



The Doctoral Students' Council The Graduate School and University Center The City University of New York 365 Fifth Avenue, Room 5495 New York, NY 10016-4309 T: 212.817.7888

E: dsc@cunydsc.org W: http://cunydsc.org

Steering Committee Minutes November 9th, 2012

Present: Eero Laine (EL), Anne Donlon (AD), Colin Ashley (CA), Christina Nadler (CN), Stefanie A. Jones (SAJ), Monique Whitaker (MW), Nicole Hanson (NH), Dominique Nisperos (DN), Evan Misshula (EM), Maria Cristina Garcia (MCG)

Absent: Jen Tang (JT)

Plenary Meeting called to order 6:10pm

I Approval Agenda **Executive Committee**

QCC English dept chair discussed. Steering Committee Party follow up added to the agenda.

Facilitation training added to the agenda.

Constitution and Bylaws

Grants

CAP, EL motion to approve the agenda.

Agenda approved.

II Approval of Minutes Oct 12, 2012 Health Issues

Stefanie raises a spelling issue in prior minutes.

Outreach Kafui Kouakou spelling is raised CN.

MCG abstains

Section b5 tuition free institution is discussed.

Student Services

Student Tech Fee

III Executive Committee Reports

SAJ motions CPA seconds

- 1. EL reports meeting with Louise Lennihan asked for docs on student involvement in programs. No chartered org applications are pending. He will reach out to orgs for funding. He will check for needs in governmental improvement. CPA wants to send a reminder to EO's on student involvement. AD says that Assoc Provost agrees that students should report back to students. CN suggests Foia-ing the minutes of Grad Council.
- 2. AD reminds us of communications duties. Revisions are to be posted in a Google doc. We are to post minutes on-line and post an agenda. AD reports meeting with student affairs, HR and NY Blood Center. Student wants to talk about parental leave and fellowship. At next plenary Jared Simard, student representation on standing committees. We received notice of hurricane meeting of sga presidents. AD may propose a plenary agenda meeting item on the hurricane. Social media use was discussed. AD will draft options for Social Media use for next meeting.
- 3. CPA needs five bids for the website. The low bid may not understand what is needed or be capable to deliver. CPA is confident that the low bidder is capable. Jen Gieskig spoke to CPA on how to use the media for dissemination of research. Town hall is Tuesday after next, November 19. CPA needs people to design the flyer. NH suggests a DSC farm team.
- 4. USS delegate spoke to Polly Thistlethwaite about foia-ing the catalog server fiasco. MW agrees to write article for Advocate for USS. USS did send out campaign statements last Friday night. Most ran



The Doctoral Students' Council The Graduate School and University Center The City University of New York 365 Fifth Avenue, Room 5495 New York, NY 10016-4309

T: 212.817.7888 E: dsc@cunydsc.org W: http://cunydsc.org

unopposed and won. CN wants Bikram to write that since there is no audit that they are in breach. MCG suggests tabling.

5. SAJ report that the guest was Bob Hatchett on enrollment trends. The university is pushing for a more full load. GED's only admissible to community colleges. Faculty to student ratio has increased from 25 to 38. More students routed to community colleges. Seventy six percent of NYC graduates attend a CUNY school. SAJ is still waiting for President Kelly on Gender neutral bathrooms

Plenary

IV New Business

Executive Committee

DOCTORAL STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Steering Committee

Constitution and Bylaws

Grants

Health Issues

Outreach

Student Services

Student Tech Fee

- 1. Student services committee has new recruits Rachel Liebert and Meghan Paslawski. DN proposes a Motion to add Rachel Liebert and Meghan Paslawski to the Student services committee. EM seconds. Motion carries unanimously.
- 2. QCC chair election was discussed. AD introduces English Student Association resolutions in support of QCC faculty. Straw poll was unanimous in support for editing ESA language and proposing it at plenary.
- 3. Party follow-up was discussed. CN feels the party is unsafe because of the behavior at the party and states that she will no longer participate. NH motion to form an ad-hoc structure, responsibilities and spaces of future DSC parties. MW seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
- 4. Facilitation follow-up training. Continued self facilitation and switch in the middle meeting. CPA suggests 7 minute agenda time limit guidelines. One timekeeper and one stack taker will be added to the facilitation. MCG suggests end time 9pm.
- V. Steering Officer Reports
- 1. MCG may remove 10 representatives. EL modifying the Advocate Editor and Chief duties. MW changes the name of her committee. NH can't fulfill her bylaws with an international student. Ben Miller suggests new bylaw to appoint DSO when DSC people won't serve.
- 2. MW reports on coffee Monday's. Posters are being printed. March 18, 2013 is the date of the Wellness festival. Student affairs has responded to a meeting regarding NYSHIP issues.
- 3. NH reports biology student interested starting a PSA. She is meeting Fri Dec 7 2012. City College meeting at Covo Friday Nov 30 2012 for outreach. Student organizing Tues Nov 27 from 1 - 3 for collective action in your program.
- 4. DN added two new members to her committee. Survey for fitness class needs may be expanded. DN still working on tabling and cork boards.
- 5. JT not available. CPA: Grants Meeting was scheduled during the hurricane. She sent out a doodle pool to reschedule before the next plenary meeting.
- 6. Email domain for students was discussed.
- 7. Announcements: NH Going back to the issues regarding PhD student teaching. We are pushing back in our PSA as having Criminology PhD students not being listed as Faculty, Student, or Staff. We look like we are undergrads.



Doctoral Students' Council

MW motions to adjourn and DN seconds at 9:42 Minutes submitted by Evan Misshula.

The Doctoral Students' Council
The Graduate School and University Center
The City University of New York
365 Fifth Avenue, Room 5495
New York, NY 10016-4309

T: 212.817.7888 F: 212.817.2970
E: dsc@cunydsc.org W: http://cunydsc.org

Plenary

Executive Committee

Steering Committee

Constitution and Bylaws

Grants

Health Issues

Outreach

Student Services

Student Tech Fee