

THE COOPER UNION
MEETING OF THE FACULTY-STUDENT SENATE

MINUTES

Thursday, October 1, 2015
5:00-6:00pm
Room LL101, 41 Cooper Square

Present:

Faculty and Library Representatives: Diana Agrest, Julie Castelluzzo (Vice Chair), Mike Essl, Day Gleeson, Sam Keene, Stan Mintchev, Sohnya Sayres, Sean Sculley.

Student Representatives: Monica Abdallah, Romaniya Voloshchuk, Claire Kleinman, Owen Law.

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mike Essl was nominated for Chair; no other nominations were confirmed.

Atina Grossmann was nominated for Vice Chair; no other nominations were confirmed.

Stan Mintchev was nominated for Secretary; no other nominations were confirmed.

In accordance with Robert's Rules, these nominees were automatically elected to the Senate Executive Committee.

MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on April 14, 2015 were presented for reading and discussion.

Revisions were solicited. No corrections were proposed.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of April 14, 2015.

Motion passed. (11 in favor, 0 opposed)

Minutes from the meeting held on April 21, 2015 were presented for reading and discussion.

Revisions were solicited. No corrections were proposed.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of April 21, 2015.

Motion passed. (10 in favor, 0 opposed)

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought to the floor.

NEW BUSINESS

A member of the Senate brought up a request from some part-time faculty with regards to expanding Senate membership to members of CUOP. The Senate entered a brief discussion of the issues/technicalities surrounding such a proposal, including the remark that a change in the Senate's composition would require consultation with the CUFCT.

SCHEDULING SUBSEQUENT MEETING / AGENDA ITEMS

The membership entered a discussion concerning the scheduling of the second regular meeting of Fall 2015. It was noted that Thursday 5-6PM is not an adequate meeting time since the Art and Architecture schools do not have club hours scheduled for that time slot. Tuesday November 3, 12-2PM was suggested as a tentative proposed time, subject to the consideration that it would be best to hold this meeting after the Consent Decree is approved by the District Court of New York, so that the Administration would be in position to discuss its plans for moving the institution forward according to the agreements between CSCU and the Board of Trustees.

The following were noted as important potential agenda items:

- (1) Presidential search updates
- (2) Updates regarding composition of the Board of Trustees
- (3) Update from the Administration regarding the current status of the lawsuit
- (4) CUOP's proposal for having part-time faculty representation on the Faculty-Student Senate.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm