

**Minutes of the Cultural Affairs and Professional Development Committees
Joint Meeting of December 4, 2009**

Present: Kate Broad (KB), Anne Donlon (AD), Boris Duassa-Pastor, Kyle Ferguson, Maggie Galvan (MG), Zaida Godoy, Ben Miller, Carlos Penaloza, Shawn Rice (SR), Astrid Roland, Jared Simard (JS), Chris Sula (CS), and Suzanne Tamang (ST)

Absent: Christine Pinnock, Gregory Donovan, Kim Libman, Jeremy Rafal

Plenary

CS calls the meeting to order at 3:09 P.M.

Steering Committee

I. Approval of Agenda

SR motions to approve the agenda; JS seconds; the agenda is accepted unanimously.

Constitution and Bylaws

II. Approval of Cultural Affairs Minutes of Sept 4, 2009 [only CA members]

JS motions to approve the minutes; ST seconds; the minutes are accepted unanimously.

Media Board

III. Approval of Professional Development Minutes of Sept 4, 2009 [only PD members]

SR motions to approve the minutes; JS seconds; the minutes are accepted unanimously.

Health Issues

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IV. Review of Grant Applications

- a. **CS presents the current CA grant applications. CA members discuss the proposed event budgets and descriptions, the appropriateness of the proposed projects and the overall benefit of the projects to Graduate Center students.**

ST motions to approve CA funding for the following grants applications in the amounts of:

655\$ *Women Narrating Violence in Colombia: Reflections on Trauma, Memory and the Body*

700\$ *Third Feminist Pedagogy Conference: The Praxis of Feminist Pedagogy*

400\$ *Footnotes: New Directions in David Foster Wallace Studies*

700\$ *Graduate Student Film Conference: "Cinematic Desire"*

220\$ *Memory and Creation*

KB seconds; the motion is accepted unanimously.

JS motions to request more information from the PI for the *Spanking and Poetry* grant application; JS seconds; the motion is accepted unanimously. MG volunteers to contact the project PI, and will request additional details for the committee.

- b. **CS presents the grant application for the *Legacy of W. Ofuatay-Kodje and Celebrating Diversity at CUNY* grant application and notes that the event took place at the Graduate Center in the beginning of the fall semester, but that the committee has still not made a decision. CA members discuss their concerns; specifically, the level of student organization and participation, and how the DSC resources would be used. The grant PI**

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enters to address committee member's concern and describe the level of student involvement and how the funding would be used.

ST motions to approve funding for the event in the amount of \$500; JS seconds; the motion is accepted unanimously.

- c. CS presents the current PD grant applications to PD members. PD members discuss the proposed projects descriptions, budgets and the amount of funding requests.

SR motions to allocate \$350 to the Interdisciplinary Social and Political Theory Workshop and Colloquium; JS seconds; the motion is accepted unanimously.

SR motions to request more information before making a decision on the grant applications *Resisting Enclosure: Workshops on Academics and Activism* and *The 9th Annual Nature Ecology Society Colloquium at the City University of New York*; JS seconds; the motion is accepted unanimously.

JS motions to allocate \$700 *Fifteenth Annual Graduate Students' Conference of the Department of Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Literatures and Languages*; AD seconds; the motion is accepted unanimously.

V. **Bylaw Changes**

PD and CA committee members discuss changes to improve the process of grant submission and evaluation process including: uniting the two committees (CA & PD), establishing a regular meeting schedule that would consist of four meetings per year, and providing new applicants the option of applying for a start-up grant that would provide a smaller maximum request size (around 150\$), but would ideally have a shorter turn-around time for a funding decision and be approved through a less rigorous approval process.

JS motions to recommend proposed bylaws with changes discussed; MG seconds; the motion is accepted unanimously.

VI. **New Business**

VII. **Announcements**

VIII. **Adjournment**

JS motions to adjourn the meeting; KB seconds; the motion is accepted unanimously.

Meeting is adjourned at 4:08 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Suzanne Tamang