

**Steering Committee
MINUTES
December 4th, 2015**

Present: Kyla Bender-Baird (KBB), Carlos Camacho (CC), Theodor Maghrak (TM), Amy Martin (AM), Jen Prince (JP- chair), Jeremy Randall (JR), Cecilia Salvi (CS), Saiful Saleem (SS), Liza Shapiro (LS), Hamad Sindhi (HS), Charlotte Thurston (CT).

Plenary

Jen Prince calls the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

Executive Committee

I. Approval of Agenda

1. JP motions to approve the agenda; Theodor Maghrak seconds with emendations.

a) Add new business: DSC response to faculty letters.

b) Add new business: HLBLE conference room request.

2. Cecilia Salvi seconds. Agenda approved unanimously with emendations.

Constitution and Bylaws

Grants

II. Approval of Minutes

1. CS motions to approve the minutes of November 11, 2015; Liza Shapiro seconds. Minutes approved unanimously.

Health & Wellness

Outreach

III. New business

1. Steering Discretionary.

a) JP motions to allocate \$2,500 from USS transfer to steering discretionary for parties; Carlos Camacho seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

b) JP motions to allocate \$200 from USS transfer to steering discretionary to the homotopy learning group; TM seconds.

c) Hamad Sindhi asks for background on the group. JP explains that homotopy was a grant application not fully funded by DSC and the USS agreed to fund it. The funds will be distributed via three grants awarded to the math department.

Advocate Advisory Board

OpenCUNY Board

Governance Task Force

EDLAB

Student Tech Fee

d) Motion passes unanimously.

e) JP motions to spend \$300 from USS transfer to steering discretionary on Langlands seminar; Saiful Saleem seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

f) JP motions to spend \$300 from USS transfer to steering discretionary on the Probability seminar; TM seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

g) JP motions to spend \$500 from USS transfer to steering discretionary on the anthropology event hosted at Queens College; Jeremy Randall seconds.

h) JP clarifies that this event was not funded through a DSC grant because of its target audience. Motion passes with one abstention (TM).

i) Amy Martin motions to locate up to \$50 for refreshments for the PSA information session; CC seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- j) JP asks whether there are other steering discretionary requests. TM asks whether \$3,500 is the projected total and JP says the check hasn't been received.
- 2. Health and Wellness Committee member ratification**
- a) CT reports that Jimiane Ashe from Biology has volunteered as a committee member. CT asks whether we have to ratify interested DSO members. JP says that DSO members can only be on committees if there are not enough DSC members, but they can join the committee without officially being on it.
 - b) CT motions to ratify Jimiane Ashe as a member of the Health and Wellness Committee; HS seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
- 3. Collaboration with ARC conference on race.**
- a) CS introduces idea of the DSC collaborating on a race conference with the ARC. CS suggests that ARC funds can lead to a purposeful conversation about race and asks steering about interest and potential ideas for what the DSC can contribute to the conference.
 - b) CC agrees that collaboration is a great idea. SS asks for clarification on who approached CS and asks about stage of planning. CS gives background on professor who approached her as someone interested in students and diversity implementation. ARC has been willing to fund conferences in the past and if DSC puts in labor of presenting workshops or speakers then ARC can potentially fund these speakers and workshops. CS offers to take lead on this. HS suggests that conference can be an in-house conference focusing on improving diversity at the GC. CC asks if ARC would be interested in a non-academic "climate taking" conference. CS responds that the conference could be used as a student-run moment to push forward a conversation about diversity at the GC that is not being addressed by the administration. JR asks about likelihood of ARC going non-academic for conference. CS says it is possible but dialogue is nascent. CT suggests centering conference around accessibility. HS suggests adding childcare as point of conference. JP suggests that steering can create a conference committee at the December plenary and brainstorm ideas. SS asks about a time frame for the conference and CS responds that conference would be planned for the Spring.
- 4. Update on Provost Search Committee.**
- a) HS reports that the search committee has chosen eleven candidates for information gathering session on December 16th and 17th with two suggested by President Robinson. There were 90+ applications for the positions with a wide pool of experience. Steering will be updated.
- 5. DSC response to faculty letters.**
- a) Suggestion that the DSC should move forward with a resolution directed at President Robinson (and possibly the Chancellor) about diversity, perhaps in conjunction with the third letter written and circulated by faculty members and its discussion of adjunct labor. HS says EC discussed other non-resolution ways to raise question of diversity to the

