Student Services Committee

Minutes

February 24, 2011

10:00am–11:00am

Room 5489

 In attendance: Sarah Jordan (SJ), Amy Martin (AM), Valia Mitsou (VM)

 Absent: Eero Laine (EL)

 SJ calls the meeting to order at 4:04pm.

1. Approval of Agenda
	1. SJ updates the agenda by removing the second “self-defense” item. The new version of the agenda is approved unanimously.
2. Approval of Minutes of December 8, 2011
	1. The minutes from December 8 2011 meeting are approved unanimously.
3. Updates and Discussion
	1. Student housing survey
		1. SJ reports that the survey is prepared through Opinio. The survey was approved unanimously after minor revisions. SJ reports that she is planning to create a flier for the survey and circulate within the GC building and through Facebook. There will also a lottery of 5 Amazon gift cards ($20 each) to give an incentive to students to participate in the survey. The survey will be open through March.
	2. Dance/Self-Defense classes
		1. The committee decided to send an email through GC students in search of potential instructors. The issue regarding space was discussed. Suggestions include Baruch and John-Jay College fitness rooms as well as the DSC rooms.
	3. Suggestion box
		1. SJ reports that she ordered the physical suggestion box for $30. Regarding the electronic suggestion box, it was decided that the link should be placed in the DSC website.
	4. Outreach survey
		1. SJ reports that one of the major findings of the outreach survey was that students are unaware of the existence of the local student discounts. Some suggestions for advertising include tabling and placing participating businesses on the DSC website. AM suggests that we get more local vendors to participate in the program. These can include Empire Pizza (which is highly used by DSC anyway) but also non-food companies like Duane Reade or Staples or even H&M or some gym around the area.
		2. Together with the Outreach committee, the committee will examine the possibility of finding vendors around other CUNY campuses.
4. New Business
	1. Suggestion box suggestions
		1. Regarding making the student lounge on the 1st floor brighter: Put paintings on the walls: VM suggests to email the computer graphics lab to search for students that might be able to design paintings. SJ suggests that we send a mass email to GC students. SJ also suggests to ask facilities to provide some better lighting.
		2. Regarding the fact that the building closes at 10pm: VM will ask a friend of hers that has 24/7 access to the building how she got it. SJ will find out if the reason for that policy is reasonable and if it is not she will suggest at the Steering Committee that they write a resolution for the issue.
		3. Regarding the 3rd suggestion: Last year, Chrissy Mitakakis (a member of the Health Issues Committee) was responsible for compiling a list of gyms in CUNY campuses that GC students can use for free or low cost. We need to find out if this list is available.
5. Announcements
6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:47pm.