

THE COOPER UNION
MEETING OF THE FACULTY-STUDENT SENATE

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 7, 2012
12:00-2:00pm
Benjamin Menschel Board Room

Present:

Faculty and Library Representatives: Jameel Ahmad, Mike Essl, Day Gleeson, Anne Griffin (Vice-Chair), Daniel Lepek, Thomas Micchelli (Chair), Sean Sculley, Mary Stieber

Student Representatives: Eduardo Alfonso, Rachel Appel, Kevin Lee

Ex-Officio Members: President Jamshed Bharucha, President T.C. Westcott. Dean William Germano, Dean Anthony Vidler, Associate Dean Steven Lam, Acting Library Director Carol Salomon.

Guests: Michael Gries, Christine Kim

The meeting was called to order at 12:05pm.

MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting on November 29, 2011 are presented for discussion. Revisions are solicited. No changes made. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of November 29, 2011. Motion passed. (9 in favor, 0 opposed)

VACANCIES OF OFFICERS

The Senate Chair reported that the Board of Trustees has ratified the proposed addition to the bylaws, which was designed to address a vacancy on the Senate's Executive Committee.

The new bylaw is as follows:

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

6. Vacancies. If a vacancy of one or more entire semesters occurs on the Executive Committee, the Senate shall fill such vacancy with a replacement officer by simple majority vote in a special election. The special election shall be held no later than the first regular Senate

meeting during said vacancy. The replacement officer shall serve no longer than the period of that vacancy.

However, a request for nominees to replace the Senate Secretary, who is on family leave, failed to produce a candidate. The Senate Chair volunteered to take notes on the meeting.

SENATE WEBSITE

The Senate Chair reported on the progress on the Senate Website, which is in the process of being designed.

The Chair requested a vote on whether the Senate would prefer to restrict access to the Senate minutes to the Cooper domain, or to open them to the general public.

A motion was made and seconded to restrict access to the Senate minutes to the Cooper domain.

Motion passed. (9 in favor, 0 opposed)

FINANCIAL SITUATION

President Bharucha addressed the Senate with further updates on Cooper Union's financial condition.

FINANCIAL MODELING/ ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW CONSULTANTS

Michael Gries and Christine Kim from the firm CDG discussed the work they will be doing at Cooper Union, and they entertained questions from the Senate.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58pm

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Micchelli
Chair