

THE COOPER UNION  
MEETING OF THE FACULTY-STUDENT SENATE

MINUTES

**Tuesday, April 21, 2015**

**1:00-1:50pm**

**The Great Hall, Foundation Building**

Present:

**Faculty and Library Representatives:** Diana Agrest, Julie Castelluzzo (Vice Chair), Day Gleeson, Anne Griffin, Daniel Lepek (Chair), Stan Mintchev, Margaret Morton, Sohnya Sayres.

**Student Representatives:** Harrison Cullen (Secretary), Diego Gonzalez, Jessica Marshall (alternate), Hunter Mayton, Andy Overton.

**Ex-Officio Members:** Dean Saskia Bos, Dean William Germano, Vice President William Mea, Acting Dean Elizabeth O'Donnell, Acting Library Director Carol Salomon.

The meeting was called to order at 1:03pm.

**ADMITTED STUDENTS DAY**

The Senate membership discussed the absence of Cooper Union's senior administrators from Admitted Students Day (President, Chief Academic Officer/Dean of Engineering, and Vice President of Student Affairs), given that this event was a critical moment in regards to the future of the school.

**POTENTIAL CRISES IN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP**

Members discussed the recent lack of communication between senior administrators and the Cooper community, emphasizing its negative effect on the institution's ability to properly function.

It was noted that the deadline of acceptance for admitted students' is soon approaching (April 30<sup>th</sup>), and that it is vital for Cooper to portray a degree of stability in order to maintain the confidence of prospective students.

## RESOLUTIONS

**Motion:** A motion was made to adopt the following resolution:

**“Whereas** Jamshed Bharucha, the current President of The Cooper Union, is unable to perform his job duties and responsibilities at the present time,

**Be it resolved** that the Faculty-Student Senate requests the appointment of an *Interim President* as soon as possible.”

Motion passed. (12 in favor, 0 opposed)

**Resolution** approved *unanimously* by voting members present on April 21, 2015, and will be forwarded to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50pm