

**Plenary Minutes**  
**October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**

**Present:**

Anthropology: Christine Pinnock  
 Art History: Annie Dell'Aria  
 Art History: Whitney Thompson  
 Audiology: Rachel Marcus  
 Biochemistry: Richard Able  
 Biology: Karyn Collie  
 Comparative Literature: Anick Boyd  
 Computer Science: Suzanne Tamang  
 Criminal Justice: Tarra Jackson  
 Earth and Environmental Science: Katie Gill  
 Economics: Andy Bossie  
 Educational Psych: Leigh McCallen  
 Engineering: Biomedical: Zeynep Dereli Korkut  
 French: Lauren Donaldson

Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Lit: Zaida Godoy-Navarro  
 Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Lit: Astrid Roldan  
 History: Jennifer Jordan  
 Linguistics: Jeremy Rafal  
 Philosophy: Kyle Ferguson  
 Philosophy: Chris Sula  
 Physical Therapy: Heather Griffith  
 Political Science: Jeffrey Broxmeyer  
 Psych: Developmental: Vicky Barrios  
 Psych: Environmental: Gregory Donovan  
 Social Welfare: Tami Farber  
 Sociology: Christina Nadler  
 Theatre: Eero Laine  
 Urban Education: Shana Henry

**Plenary**

Steering Committee

Constitution and Bylaws

Media Board

Health Issues

Cultural Affairs

Professional Development

*At-Large:*

Carolina Barrera-Tobón, Kate Broad, Edwin Demper, Anne Donlon, Ian Foster, Ashley Foster, Maggie Galvan, Ji Hyon (Kayla) Kim, Kim Libman, Benjamin Miller, Linda Neiberg, Shawn Rice, Jason Schneiderman, Jeremy Seideman, Denise Torres.

**Absent:**

Anthropology: Mariya Radeva (Excused)  
 Biology: Samantha Sheppard (Excused)  
 Biology: Carlos Penalzoza (Unexcused)  
 Chemistry: Tony Perri (Excused)  
 Classics: Jared Simard (Excused)  
 Comp Lit: Krystyna Michael (Unexcused)  
 Comp Science: Mohamed Saad (Unexcused)  
 Criminal Justice: Nicole Hanson (Excused)  
 Eng, Chem: Mehrdad Kheiripour (Unexcused)  
 English: Jill Belli (Excused)  
 English: Allyson Foster (Excused)  
 English: Lindsey Freer (Excused)

History: Anton Masterovoy (Excused)  
 Music DMA: Roz Woll (Excused)  
 Music PhD: Naomi Perley (Excused)  
 Music PhD: Jordan Stokes (Unexcused)  
 Political Science: Patricia Stapleton (Excused)  
 Psych: Cognition, Brain, Behavior: Steven Noel (Unexcused)  
 Psych: I/O: Paul Agnello (Unexcused)  
 Psych: Learning Processes: Amanda Mentzer (Excused)  
 Psych: Social Personality: Puleng Segalo (Excused)  
 Public Health: Amber Ahmad-Baker (Excused)  
 Sociology: Colin Ashley (Unexcused)  
 Urban Education: Edwin Mayorga (Unexcused)

*At-Large:*

Boris Daussá-Pastor (Excused), Alison Powell (Excused), Sari Altschuler (Unexcused), John DeCarlo (Unexcused), Stephanie Domenici (Unexcused), Armin Lahiji (Unexcused), William Mangold (Unexcused).

Suzanne Tamang (ST) calls the meeting to order at 6:52.

**I. Approval of Agenda**

SR requests to remove IV.e "SPS Resolution" and to add Auxiliary Enterprise Board under New Business. Jeremy Seideman (JS) motions to approve the agenda; Edwin Demper seconds. Agenda passed unanimously.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Jennifer Jordan (JJ) moves to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 25<sup>th</sup>; Gregory Donovan (GD) seconds. Minutes approved unanimously.

