

**Doctoral Student's Council Minutes
February 5, 2010**

Present:

	Paul Agnello: Psych: I/O	Leigh McCallen: Ed Psych
	Amber Ahmad-Baker: Public Health	Amanda Mentzer: Psych: Learning Processes
	Colin Ashley: Sociology	Christina Nadler: Sociology
	Vicky Barrios: Psych: Developmental	Naomi Perley: Music PhD
Plenary	Andy Bossie: Economics	Tony Perri: Chemistry
	Anick Boyd: Comparative Literature	Christine Pinnock: Anthropology
Steering Committee	Jeffrey Broxmeyer: Political Science	Jeremy Rafal: Linguistics
	Karyn Collie: Biology	Astrid Roldan: Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Lit
Constitution and Bylaws	Zeynep Dereli Korkut: Engineering: Biomedical (Proxy: Veronica Lopez)	Puleng Segalo: Psych: Social
Media Board	Tami Farber: Social Work	Jeremy Seideman: Computer Science
	Allyson Foster: English	Jared Simard: Classics
Health Issues	Katie Gill: Earth and Environmental Science	Patricia Stapleton: Political Science
	Kyle Ferguson: Philosophy	Jordan Stokes: Music PhD
Cultural Affairs	Zaida Godoy-Navarro: HLBLL	Chris Sula: Philosophy
	Nicole Hanson: Criminal Justice	Suzanne Tamang: Computer Science
Professional Development	Shana Henry: Urban Education	Whitney Thompson: Art History
	Tarra Jackson: Criminal Justice	Roz Woll: Music DMA
	Eero Laine: Theatre	
	Kim Libman: Psych: Environmental	
	Edwin Mayorga: Urban Education	

At-Large: Carolina Barrera-Tobón, Boris Daussá-Pastor, Edwin Demper, Stephanie Domenici, Anne Donlon, Gregory Donovan, Maggie Galvan, Matt Johnson, Armin Lahiji, Linda Neiberg, Shawn Rice, Maggie Robertson, Ji Hyon (Kayla) Yuh, Jason Schneiderman, Alex Zamalin.

Absent:

Richard Able: Biochemistry	Rachel Marcus: Audiology
Jill Belli: English	Anton Masterovoy: History
Kate Broad: English	Carlos Penalosa: Biology
Annie Dell'Aria: Art History	Mariya Radeva: Anthropology
Lauren Donaldson: French	Mohamed Saad: Computer Science
Heather Griffith: Physical Therapy	Samantha Sheppard: Biology
Jennifer Jordan: History	

At-Large: Ian Foster, Ashley Foster, Benjamin Miller, Alison Powell, Denise Torres.

The meeting was called to order by Chris Alen Sula, (CS), the chair, at 6:07PM

I. Approval of Agenda

Shawn Rice (SR) motion to add items V.a. "Endorsement of GC Part-time Faculty Senator Pro Tem", add "s" to officer in V.d, strike V.g "Amendments to DSC Bylaws". Suzanne Tamang (ST) seconds. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. Approval of Old Minutes

Tony Perri (TP) motions to approve the Old Minutes, Katie Gill (KG) seconds. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. Ratification of New Representatives

Chair calls on SR. SR reports that Alex Zamalin and Matthew Johnson were approved by the Steering Committee. SR motions to ratify said people as at large DSC reps, Carolina Barrera-Tobon (CBT) seconds. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Executive Officer Reports

a. Student Affairs Report

The Chair calls on ST. ST reports that on March 1st online election ballots go live. Chartered Orgs require 20 members to remain active. Please get the word out. There are 5 candidates for the new NYSHIP Coordinator position. Questions for these candidates are encouraged, please send them to ST. Women of Color, is eligible for office space, and there will be some changes for Chartered Organizations and office space.

b. Communications Report

The Chair calls on SR. SR reports that Allison Powell resigned as At-large. Lindsey Freer resigned from all positions. Christine Pinnock resigned from all DSC positions except for Anthropology Program Representative. Mohamed Saad was removed as Computer Science rep. There will be more information on Travel and Research to report next meeting. CLRN is doing great, get the word out. CS reminds that DSC nominations are upcoming, and a seat doesn't exist unless someone nominates. March 1 midnight is the last day for nominations. DSC website migration complete. Executive Committee met with undergrad student presidents.

