tickets. The SC agreed unanimously to sell them starting March 31st (at the party) for 3\$ since they expire April 30.
- VII. Student Affairs Report (Stef)
- A. Report on our Albany trip to support the CUNY Compact—Stef reported that the DSC contingent had a pleasant, successful trip to the great city of Albany; they had a nice lunch with a senator from Queens, and generally felt that their voices were heard.
 - B. Campus visits—Stef did a QC campus visit; no more campus visits were done this year. Brenda and Stef recommended that the SC prioritize campus visits for next year.
 - C. Do we need job descriptions (feedback)—Steering Committee members agreed to write descriptions of their positions and what they've achieved this year in the *Advocate*.
 - D. Rewards for service—Stef suggested that we give certificates to department reps who have served two or more years to show appreciation for their service. We will give them at the may plenary.
 - E. Bar Report—Stef regretted to report that the bar sank. R.A. realized after the fact that they did not have the appropriate liquor license to sell alcohol to non-students who stop by the bar.
- VIII. Health Committee Report (Ericka/Celia)—Ericka reported on the Health Committee's meeting. The Health Committee will ask the plenary for suggestions for improving student health services.
- IX. USS Report (Charles)—Charles said the vote to increase the USS fee from 85 cents to 3\$ passed.
- X. New Business
- A. 504/ADA Committee—Dave said that there were more volunteers for the ADA committee than positions available. Brenda Vollman and Megan Jenkins were selected.
 - B. Tech Search Committee—Celia volunteered to be on the committee, assuming Paul McBreen was unable to serve.
- XI. Announcements—Spring party will take place March 31st at 7pm. SC members signed up for party tasks. Brenda offered to make fliers, Chong for food, Steph for alcohol, Lee and Celia for clean up. Tina explained the elections process and duties. SC members signed up for time slots to stuff ballots.

Chong J. Wojtkowski moved to adjourn; Tina Lee seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Chong J. Wojtkowski