administration. HS asks steering for suggestions on ways to move on this. LS offer to work with UFS on potential response. HS sees resolution as potential foundation to start other conversations, but stresses that we should not limit our actions to a resolution alone. JP suggests that diversity letter can be tied to ARC conference collaboration. CS points out that the DSC does work on these questions and something tangible from faculty and administration would give us something concrete to work with. HS clarifies that the DSC may not have had a resolution on faculty diversity and such a resolution could be nice way to support faculty. JR says we should highlight DSC's previous work on this issue. JP asks steering about working on resolution on faculty and student diversity--steering agrees. HS reminds steering that resolution would have be done quickly to be sent out to plenary. CC raises question of GC student engagement. CS gives possible direct action suggestions. HS reminds DSC to consider question of representation with anything it may organize. Discussion about previous direct action from DSC at the GC. DSC hasn't directly sponsored any direct action initiatives. JP says DSC will need to have very concrete ideas about how to proceed and what to target if engaging in direct action. HS suggests consultation with EDLAB.

6. HLBLL conference room request.

- a) CS has received a room request for three rooms over two days (HLBLL used their program exception). The question is whether we want to give the conference an additional room. CS Motions to allow HLBLL to use three rooms over two days for their 21st annual conference; TM seconds.
- b) AM reminds steering that other groups may need third room if using catering outside RA. JP agrees with AM and points out that other regularly scheduled room requests are not on the calendar yet. TM asks about HLBLL's justification of requesting three rooms. JP responds that this may be an issue of unavailable space and that we need to be cognizant of accommodating student meeting requests as well. AM states that additional information from conference organizers is needed.
- c) JP calls vote to allow HLBLL use of three rooms for a two day conference; JP abstains. Motion fails.

IV Executive Committee Reports

1. Co-Chair for Student Affairs, Amy Martin

- a) Room 5489 will be painted, or at least spot painted, sometime this weekend. New carpet will be installed next Wednesday night. Put in room reservations to prevent any student requests for these times. This is thanks to Louise Lennihan.
- b) The AP Hiring Team met today to discuss the 5 applications we received. We will conduct interviews over the next two weeks.
- c) Yearly Goals: On track with PSAs goal. Had a one-on-one meeting this semester with one student interested in starting a PSA in their program. Have been mentioning PSAs and their benefits at Plenary and will be

holding a PSA info session on Tuesday, Dec. 8th, in order to discuss their benefits with students. Sent out digital signage and posted on Facebook to advertise for the PSA event next Tuesday.

