



Doctoral Students' Council

Plenary Minutes October 23rd, 2009

The Doctoral Students' Council
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Present:

Anthropology: Christine Pinnock	Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Lit: Zaida Godoy-Navarro
Art History: Annie Dell'Aria	Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Lit: Astrid Roldan
Art History: Whitney Thompson	History: Jennifer Jordan
Audiology: Rachel Marcus	Linguistics: Jeremy Rafal
Biochemistry: Richard Able	Philosophy: Kyle Ferguson
Biology: Karyn Collie	Philosophy: Chris Sula
Comparative Literature: Anick Boyd	Physical Therapy: Heather Griffith Political
Computer Science: Suzanne Tamang	Science: Jeffrey Broxmeyer Psych:
Criminal Justice: Tarra Jackson	Developmental: Vicky Barrios Psych:
Earth and Environmental Science: Katie Gill	Environmental: Gregory Donovan Social
Economics: Andy Bossie	Welfare: Tami Farber
Educational Psych: Leigh McCallen Engineering:	Sociology: Christina Nadler
Biomedical: Zeynep Dereli Korkut French:	Theatre: Eero Laine
Lauren Donaldson	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)	History: Anton Masterovoy (Excused)
Biology: Samantha Sheppard (Excused)	Music DMA: Roz Woll (Excused) Music
Biology: Carlos Penalzoza (Unexcused)	PhD: Naomi Perley (Excused)
Chemistry: Tony Perri (Excused)	Music PhD: Jordan Stokes (Unexcused)
Classics: Jared Simard (Excused)	Political Science: Patricia Stapleton (Excused)
Comp Lit: Krystyna Michael (Unexcused)	Psych: Cognition, Brain, Behavior: Steven Noel (Unexcused)
Comp Science: Mohamed Saad (Unexcused)	Psych: I/O: Paul Agnello (Unexcused)
Criminal Justice: Nicole Hanson (Excused)	Psych: Learning Processes: Amanda Mentzer (Excused)
Eng, Chem: Mehrdad Kheiripour (Unexcused)	Psych: Social Personality: Puleng Segalo (Excused) Public
English: Jill Belli (Excused) English:	Health: Amber Ahmad-Baker (Excused) Sociology: Colin
Allyson Foster (Excused) English:	Ashley (Unexcused)
Lindsey Freer (Excused)	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 25th; 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 (DT) 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.