

**DSC Steering Meeting Minutes
29 January 2010**

Present: Anick Boyd (AB), Jill Belli (JB), Kyle Ferguson (KF), Allyson Foster (AF), Eero Laine (EL), Kim Libman (KL), Shawn Rice (SR), Jared Simard (JS), Jen Sloan (JS2), Chris Alen Sula (CS), Suzanne Tamang (ST).

AF calls meeting to order at 6:16.

Plenary

I. Approval of Agenda

Steering Committee

JS motioned to approve the agenda; JB seconded; approved by unanimous consent.

Constitution and Bylaws

II. Approval of Old Minutes

Media Board

CS motioned to approve the minutes; JB seconded; approved by unanimous consent.

Health Issues

Cultural Affairs

III. Student Affairs Report

Professional Development

- a. ST reported that all chartered organizations would have e-rosters by 1 Mar.
- b. ST reported that the search for a NYSHIP Coordinator has reached the interview stage. She asked that we solicit student questions for the applicants. CS suggested that we ask applicants about their plans to enhance information-flow relevant to student health and NYSHIP coverage.

IV. Communications Report

- a. SR reported that LCD monitors with DSC-controlled content are coming soon and that a new iMac will soon be in the DSC Main Office.
- b. SR reported that DSC nominations are opening soon and that nominations from all programs are needed.
- c. SR reported that multiple DSC Representatives have recently resigned or been removed from their positions [NB: see **VII.b** in these Minutes]. EL is now serving as an interim At-Large Steering Officer, and JS as an interim UFS Liaison; both must be approved at the next Plenary.
- d. SR reported that the Executive Committee members would be attending an upcoming meeting with Student Government Presidents from CUNY colleges.

- e. SR reported that he has drafted a proposal for an Interim Vice-Chancellor of Budget and Finance, aiming to expand tuition remission to students' in their sixth and seventh years.

V. Business Report

- a. CS reported that he would present a Budget Proposal at the next SC meeting.
- b. CS reported that we are now collecting nominations for Student Representatives on Graduate Council Committees.

VI. USS Report

- a. AF reported that USS passed a budget at their last meeting.

VII. New Business

- a. ST announces that VITA will offer students free tax preparation services at the GC; Beginning in late February, students will make reservations for 45-minute sessions. Several members of the Committee proposed we offer a checklist of the documents students need to bring to these sessions.
- b. (i) SR announced that Alison Powell has resigned from DSO position. SR motioned to approve Frank Episale to that position; ST seconded; the motion passed by unanimous consent; (ii) SR announced that Lindsay Freer has resigned from the Auxillary Enterprise Board, and motioned to appoint Jason Schneiderman, as the runner up in the election, to this position; JS seconded; the motion passed by unanimous consent; [Note: JS2 leaves at 7:06pm] (iii) Christine Pinnock's vacant seat on Media Board is still open; CS motioned to nominate the following to that set: Carolina Barrera-Tobón, Astrid Roldan, Zaida Godoy Navarro; SR seconded; the motion passed with eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, while JS abstained; (iv) SR announced that multiple DSC At-Large Representative positions are open, and motioned to appoint Matthew Johnson and Alex Zamalin to those positions; ST seconded; the motioned passed by unanimous consent; (v) for the remaining At-Large positions, SR motioned to appoint the following until all vacancies are filled: Collette Sosnowy, Abe Walker, Demond Willis; Renee McGarry; Desiree Fields CS seconded; the preferential list was approved by unanimous consent.
- c. The Committee discussed the SPS's letter in response to our earlier request for SPS's financial support. CS motioned that the Committee prepare a summary of the relevant information for Plenary; KL seconds; the motion passes by unanimous consent.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. *Constitution & Bylaws.* (i) C&B recommended that the USS Representative's and Steering Officers' pay period be extended to ten (10)

months; (ii) The Committee discussed the proposed Steering Officer positions and functions [See proposed Bylaws §2.1-6]; KL recommended that there be independent Officers for Sustainability and for Technology and Library Services; CS recommended that §2.5.c. have an additional clause to exclude the All-School parties.

- b. *Health Issues.* KL reported that she recently met with Wellness Center Director Bob Hatcher, that he supports increasing funding as part of students' mental health, and that they discussed having an on-campus physician that accepts NYSHIP.
- c. *Cultural Affairs and Professional Development Committees.* CS reported that we have only spent half of the funds allocated this year, and that we should encourage more Grant Applications, especially in Professional Development.

IX. Announcements

Nothing announced.

X. Adjournment.

SR motioned to adjourn the meeting; KF seconded; the motion passes by unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kyle Ferguson.