- d) Chartered org goal: already de-chartered two inactive groups this semester. Have been in touch with one group believed to be inactive, but which was using their full DSC allocation each semester. It looks like that will stop and the organizer will let the group go inactive or look for new leaders. There are 8 Active groups so far, and I have emailed the rest personally with an update of their roster numbers and a notice to submit a Spring 2015 report if necessary. Many of them are responding quickly to these emails.
 - e) Room reservations are going well. A few events came through via the non-DSC room request form on the site. Thanks to everyone for keeping on top of conflicts and difficult requests. Cecilia and I worked on a request recently for a group doing rehearsals a few times a week for two weeks or so. At first I was worried about the rooms being monopolized during that period, but our room policy preventing requests more than once a week applies to "regular" meetings, and we decided that this series of requests didn't qualify as regular, so made an exception to this rule.
 - f) Would like to work on switching WordPress site over to a different style so that it could be updated automatically—possibly a project for January or early spring semester. Haven't yet asked Chrissy from OpenCUNY about WordPress training sessions for Steering, but at the same time, no issues have been reported. Anyone interested should let me know and we can discuss this possibility for the spring semester.
 - g) Prayer Space was one of my priorities for advocating for students this year, and the Provost has found a temporary space on the 9th floor that is currently being prepared for this purpose. The library has also agreed to look into using the old New York archive on the C-Level for prayer and meditation space. The library space may be a long term solution, but we haven't discussed that possibility yet. I will push to get this into the Strategic Plan via the Student Services Task Force, so that a long term solution is a goal of the university.
 - h) TM offers help on posting to WordPress. CS reminds AM to speak to security about locking DSC rooms.
- 2. Co-Chair for Communications, Hamad Sindhi**
- a) The Executive Committee met on Dec 3rd and discussed DACA eligibility notifications: EC discussed what type of language we should advocate the admins should use on funding calls and on the website for indicating whether funding is available to undocumented folks or not; admin is worried that state legislators might see the language and decide to restrict DACA rights even more; EC agreed that admins are being paranoid, and language for funding should be as clear as possible; agreed on the following language for funding not available to undocumented folks: "Students must be U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizen to receive so

- and so scholarship/fellowship”; and the following for funding available to undocumented folks: “fellowships are available to ALL students regardless of documentation status”.
- b) UFS and USS roles in the DSC Constitution: EC discussed adding to the UFS and USS roles more responsibilities, especially responsibilities they are already taking on in practice; there was a consensus that both USS and UFS positions could collaborate on representing DSO interests to external bodies like the Board of Trustees, the State legislature, etc.; there was consensus that we would like to change EC constitution language to make UFS and USS voting members.
 - c) DSC Reps on listservs: EC approved HS’s plan to add new DSC Reps directly to the DSC listservs, instead of waiting for them to volunteer to be added.
 - d) DSC/ARC collaboration: EC discussed collaborating with Don Robotham on a conference on ‘race’ that he is interested in planning; CS will explain more on this during new business
 - e) DSC response to faculty letters on diversity and funding: EC discussed request by Rachel Chapman to consider endorsing 3 separate letters regarding diversity and funding penned by GC faculty: 1. letter by faculty to Chancellor Milliken on increasing funding; 2. letter by faculty and students to President Robinson on faculty diversity; 3. letter by faculty (not finalized yet) to Governor Cuomo on funding and MOE; EC mostly supported the 2nd letter on faculty diversity, and is thinking of making this into a resolution; there was some talk also during the meeting about actions we could take in addition to the resolution
 - f) Grad Council EC meeting on Nov 23rd: HS is an alternate on this committee; approved the agenda for Grad Council meeting scheduled for Dec 9th; major items on the agenda will be: approval of a new course in Psychology, change to admissions requirements in English, change in ITP certificate bulletin language and requirements, approval of new courses in Women’s and Gender Studies, and revised governance document for Speech-Language-Hearing program
 - g) Ad-hoc committee on disability services: HS is chair. Committee had its first meeting on Nov 23rd; members discussed goals and action items; next meeting will be in Feb.
 - h) Met with Nicole Elden, the WC workshops coordinator, with CT: Discussed the ways in which DSC can collaborate in the workshops, to provide both community-oriented and structural resources; NE agreed with us that workshops can only go so far to resolve student issues at an individual level, and community or structural solutions can also be a part of the workshops; for example, for the upcoming ‘Impostor Syndrome’ workshop, CT and HS will send a list of resources containing information on student orgs but also DSC advocacy and program level committees that students can approach for help; in future, would like to ask chartered org leaders to attend or co-facilitate particular workshops.

Asked about workshops for faculty, and whether the WC has thought about addressing problems at the faculty level; NE said that they had, and they decided not to because they did not want students to perceive that the workshop coordinators are talking to faculty, which may be a barrier for students; NE also mentioned that this may be more appropriate for the Provost's office or Student Affairs to tackle

- i) Upcoming meetings: EDLAB meeting - Dec 10th, rescheduling meeting with Student Affairs on Dec 16th, will try to schedule an EC meeting with Chancellor Milliken for the next semester.
- j) Update on yearly goals: minutes can now be uploaded on the website!
- k) Plans for next semester: will go over archive on shared drive. Document on DSC accomplishments are in progress in consultation with EDLAB. Creating an FAQ page and also having a discussion with social media correspondents. JP says she will bring in steering group photos to help with archive.

3. Co-Chair for Business, Jen Prince

- a) Reminds Steering that January office hours should be like summer hours. If you can't be around sometime in January, remember to make up the hours later (or before!)
- b) Secret steering elf in progress.
- c) There is now PSA language as part of our taxonomy for revenues and expenditures. PSA's now have ways of requesting money
- d) Goals: Fallen behind on working on Drupal website speed but plan to pick up regularly scheduled meetings with the web team. Want to develop a sustainable plan for our website. More resources and also a website that doesn't need as much developer participation to maintain. EDLAB will discuss this next week
- e) In process of creating a Drupal back end guide for future CCBs to make some of the processes easier to find and change
- f) Possible increase in student activity fees. JP shows chart on how to possibly spend activities fees depending on the amount of increase.
- g) TM asks about potential reaction from plenary in response to reallocation of Wellness Center funds. Discussion follows.

4. USS Delegate, Cecilia Salvi

- a) Board of Trustees: Public Hearing, Board Meeting. On November 23, The BoT approved the proposed 2016-2017 Operating Budget Request, with the proposal for tuition increases at the Senior Colleges. There was one vote against, from USS Chair Awadjie. This is a success because a) last time tuition increases were proposed in 2011, the USS Chair abstained and b) a month ago, the USS was still supporting the budget in principle.
- b) USS Plenary held 11/22: CS was voted onto the Audit Committee and also appointed to the Scholarship Committee and the Tuition Task Force. Did brief introductory presentation on Robert's Rules of Order, Open Meetings Laws and Minutes, and distributed materials which officers could use. Students voted to spend up to \$2,000 on a lawyer to

investigate why members of the public were not allowed into the BOT public hearing on November 16. The rationale: if the process of OML was violated, there's a possibility that their vote can be overturned, thus stalling the tuition increase process. I abstained from the vote for reasons of procedure.

- c) Attended USS Dinner with Milliken and BoT members on 12/2: Representatives asked about: increasing capital spending on disability services, ADA building compliance and Blackboard accessibility.
Chancellor's Response: We do allocate money for critical maintenance, especially in older buildings; \$1.5 baseline from the state; we can leverage our power with Blackboard because we are one of their largest consumers.
- d) Reps also asked about increasing wi-fi access points and fiber capacity.
Response: start at the tech fee committees
- e) Reps. brought up reports of surveillance on Muslim students; **Response:** these are alleged NYPD actions, and they are not required to share their plans with CUNY; "we have (literally) no information as to such activity; the NYPD did follow its own guidelines; General Council: We "understand and recognize" that activity can have "a chilling effect on first amendment rights";
- f) Reps. asked when we can expect a contract; **Response:** 2 bargaining sessions are scheduled for this month; an offer has already been made, and if not accepted, we will negotiate the 2016 contract;
- g) Reps asked about increasing the ASAP program across the Bronx to Hostos; **Response:** It's part of the ramp up scheduled for 2018;
- h) I asked about the Chancellor's Nov 18 response to Central Line Faculty's letter calling for him to "ensure adequate funding" for contracts. I asked:
 - a) Have there been similar cuts and freezes at the administrative level?
 - b) about plans for increasing tenured faculty in SCs and CCs, specifically central line faculty at the GC; and c) plans for increasing the racial diversity of the faculty. **Response:** colleges faced 3% cuts, while CUNY Central experienced 6%. I reminded him there were at least 2 new administrative positions at the GC, like the Deputy Director of Initiatives. **Milliken:** "we've done more than most" with the predictable tuition increase, like funding 1,000 new F/T faculty positions. He called it an "almost dramatic investment", but that we can't keep hiring like this, because we need to pay faculty and staff without a contract. VC Sapienza added this has been our "top priority".
- i) Gloriana Waters, VC for Human Resources Management deals with Diversity Compliance: "each campus produces a plan". Recently received a new initiative from Robinson.
- j) The idea of increasing resources and funding loomed large, but the responsibility for that lobbying was thrown back on students. Milliken reminded us that there has been state disinvestment over the past 30 years, but there's been less of one in NY.

