

Steering Committee Minutes October 14, 2011

Present: Jared Simard (JS), Annie Dell'Aria (ADA), Sarah Jordan (SJ), Colin Ashley (CA), Nicole Hanson (NH), Christen N. Serrano Madsen II (CM), Christina Nadler (CN), Monique Whitaker (MW), Anne Donlon (AD), Stefanie Jones (SJ2), Patricia Stapleton (PS).

Plenary

Arrived late: Eero Laine (EL)

Executive Committee

Steering Committee

ADA called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Constitution and Bylaws

I. Approval of the Agenda

Grants

ADA moved III.3 Executive Committee Report: Co-chair for Business to III.1. III.1 became III.2; III.2 became III.3.

Health Issues

Media Board

JS motioned to approve the agenda with the above emendations. CM seconded. Motion adopted unanimously.

Outreach

Student Services

II. Approval of Minutes of September 2, 2011

AD corrects UFS report details (III.5) to include information on UFS Executive Committee votes of no-confidence and PSC resolutions.

MW motions to approve the minutes with the above emendations. SJ seconds. Motion adopted unanimously.

III. Executive Committee Reports

1. Co-chair for Business (Annie Dell'Aria)

ADA reported on the success of the locker lottery and the continuing legal consultations. ADA encouraged Steering to direct students who could benefit from the legal consultations or Ombudsman's office to the appropriate resource. ADA reported on the recent check request memo that she sent out. ADA solicited ideas for how to distribute DSC promotional items to the student body.

ADA called on Stefanie Jones to speak about the revised goals of the Adjunct Project (AP). SJ2 briefly reviewed the AP's goals for 2011-2012 and reported on involvement with the PSC contract negotiations and the Occupy Wall Street movement.

ADA moved the discussion to Conor Tomàs Reed's goals for the AP for 2011-2012. SJ2 departed the meeting.

ADA then moved the discussion to OpenCUNY's goals for 2011-2012.

[Eero Laine arrived to the meeting at 6:48pm]

ADA then moved the discussion to the Fundraising and Alumni Commission's goals for 2011-2012.

ADA also reported that some expenses have been less than expected for the 2011-2012 budget, and that more funds may be available for other budget lines.

2. Co-chair for Student Affairs (Eero Laine)

EL reported on the progress of the AP hiring committee for a new Labor Coordinator. EL also reported on the final meeting of the Strategic Planning Council and plans for the Writing Center.

3. Co-chair for Communications (Jared Simard)

JS reminded Steering about the upcoming Grad Council meeting. JS reported on the minutes of the September 26th meeting of the Board of Trustees. JS provided an update on the Executive Committee's meetings with several different administrators at the Graduate Center. JS reported on the progress of improvements to the DSC's website. JS raised the issue of the publication of faculty evaluations at the different campuses for Steering's consideration. JS also reviewed plans for the upcoming DSC party.

4. USS Delegate (Christina Nadler)

CN reported on her meeting with the Provost and the re-allocation process for fellowship money by the different programs. CN also reported on her attendance at the last USS meeting and the current elections process for USS.

5. UFS Delegate (Anne Donlon)

AD reported on her attendance at the last UFS meeting. AD addressed the elections process on individual campuses regarding adjunct positions.

AD also raised the issue of NYPD infiltration of Muslim Student Associations on CUNY campuses for Steering's consideration.

[CA leaves the room]

IV. New Business

a. JS motions to ratify Tony Perri as a member of the Outreach and Health Issues Committee.

[missing who seconded?] Motion is adopted unanimously (minus CA who is absent from the room during vote).

b. ADA moves the discussion to the question of dechartering organizations.

EL reports that, per governance, two organizations meet the criteria for the dechartering process. [CA returns to room.]

EL motioned to decharter the Japanese Students Group and the Turkish Students Association. CA seconded the motion. The motion is adopted unanimously.

V. Steering Officer Reports

a. Officer for Funding (Colin Ashley)

CA reported on the first meeting of his committee and the review of grant proposals.

CA also raises issues regarding the installation of a lactation room in the building that a student has brought to his attention.

b. Officer for Governance and Membership (Christen N. Serrano Madsen II)

CM provides a report on program representation.

c. Officer for Health and Wellness (Monique Whitaker)

MW submitted a report on the first meeting of her committee (held September 22nd) and on the newly launched Wellness Blog.

d. Officer for Outreach (Nicole Hanson)

NH reported on two different events being planned at Brooklyn College and at Hunter College. NH also reported on her interest in creating a survey about student awareness and understanding of DSC activities. NH noted that the next committee meeting will be on October 24th and a workshop is being planned for the end of November/beginning of December.

e. Officer for Student Life and Services (Sarah Jordan)

SJ reported on how the Student Life and Services committee is currently in flux regarding membership. SJ also reported on future plans to create a survey regarding student housing issues.

f. Officer for Technology and Library (Patricia Stapleton)

PS reported on a meeting of the Executive Committee with Bob Campbell and Elaine Montilla of IT. PS also noted that the Student Tech Blog will be updated by the end of October.

VI. Announcements

CA asked for clarification regarding the room reservation system.

CN asked for coffee filters to be provided with loaned coffee urns.

VII. Adjournment

MW motioned to adjourn. CA seconded. Motion adopted unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

Submitted by Patricia Stapleton, Officer for Technology & Library.