

## Plenary Meeting Minutes April 16, 2004

Chair: José Zambrana  
Minutes: Sheryl Gordon

Meeting called to order 6 pm.

- I. Approval of Agenda  
Agenda was approved with the following additions: **1)** Section V: Announcements which will include A. Website and B. Receipts and **2)** Section IV D: Budget
  
- II. Approval of March Minutes  
Minutes approved with following changes: **1)** Section IV: B. sentence to “The matter arose at USS (a draft is underway) also regarding the canceling of classes on religious holidays which are not national holidays.” **2)** removal of unnecessary sentence in Section III
  
- III. Old Business
  - A. Constitutional Convention:
    - Bylaw #3: Cultural Affairs** approved unanimously, with change from \$5,000 to “at least 2%,” in regard to amount DSO shall set aside each year to be spent specifically on Cultural Affairs Grants.
    - Bylaw #1 (Hiring Staff):** vote tabled until next meeting. The new wording will be emailed to DSC representatives 10 days before the next plenary.
    - Bylaw #2: Chartered Organizations** approved unanimously with following changes:
      - Section 2.2 Roster: adding “and a minimum of 3 departments must be represented” to text.
      - Section 2.3 Funding: changing sentence to “Each active Chartered Organization shall be eligible for two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) by the DSC each semester,”
      - Section 2.4 Chartering Process: adding iii., which covers structure, and shall state that the group must specify the mode/method of decision-making.
      - Section 2.5 Status of Chartered Organizations ii: language clarified to indicate that advertising must be done through two separate avenues, and the DSC will provide examples (extensive postering, DSC website, Advocate, etc.), but not state which ones the group must use.
      - Section 2.5 vi: change time limit of 4 semesters to 3 semesters
      - Fix Section numbering
      - Section 2.7 (new numbering): Change title from Officers to Structure. Change first sentence to read “The structure of a chartered organization’s leadership and decision-making shall be left up to the determination of each organization.” Add sentence stating that the modes of decision-making have to be in accordance with the DSC’s mission.

- Add “per semester” when discussing DSC grant allotments in Sections 2.5 and 2.8 (new numbering).

**Article XI Media Board:** Proposed changes handed out, and so vote will take place on May 14 Plenary. One additional change made: replace “webmaster” with “webmaster(s)”

- B. Follow-up discussion on USS Holidays: After discussion, the DSC decided to vote no on the USS proposal regarding the canceling of classes on religious holidays which are not national holidays. The DSC agreed that there should be some policy regarding religious holidays other than what CUNY officially observes, but decided the proposal was not the appropriate response.

IV. New Business

- A. DSC Election Update: Some ballots have been returned by the post office, so will be forwarded to the students’ departments.
- B. May 7 Party: Send Paul McBreen [PMCBREEN@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:PMCBREEN@gc.cuny.edu) suggestions for 5 songs.
- C. Discussion of the offices to be filled at the May plenary: May 14 is last plenary, and will be held from 5-7 pm. The new plenary will meet at 7 pm. List and descriptions of offices attached to April 16’s agenda.
- D. Discretionary Fund: Plenary unanimously approved grant allotment of \$850 to Adjunct Project’s Love and Labor party held earlier this semester.

V. Announcements

- A. Website: Camille informed DSC that by Monday, there will be an active message board on the DSC’s website. Also, email Camille with feedback on the website.
- B. Receipts: make sure to hand them in, and to fill out check requests for this semester.

Additional Announcements:

- Agnes Abraham, head of USS, couldn’t make it today, but will hopefully reschedule.
- Lauren from USS notified DSC that on Wednesday, April 21 the USS and NYPIRG (New York Public Interest Research Group) will meet with City Council members from various boroughs. This will be a day-long event, but the meetings will take place from 2-3 pm.
- Moira announced that on Thursday, April 22, from 12-2:30 pm in room 8301, a Demonstration of Adaptive Technology will take place. All are welcome to learn about and play with such technology as Jaws voice recognition software, Braille printer, scanners.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.