- k) In a discussion with Dean Rosa, he mentioned that some of these questions made BoT members more uncomfortable than usual.
 - l) Representatives asked CUNY to take a “strong and public stand” on surveillance; for a definitive answer on what alternatives exist to tuition increases.
 - m) Tuition Task Force will meet on 12/6.
 - n) Leverage: Lucas Almonte, former VC for Legislative Affairs, is now the new USS Legislative Director.
 - o) Met with Jen Tang and Dean Rosa, the Assistant Dean for Student Services, regarding Disability Services, specifically off campus access to Assistive Technology on 12/4. Discussed the difficulty of getting off campus access because it’s not mandated when it is “personal use”, and because of funding and licensing issues. Dean Rosa offered possible workarounds, like: tech fee committee, partnering with outside organizations, and requesting funds from VC Cohen. The example given was a kickstarter for a “university-wide loan program” for laptops with AT. He acknowledged that there needs to be a paradigm shift in the way the university deals with students with disabilities, and described the difference between code compliance and programmatic access, noting that both are required. He also committed to Jen Tang that he would work with her to get her issue solved, and they will meet with AT staff at Baruch. Plan: to set up a meeting with CUNY Central IT- AT staff or VC Cohen- regarding this issue. Dean mentioned that the state and city commit \$2.5 million annually to underwrite these obligations, but that hasn’t increased in 20 years. While students with disability population enrollment has grown at CUNY by 1/3, the purchase power of that money has decreased by 1/3.
 - p) Other possible things to investigate and work on: making the CATS (CUNY Assistive Technology Services) service an itinerant resources; getting a button opener to make GC bathrooms more accessible (Rosa said they cost \$4000).
 - q) Meeting with Dean Rosa on December 10 regarding USS
 - r) Next meeting: Public hearing, 6/22; Board, 6/29. Plan on attending because of diverse increased fees across CUNY (not at GC) such as academic excellence, material fee, student activity fees.
 - s) Emailed USS Chair to set up meeting.
 - t) Emailed USS Scholarship Committee for updates; no response.
 - u) Goals: There’s been a change in USS culture with the new elections, there’s a greater willingness to take on activist role. Presentation of procedures/ Robert’s Rules, is having an effect.
- 5. UFS Delegate, Liza Shapiro**
- a) Last UFS meeting was 12/1; I did not attend. Report is based on the documents that were sent out via UFS listserv
 - b) Milliken was the guest speaker and gave two presentations. The first presentation was the CUNY Budget Request for 2016-2017, approved by

the BOT. The request passed with the USS member, Joseph Awadjie and Trustee Charles Shorter declining. Budget request pointed out new faculty lines: 588 at senior colleges and 488 at community colleges from 2010-2015. Budget request argued that graduation rates increased because of predictable tuition.

