

2010 10 15 Steering Committee Minutes

Present: Jill Belli (JB), Anick Boyd (AB), Eero Laine, (EL), Kimberly Libman (KL), Leigh McCallen (LM), Boris Daussà Pastor (BDP), Shawn Rice (SR), Jared Simard (JS), Chris Alen Sula (CS).

Absent: Kyle Ferguson, Suzanne Tamang.

Plenary

Executive Committee

EL calls the meeting to order at 6:07

Steering Committee

I Approval of agenda, SR motions, BDP seconds, motion passes.

Constitution and Bylaws

II Approval of minutes, KL motions to approve with changes, JB seconds. Motion passes.

Grants

III Co-Chair for Student Affairs report:

Health Issues

Media Board

Outreach

Student Services

EL presents a revised copy of the thought club constitution. EL presents the ACT organization. Discussion revolves around the way that overlap will happen and how to differentiate the group from other chartered organizations, focusing on not just a differentiation in content but also in function. CS suggests the chartered organization petitioners meet with the EC. EL presents the CUNY internationalist club; as the constitution is not well prepared, the steering committee offers much critique of it.

EL attended strategic planning task force, ~~currently the task force is new, and so they are exploring the committee's purpose in order to be most effective.~~

Grants committee raised an idea about fundraising. It seems that development goes for large donations rather than small. EL states that he will solicit a committee at Plenary to brainstorm about this issue.

EL conducts party sign-up.

III b. Co-Chair for Communications report:

KL presents her report. The EC had a meeting with Jack Williams, head of financial aid, and talked about the classification of fellowships as something other than income so as to reduce tax burdens on students.

The EC met with Ray Soldavin. He will allow us to use databases of alumni and potential donors. We are promised to have a way to receive donations.

The EC met with President Kelly. He said that the budget is dire. CUNY central has imposed tuition and enrollment quotas for each of the schools. Since, it isn't possible to admit too many more students into the doctorate programs without compromising the quality of them, more masters degrees created. The administration is open to input on how these degrees will fit into our existing degree structure.

Provost Robinson will come to the next plenary.

C. Co-Chair for Business report:

In a recent meeting with the executive committee, Julie Cunningham said that CUNY+ is breaking.

The DSC travel and research fund forms are presented. There is some discussion of the wording in the forms. They will be announced and distributed to all students shortly.

Both Kelly and Soldavin will look for external grant money for travel and research.

A. University Student Senate report:

There have already been a nominations meeting and an elections meeting. Three races are pending: USS chair, Vice Chair for fiscal affairs, and Vice Chair for community colleges. JB is in a runoff for chair.

The DSC is planning a student leader summit for the CUNY SGA presidents and USS representatives.

B. University Faculty Senate report:

AB is drafting a letter to Sandy Cooper about UFS position. The steering committee strategizes about how to pursue recognition of AB as a faculty senator.

IV New Business:

- a. OpenCUNY coordinator: CS motions to allocate \$1431 in discretionary funds for the hire of a second OpenCUNY coordinator beginning as soon as December 2010, and to recommend to Media Board to open a search for a second coordinator and to delineate roles for the coordinators. JB seconds. Motion passes.
- b. Adjunct project request for discretionary funds: CS moves to award \$350 in discretionary funds to the Adjunct Project to be used for 750 buttons for raising contract awareness and general awareness. SR seconds. Motion passes.
- c. Appointment to the Outreach Committee: a preferential candidate list is presented. BDP to motions appoint one member to the Outreach Committee according to a preferential basis as follows: Toni Perry (Chemistry), Thierry Agbotouedo (Mathematics), Ben Hellwege

(History), Megan Welsh (Criminal Justice), Christina Kirkman (Developmental Psychology); CS seconds. Motion passes

- d. Appointment to the Student Services Committee: a preferential candidate list is presented. SR motions to appoint one member to the Student Services Committee according to a preferential basis as follows: Michael Lubing (Comparative Literature), Thierry Agbotouedo (Mathematics), Amanda Mentzer (LDBP Psychology), and Rachel Verni (Social Personality Psychology); KL seconds. Motion passes.

V. Steering Officer reports:

- a. Officer for Funding: No report.
- b. Officer for Governance and Membership: JS states that he is in the process of filling in membership. There is an upcoming meeting.
- c. Officer for Health Issues: LM shows draft of the upcoming NYSHIP survey. There is some critique of it. Flu shots are available at the Department of Health, and there is a discount at Duane Reade. A website is being created to rate a user centric review of providers.
- d. Officer for Outreach: BDP met with Doug Ewing, head of the office of international students. BDP is working with international students office to address problems made known to the committee. First off-campus meeting is next week at John Jay.
- e. Officer for Student Life and Services: SR reports that a meeting is scheduled for four days from the Steering Committee meeting.
- f. Officer for Technology and Library: Suzanne Tamang is absent, and instead a written report is passed around.

VI ADJOURNMENT

SR motions to adjourn the meeting; JB seconds. Motion passes. Meeting is adjourned at 8:24pm.