SPS: SR talks about SPS bylaws/constitution re: GC support. CS and SR discuss the main points related to SPS. Kim Libman (KL) motions to table discussion on SPS until next meeting, Jeremy Seideman (JS) seconds. The motion was passed without objection.

c. Business Report

CS reports the budget will be ready at the next meeting.

d. USS Report

Allyson Foster (AF) reports that USS passed a budget.

e. UFS Report

The issue of SPS was discussed and there was broad support from UFS.

V. New Business

a. Endorsement of GC Part-time Faculty Senator Pro Tem

Greg Donovan (GD) motions to endorse Anick Boyd (AB) as GC Part-time Faculty Senator Pro Tem for consideration by the Executive Committee of the Graduate Council; TP seconds; unanimously passed.

b. Election of UFS Liaison

SR motions to nominate AB, close nominations and unanimously elect AB as liaison, JS seconds. The motion was unanimously passed.

c. Election of USS Alternate

SR nominates Anick Boyd. AB declines and nominates Jill Belli (JB). JB accepts. JS motions to close nominations and unanimously elect JB, SR seconds. The motion was unanimously passed.

d. Election of At-Large Steering Officer

CS reports that Steering Committee appointed Eero Laine (EL). Entertain nominations. JB nominates EL, EL accepts. SR nominates Leigh McCallen (LM), LM accepts. ST motions to close nominations and elect by unanimous consent EL and LM to the Steering Committee, Ben Miller (BM) seconds. The motion was unanimously passed.

e. Election of Student Technology Fee Committee Alternates

BM nominates Maggie Galvan (MG), MG accepts. JB nominates CS, CS accepts. Andy Bossie (AB) nominates himself. CS withdraws. GD motions to close nominations and elect by unanimous consent MG and AB, CTB seconds. The motion was unanimously passed.

f. Free Tax Preparation Allocation

ST reports the sessions will be 45 minutes each. International students are accepted. Please check the DSC website to signup. SR motions to allocate up to \$3,500 from special allocations fund for Tax Prep services, TP seconds. The motion carries.

g. Ad-Hoc Writing Center Study Group

SR reports the Study Group would be very informal. Jill Belli Ben Miller, Tami Farber, Carolina Barrera-Tobon, Naomi Perley, Shawn Rice, and Toni Perri nominate themselves. Then ST, KG, and JS nominate themselves as well. SR motions to approve said people, TP seconds. Motion carries.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Media Board

OpenCUNY coordinator position is open. SR motions to hire GD for this position for the rest of this term, ST seconds. CS says to mark #5 on ballot. Gregory Donovan abstains. Motion carries.

a. Constitution & Bylaws

- i. Amendments to DSC Bylaws
CS and SR discuss the proposed changes to the Bylaws.

b. Health Issues

KL discusses updates on Health Issues Committee. 4pm 2/19 Rm. 5489 next meeting. NYSHIP survey still ongoing, please fill it out. Bob Hatcher, the new Wellness Director is welcome to input from the student body on feedback. Wellness Festival upcoming. Bikes in Buildings: inclusion of indoor bike parking. In contact with Student Affairs and Facilities. Send emails for support. Stair prompts upcoming. Interim NYSHIP coordinator: 1800 students enrolled in NYSHIP of which 800 are adjuncts. Survey closes 3/1. Adjuncts who teach at community colleges are encouraged to contact NYSHIP on trying to get coverage.

c. Cultural Affairs and Professional Development Committees

CS reports there is money left in the fund, keep applying.

VII. Announcements

a. Nominations for DSC and Graduate Council

CS announces we are taking nominations for DSC and Graduate Council. Any student is eligible to serve on GC committees.

b. PSC Contract

PSC contract negotiations upcoming. Barbara Bowen contacted to speak here. Give thought to DSC position on contract.

ST says to sign up early for Tax prep as we may get more sessions.

JB say student tech fee is on Wed, so please submit suggestions.

VIII. Adjournment

BM motions to adjourn. KL seconds. Motion carries.
Time: 8:22PM