- c) CUNY is supporting revision of MOE legislation requiring state to fund mandatory costs.
- d) Budget presentation was in support of increasing tuition at senior colleges by arguing that CUNY senior college tuition is below the national average for public universities and that 2/3 of CUNY students attend tuition free.
- e) TAP: For the fiscal year 2015-16, CUNY will issue \$49M in TAP tuition credits. Pursuant to the NYS legislature requirement asking CUNY to issue TAP waiver credits to cover the difference between tuition and TAP awards CUNY requests State funding to close the gap between the maximum TAP award and tuition and allow for reinvestment into student support.
- f) Eligible students can receive up to the maximum TAP award of \$5,165; and the maximum Pell award of \$5,775.
- g) Budget submitted to BOT does not include amounts related to any new labor contracts
- h) Second presentation was the "CUNY Value"-slideshow where pages were stamped with what looks like a medal "CUNY VALUE"-- essentially as advertisement. Opened with slide saying that from 2010-2014 when "Predictable tuition" was instituted, CUNY enrollment went up by 6%-- false correlation suggesting that this led to rising enrollment. Also seems to link student awards and fellowships to predictable tuition: "Since the predictable tuition policy began in 2010 CUNY students and alums have won..."
- i) Only good news: CUNY not planning to increase CC tuition in 2017
- j) COACHE survey: administered across senior and CCs (w/ exception of Guttman) results now available.
- k) Goals: Goal of getting UFS chair to speak at DSC plenary achieved as Terence agreed to be a guest at the April plenary! Will continue to work with USS delegate and attend meetings where one can use support of other. Difficult to say whether "voting" position will be achieved because of the way UFS is structured. Did discover a letter that Anick Boyd sent as UFS delegate to Provost Lennihan making a case for GC students to be made eligible to join UFS official as adjunct employees with very little effort on behalf of UFS. Will follow up with Anick about results of the letter and see if another can be drafted up (in light of GC chapter of PSC union).

V Steering Officer Reports

1. Officer for Technology and Library, Jeremy Randall

- a) The first round of alumni emails @gc.cuny.edu have been terminated on December 1st.
 - b) Our @gradcenter.cuny.edu emails are outside of FOIL!
 - c) Goals: student tech fee committee is finding ways to increase and preserve services w/o increasing fees. Also taking steps to address issue of accessibility for students.
 - d) CS asks for clarification on why GC emails are not FOIL-able. JR: Mail routed to Microsoft is not stored on the GC servers graduate and has to be subpoenaed. Data that has not been tapped is not eligible for FOIL.
 - e) TM asks about pushing our drive for accessibility. CT wants to clarify who is the compliance officer for accessibility. Offers to put list of assistive technology. HS says that VP for Student Affairs (Matt Schoengood) would be the compliance officer, but the responsibility is delegated to Sharon Lerner.
- 2. Officer for Student Life and Services, Carlos Camacho**
- a) Finalizing finals relief salons in coordination with CT. There will be chair yoga and aromatherapy.
 - b) Goals: offer more holistic health options in the Spring like aromatherapy; planning soccer game(s) with SS and CT; adding more information to student discount database; creating student website with information on holistic health (yoga, aromatherapy, color therapy) and online discounts; bring back meditation sessions; look into mindfulness and similar workshops.
 - c) JR suggests being mindful of others using library if scented oils are brought into the library space for aromatherapy. CS suggests that issue could be solved with bringing this to Health and Wellness festival.
- 3. Officer for Outreach, Saiful Saleem**
- a) The Outreach Committee has fully revised our survey and will send it out by the end of next week.
 - b) Thanksgiving/Native American Heritage Day Event on Nov. 25 at the Graduate Center: 15-20 people showed up and the discussion was engaged and went very well. The event provided an opportunity for the Outreach Committee to meet graduate students (including one from CCNY) and to introduce them to the world of the DSC.
 - c) A soccer league is still on the table and we shall be closely working with Mr. Camacho and his team.
 - d) Tried to contact David Topel again and he has not replied. Since he has never attended one of our meetings, he is unable to be on the committee. Accordingly, we will proceed to search for his replacement.
 - e) Goals: At first broadly defined. The first was to reach out and engage international students, then to engage outreach to students based on other campuses. Seems to be going well based on results of Thanksgiving discussion. Currently revising International Student Survey. Preliminary questions will be sent to Steering for feedback prior to distribution to students.

