

Joint Steering Committee

Minutes

June 7th, 2012

In attendance:

Eero Laine (EL)

Patricia Stapleton (PS)

Dominique Nisperos (DN)

Maria Cristina Garcia (MCG)

Anne Donlon (AD)

Nicole Hanson (NH)

Jared Simard (JS)

Colin Ashley (CA)

Jen Tang (JT)

Christina Nadler (CN)

Monique Whitaker (MW) [attended through Skype]

Stefanie Jones (SJ) [attended through Skype]

EL calls meeting to order at 5:19pm.

I. Approval of Agenda (All vote)

JS motions to approve.

CN seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes of May 4th, 2012 (Only SC votes)

JS motions to approve.

CN seconds.

Motions passes unanimously.

III. Executive Committee Reports

a. Co-Chair for Student Affairs (Eero Laine)

Eastern European Studies and Feminist Studies are back and are no longer set to be de-chartered.

b. Co-Chair for Communications (Jared Simard)

JS talks to SC about transition process and returning keys. JS asks that outgoing at-large members give new members the office desk key.

Plenary

Executive Committee

Steering Committee

Constitution and Bylaws

Grants

Health Issues

Media Board

Outreach

Student Services

c. Co-Chair for Business (Annie Dell'Aria)

d. University Student Senate Delegate (Christina Nadler)

CN discusses some of the issues with USS. CN gives SC a list of ideas for work over the summer for USS and solicits feedback and help. Includes helping other student governments to create a USS delegate position. Also discussed possibility about getting student representation on the BOT, and work on organizing a workshop on CUNY history.

e. University Faculty Senate Liaison (Anne Donlon)

AD gives report on recent elections in UFS and the recent conversation there on computer usage.

IV. New Business

a. AP hiring team

EL reports on hiring committees for the AP (needs to be 1 Steering member, 1 DSC member, 1 DSO). (Only SC votes)

PS nominates herself.

AD nominates Megan Paslawski (DSC).

SJ nominates Maggie Galvan (DSC).

Jen Tang nominates Desiree Fields (DSC).

Jen Tang nominates herself (DSO).

JS motions to appoint these nominees in preferential order to the DSC AP hiring team.

CA seconds.

Passes unanimously.

b. Changes to NYTimes Opinion

Solicitation of other titles for the Op-Ed piece.

c. Appointment of At-Large Steering Officers to domains (Only SCE votes)

Dominique (Student Life)

María Cristina Garcia (Governance)

Jen Tang (Funding)

Monique (Health & Wellness)

Evan (Library & Tech)

Nicole (Outreach)

CA motions to appoint.

AD seconds.

Passes unanimously.

MW leaves the meeting.

d. Appointment of Executive Officers to Grad Council (Only SCE votes)

CN and EL provide an explanation of what Grad Council is to new Steering members.

CN nominates the three co-chairs and the UFS representative to Grad Council.

NH motions.

DN seconds.

Passes unanimously.

e. Co-Chair Representative and Succession of Co-Chair Alternates to Executive Committee of Graduate Council (Only SCE votes)

CA nominates EL.

DN nominates CA as second alternate. JT seconds.

(AD will be third alternate).

SJ motions to accept preferential order of co-chairs as nominated.

MCG seconds.

Passes unanimously.

f. Succession of At-Large Steering Officers to Grad Council (Only SCE votes)

MCG nominates herself as first alternate.

DN nominates herself as second.

JT as third.

NH as fourth.

MW as fifth.

EM as sixth.

JT motions for this to be the order of alternates for Grad Council.

DN seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

g. Standing Committee Appointments

i. C&B (1-5)

Paul Fess

Ben Miller

Christen Madsen

NH motions to approve all three.

CA seconds.

Motion passes; SJ abstains.

ii. Grants (1-7 no more than two per program)

(Names from sign-up sheet):

Rebecca Salois (HLBLL)

Desiree Fields (Env. Psych.)

Annie Dell'Aria (Art History)

Paul Fess (English)

Kristin Moriah (English)

Chris Eng (English)
Tony Perri (Chemistry)
Jagadisa-Devasri Dagus (Social Welfare)

JT motions to remove Paul Fess from the list and appoint the rest of the list as the committee.

DN seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

iii. Health Issues (2-8)

JS reports on the emailed preferences of MW for the committee.

(Names from sign-up sheet):

Jen Prince

Jessica McCurty

Sarah Ruth Jacobs

Katarzyna Platt

Abigail Kotowski

NH motions to approve the list and appoint all to the committee.

CN seconds.

Passes unanimously.

iv. Outreach (2-4 with at least one international student and two off-campus students)

Jessica McCurty

Tony Perri (off campus)

Bill McNally

Christen Madsen

Kristin Moriah

NH motions to approve Tony, Bill, Christen, and Kristin.

JT seconds.

Passes unanimously.

v. Student Services (1-3 at least one campus-based student)

Kristin Moriah

Chris Eng

Priya Chandrasekeran

DN motions to approve the list.

AD seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

h. Approve the list of acceptable media for "in-writing" notifications

EL explains that this is a list that the SC must maintain in terms of what counts for "written notification."

Current list: postmarked mail, or electronic mail.

CN motions to approve list. DN seconds. Passes unanimously.

i. Approve the list of acceptable media for advertising open positions

Current list:

- a dedicated email sent to Assistant Program Officers and DSC Program Representatives;
- notification on the DSC website;
- publication in the *Advocate* (at minimum in print), deadlines permitting; and, optionally,
- postings on bulletin boards in common areas and on listservs.

CN motions to approve the list. NH seconds. Passes unanimously.

V. Steering Officer Reports

a. Officer for Funding (Colin Ashley)

Receipts still coming in, so CA cannot provide exact number of monies spent. CA reports on his meeting with the Grants Committee to discuss what can be improved for next year and ideas for next year's committee. CA would like continued data gathering on grants so that the DSC can determine how funding is being used.

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

Asks that the new SC Officer be in touch with him to discuss the transition.

c. Officer for Health & Wellness (Monique Whitaker)

No new report other than already mentioned points.

d. Officer for Outreach (Nicole Hanson)

Solicitation of suggestions for the Orientation Packet, which was well-received. NH mentions that she would like to add in summaries of past debates so that mid-term reps can become caught up on DSC business. MCG also suggests having the packet available for the first meeting. NH points out that it was sent out to all new reps, but recognizes that in the future it needs to be better emphasized. JS discusses adding something to the site RE: the packet.

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

No official report. EL makes mention to DN that Steering should be sure to get SJ's survey data for future discussions as it will be important for continued discussion on funding issues at the GC.

f. Officer for Technology & Library (Patricia Stapleton)

PS reports on recent developments in the NYPL changes debate. Also mentions the new scanner in the library and possible new scanning resources for the DSC. PS briefly summarizes points of transition for the software workshops.

VI. Announcements

CA - all incoming members will get an email RE: pay and office hours in upcoming weeks.

DN - BBQ invite.

EL - presentation of gifts to outgoing SC and EC members.

VII. Adjournment

JS motions to adjourn meeting.

DN seconds.

Passes unanimously.

Official end: 7:11pm.

Minutes Submitted by Patricia Stapleton

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