

THE COOPER UNION  
MEETING OF THE FACULTY-STUDENT SENATE

MINUTES

Thursday, February 10, 2011  
5:30-6:30pm  
Room 201, 41 Cooper Square

Present:

**Faculty and Library Representatives:** Jameel Ahmad, Mike Essl, Anne Griffin,  
Daniel Lepek, Thomas Micchelli, Sean Sculley

**Student Representatives:** Caitlin Correll, Matthew Wieder, Jesus Yopez

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

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The meeting was called to order at 5:37pm.

Chair Micchelli and Vice-Chair Griffin volunteer to take notes in the absence of Secretary Hayes.

**MINUTES**

Revisions are solicited and changes made.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as amended.

Motion passed. (8 in favor, 0 opposed)

**DISCUSSION OF DRAFT OF BYLAWS**

**Article I. Composition**

**1. Regular Members:**

The word "Forum" was changed to "Senate."

**Article II. Election and Term of Office**

**1. Librarian and Faculty Members** and thereafter:

For the sake of clarity and brevity, it was decided that "(CUFCT)" will follow "Cooper Union Federation of College Teachers" and that thereafter "Cooper Union Federation of College Teachers" will be abbreviated as "CUFCT."

**Article III. Alternatives and Vacancies**

### **1. Alternates. (a) Elected Alternates:**

A typographical error in the passage, “or is one leave for one semester” was changed to read, “or is on leave for one semester.”

## **Article V. Scope**

### **1. Advisory nature of the Faculty-Student Senate:**

The phrase “to join in discussions as guests” was discussed to judge whether it should be made more specific. It was decided to leave the language as it stands.

### **2. Matters Outside the Purview of the Faculty-Student Senate:**

The words “current pertinent” were deleted as redundant.

### **3. Establishment of Ad Hoc Committees:**

It was suggested that the power to establish Standing Committees be included in this paragraph. This was discussed and accepted. Also, the word “Forum” was changed to “Senate.” It was also decided that the exact structure of the standing committees need not be spelled out in the bylaws, and that this structure can be decided at a later date, once the governance needs of the Senate become more apparent.

The paragraph now reads:

3. Establishment of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees: The Senate shall be permitted to establish standing and ad hoc committees. This is subject to Article Fourteen Section (B) of The Cooper Union’s Agreement with the CUFCU.

### **Amendment Procedures:**

An article was introduced that would allow the Senate to create amendments to its bylaws. The proposed article would be listed as paragraph 4 under **Article VI. Scope** and it would read:

4. Amending the Bylaws: Whenever 2/3 of the voting members of the Senate deem it necessary, the Senate shall propose amendments to these bylaws, which shall become valid after a 2/3 vote of the full membership at the following meeting of the Senate, and approval by the Board of Trustees. To become valid, an amendment must be approved within one year of the date of its proposal by the Senate.

### **Function as Liaison to the Board of Trustees:**

An article was introduced that would clarify and formalize the representation of the Faculty-Student Senate to the Board of Trustees. The proposed article would be listed as paragraph 5 under **Article IV. Officers.**

The new paragraph would read:

5. Liaison to the Board of Trustees: The Executive Committee of the Faculty-Student Senate shall act as the liaison between the Senate and the Board of Trustees. The Committee shall meet quarterly, in concert with the board meetings, with the Chair of the Board and the Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

#### **VOTING ON DRAFT OF BYLAWS**

The meeting's truncated time slot did not allow for a thorough reading of the emended bylaws in preparation for a ratification vote. Therefore, a motion was introduced and seconded to permit an electronic vote to ratify the bylaws. Motion passed. (7 in favor, 1 opposed)

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Micchelli".

Thomas Micchelli