4. Office for Health and Wellness, Charlotte Thurston

- a) Planning Meeting with H&W Committee to see what plans they have. See if they're interested in doing the following: collecting and putting up info about sliding scale offers for health providers of any kind; non-nyship insurance, bedbug issues, other non-traditional doctors; pregnancy/giving birth tips for people who are pregnant/give birth on NYSHIP; cbt resources (also may crowdsource via Google docs).
- b) Ashley Chastain from the Wellness Center has let me know about a nutritionist she knows who might be willing to work with us; I'm going to contact her about the possibility of having a workshop on nutrition based on grad student needs and budget.
- c) Planning Finals Salons with Carlos: Have gotten dates and masseuse: 12/15-12/16. Getting earplugs, bringing down SSM, and also planning on chair yoga handouts and aromatherapy samples, if Polly is good with this: these are the fab ideas of Carlos.
- d) Met with Nicole Elder, organizer of workshops for the Wellness Center, with Hamad on 12/2. Discussed possibility of linking up student groups with Wellness Center workshop. Goal of this is to get students linked up with community and advocates who can help them with structural issues. Nicole noted that we'll have to be sensitive to students' comfort levels with having student groups come in. Some possibilities: having students co-facilitate a workshop, having students come in briefly as reps of different chartered orgs., DSC, DSC committees like H&W and Outreach and Student Services, giving Wellness Center handouts they can give to workshop attendees. Making a handout that Nicole can give to attendees at the end of the Imposter Syndrome Workshop, with DSC resources and chartered orgs that students could reach out to. We brought up possibility of faculty workshops on mentoring, etc.; Nicole says they've considered this a lot but fear interfering with student sense of WC as safe/confidential space: for example, students might feel uncomfortable knowing that Nicole is also working with their advisor, especially when they might be talking about issues with their advisor in a workshop. They want to make it clear as possible that they are there for students and student concerns. Nicole suggests that this might be the domain of Student Affairs or Career Services, but that she agrees this is very important part of improving mental wellbeing of students.
- e) Goals: Campaign on reducing mental health stigma. Wrote and shared post on mental wellbeing and collecting narratives on any aspect of dealing with mental health problems: shared on Twitter/DSC-listserv; need to put on Facebook as well. Sent ad to Dadland for placement in December's Advocate. Once narratives are collected will need to figure out how to share them. Considering an Advocate article as well a pamphlet or something digital like Storify, perhaps digital signage with a few small stories, much like OpenCUNY has testimonies? The more narratives we collect the more information we can take to UB as well as Wellness Center and Student Affairs and advocate for student wellness needs.

- f) Currently collecting information about Cognitive Behavioral therapy; nontraditional/homeopathic doctors. Also working on how to address Value Options non-compliance/claims issues.

5. Officer for Governance and Membership, Kyla Bender-Baird

- a) Membership: sorted out the tie from the History Special Election. Erin Cully is the new program representative. Search continues for the Political Science runner up. There are two people left on the runner up list and then we'll have to try a special election. We have 77 seats and 76 reps in good standing.
- a) Governance: C&B decided not to meet in December as we've had an active Fall and there were no pressing issues that couldn't wait until February.
- b) Goals: Will have perfect DSC rep membership! 76/77 members are active. Joining Governance Taskforce to become more familiar w/ governance.

6. Officer for Funding, Teddy Maghrak

- a) Five people were at the grants workshop back on November 9th, and they seemed to be better prepared and happy with the material.
- b) Next grants meeting is next Monday, December 7th, and we have six grant applications.
- c) \$10,331.69 is left in the grants budget.
- d) Goals: Pursued all goals with varying levels of success. Relatively successful: five people came to Grants Workshop and attendees received the information. Hoping to have a better turnout at the spring workshop and continue to push startup grants as well! Most successful: sharing joint custody of obnoxious feather boa with CS.

VI. Announcements

- 1. JP: DSC Winter party is on December 18th!

VII. Adjournment

AM motions to adjourn at 8:52 p.m; JR seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Liza Shapiro