**III. Approval of New Representatives**

Shawn Rice (SR) motions to approve Leigh McCallen (Educational Psychology), Roz Woll (Music DMA), Jordan Stokes (Music PhD), Naomi Perley (Music PhD), Heather Griffith (Physical Therapy), Steven Noel (Psychology: Cognition, Brain, and Behavior), Tami Farber (Social Welfare), and Andy Bossie (Economics) as new representatives. GD seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

**IV. New Business**

a. Language and Documentation Advocacy Group (LDAG)

Chris Sula (CS) motions to charter LDAG; Denise Torres seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

b. Bylaw 4

SR reports that the Constitution and Bylaws committee recommends to amend Bylaw 4 by striking 4.4 and renumbering the other sections accordingly. SR moves the recommended amendment. Amendment passes unanimously.

SR moves to ratify the amended Bylaw 4. GD seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

c. Bylaw 16

DT motions to ratify proposed changes to Bylaw 16; GD seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

d. Bylaw 1.6

CS motions to ratify proposed changes to Bylaw 1.6; DT seconds. Vote: 42 in favor; 1 opposed. Motion passes.

e. Auxiliary Enterprise Board

SR: During the last Plenary, we had tentatively approved the three Co-Chairs (Shawn Rice, Chris Sula, and Suzanne Tamang) as well as Jason Schneiderman, Kim Libman, Lindsey Freer, and Gregory Donovan to the committee. The approval was tentative because we misunderstood the Board of Trustee explanation of the requirements for each AEB are ambiguous. After conferencing with President Kelly, we found out that there can be only five students elected. The three Co-Chairs must be there, so we need two other students, and we have four, so we need to vote.

SR motions to delay the conversation and voting for ten minutes so that we can poll the nominees to find out if they still have interest in the position. CS seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

f. UFS Resolution

CS presents the resolution explaining that the part-timer instructional staff — mostly Grad B's and C's — are not represented on UFS. JS motions to approve the resolution presented. JJ seconds. Resolution passes unanimously.

**V. Student Affairs Report**

ST reminds everyone that eBallot for re-chartering current organizations is live. ST then presents the documents for potential chartered organizations. First, she presents Campus Coalition for Sexual Literacy; then the Jewish Club charter is presented. Lastly, the Prison Studies Group's charter is presented.

SR motions to continue discussing the Auxiliary Enterprise Board. GD withdraws his nomination. The question arises whether or not we should pursue the vote this meeting or wait until the next one. SR responds that President Kelly and Sebastian Persico want to hold the meeting before next semester and that if we wait until next meeting, then we won't have enough time to elect representatives. SR conducts a straw poll to see whether or not an election should be held at this meeting, and the straw poll indicates that it should.

CS motions to hold a preferential ballot to elect the top two candidates from the nominees: Jason Schneiderman, Kimberly Libman, and Lindsey Freer. GD seconds. Kimberly Libman and Lindsey Freer win the two slots, and Jason Schneiderman is declared the alternate.

**VI. Communications Report**

SR discusses the future of Travel and Research grants including the strange nature of funding these grants with Student Activity Fees. SR mentions that there is the possibility of the DSC pulling out funding if the President can keep the fund at existing levels. SR notes

that the President is interested in an alternative structure for administration, possibly a competitive one. The potential use of the space which is currently the fitness center in the 'C' level is brought up. SR asks for recommendations about both Travel and Research and the fitness center to be sent to him.

**VII. Business Report**

CS notes that spending is within expected limits.

**VIII. Committee Reports**

Constitution and Bylaws: GD presents Bylaw 20 to establish a medium called OpenCUNY. SR presents proposed Bylaw 2.5 about the immediate de-chartering of chartered organizations that violate DSC policy or higher laws. SR notes that there is no formal mechanism, and thus one should be implemented. GD notes that holding the chairs of the organization responsible rather than the entire group might be a better way to go about the process rather than de-chartering. JS recommends that the whole group is held responsible.

**IX. Announcements**

**X. Adjournment**

Karen Collie moves to adjourn. Vicki Barrios seconds. Motion to adjourn passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Shawn Rice.*

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