

THE COOPER UNION
MEETING OF THE FACULTY-STUDENT SENATE

MINUTES

Wednesday, December 15, 2010
2-4pm
Benjamin Menschel Board Room

Present:

Faculty and Library Representatives: Diana Agrest, Jameel Ahmad, Anne Griffin, Atina Grossmann, Sharon Hayes, Daniel Lepek, Thomas Micchelli, Sean Sculley

Student Representatives: Rachel Appel, Caitlin Correll, Matthew Wieder

Ex-Officio Members: Vice President TC Westcott, Dean William Germano, Lawrence Cacciatore, Library Director Ulla Volk

The meeting was called to order at 2:06pm.

Tom Micchelli introduced Ulla Volk, ex-officio member.

Minutes

Chair Micchelli, and Secretary Sharon Hayes read the minutes from the last meeting. Revisions are offered.

Atina Grossmann made a motion to accept the minutes as amended.

Matthew Wieder seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Hayes read amendment to the minutes adding a discussion on an interim term for officers. Motion to accept amendment was passed.

Report of the Bylaws and Charter Subcommittee

Tom Micchelli read a report on the work of the subcommittee (attached).

Thanks subcommittee members for their work.

Charter of the Faculty-Student Forum

Draft copy of the Charter of the Faculty-Student Senate Forum is discussed.

Anne Griffin reads an amended first paragraph. Changes and revisions are suggested and discussed.

Atina Grossmann made a motion to accept the following as the first paragraph of the charter:

“The Cooper Union Faculty-Student Senate is a representative body whose purpose is to advise the President and the Board of Trustees and update the faculty on issues pertaining to mission, use of resources and academic issues.”

Second paragraph of the charter is discussed. Revisions are suggested.

Motion is made, seconded and passed to replace the word “study” with “address” in the second paragraph.

Motion is made, seconded and passed to insert the phrase “and make recommendations on” after the word “address.”

Motion is made, seconded and passed to add the line “and the educational mission of the Cooper Union as a whole” to the end of the second paragraph.

The approved second paragraph reads as follows:

“It shall address and make recommendations on matters affecting the educational mission of the Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture, the School of Art, the Albert Nerken School of Engineering, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the Library and the educational mission of The Cooper Union as a whole.”

Third paragraph of the charter is discussed.

Motion is made, seconded and passed to strike “educational trends” and to accept the following at the beginning of the third paragraph: “It shall concern itself with academic planning and development, and shall be....”

Motion is made, seconded and passed to replace the word “advisor” with “advisory body.”

Motion is made, seconded and passed to add the phrase: “and communicated, as requested, with the Board of Trustees.”

Daniel Lepek raised an issue about the particular language regarding the interaction between the Faculty-Student Senate and the Board of Trustees. He suggested tabling the discussion on this language until the governances of all four units have been reviewed on this point. A discussion ensued.

Motion is made, seconded and passed to table any further discussion on this third paragraph until the faculty governances and other pertinent documents have been checked.

Fourth paragraph of the charter is discussed.

Motion is made, seconded and passed to delete paragraph four, in its entirety, from the charter.

Fifth paragraph of the charter is discussed.

Motion is made, seconded and passed to delete paragraph five, in its entirety, from the charter.

Name of body

Motion is made, seconded and passed to change the name of this body from "Faculty-Student Forum" to "Faculty-Student Senate."

Tabling agenda items

Due to time considerations, items IV. Discussion of Draft of Bylaws; V. Importance of Campus-Wide Forum and VI. New Business, were tabled to the next meeting.

Thank Yous

Motion is made, seconded and passed to thank volunteers from the Senate who worked on the draft charter and bylaws documents.

Discussion on a date for the next meeting. Agreed to hold it:
January 25, 2011, 12-2pm

Meeting is adjourned 3:58pm

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Hayes