

THE COOPER UNION
MEETING OF THE FACULTY-STUDENT SENATE

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 25, 2016
12:10-1:50pm
41 Cooper Square, Room 504

Present:

Faculty and Library Representatives: Julie Castelluzzo (new Secretary), Day Gleeson, Atina Grossmann (outgoing Vice-Chair), Sam Keene (new Vice-Chair), James Lowder, Stan Mintchev (outgoing Secretary, new Chair), Margaret Morton, Sohnya Sayres, Sean Sculley.

Student Representatives: Vaughn Lewis, Parker Limon, Jeremiah Pratt, Romaniya Voloshchuk, Clara Zinky.

Ex-Officio Members: Acting Dean Mike Essl (outgoing Chair), Dean William Germano, Acting President & Vice President for Finance and Administration William Mea, Acting Dean Richard Stock.

Guests: CUFCT President Peter Buckley, Dean Chris Chamberlin, Title IX Coordinator Grace Kendall, Student Trustee Jessica Marshall (EE '17). CUOP President Maren Stange, CUOP officer Alexander (Sasha) Tochilovsky.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:10pm. Outgoing Vice-Chair Atina Grossmann presided, as outgoing Chair Mike Essl had declined.

ELECTION OF SENATE OFFICERS

Atina first called for nominations for Chair. Stan Mintchev was nominated, accepted the nomination, and it was duly seconded. Atina then called for other nominations. There were none. As there was no opposition, Stan was elected Chair by acclamation. He then assumed his position immediately and presided over the rest of the meeting.

Stan called next for nominations for Vice-chair. Sam Keene was nominated, accepted the nomination, and it was duly seconded. Stan then called for other nominations. There were none. As there was no opposition, Sam Keene was elected Vice-chair by acclamation.

Stan then called for nominations for Secretary. Julie Castelluzzo was nominated, accepted the nomination, and it was duly seconded. Stan then called for other nominations. There were none. As there was no opposition, Julie was elected Secretary by acclamation.

MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on March 29, 2016 were presented for reading and discussion. Revisions were solicited. No corrections were proposed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of March 29, 2016. Motion passed (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 6 abstentions).

CONCERN FROM CUOP / REPRESENTATION TO FACULTY-STUDENT SENATE

The membership and guests discussed the possibility of changing Senate by-laws to allow for an additional member or member(s) other than full time faculty or librarians. Points of discussion included procedural constraints resulting from the relevant articles in the CUFACT contract, as well as the rationale for restricting voting majorities to full time faculty and librarians on many interdepartmental committees.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded: "For its regular meetings, the Faculty-Student Senate shall invite members of the executive committees of the CUOP and CUFACT." Motion passed (11 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstentions).

TITLE IX - DISCUSSION OF POLICY AND COORDINATION

Dean of Students Chris Chamberlin introduced Title IX Coordinator Grace Kendall, who spoke about Title IX policy and answered questions from the membership. Points of discussion included mandatory reporting, responsible employees, confidential employees, possible upcoming training for employees, administrative law, and the merit and feasibility of revising or rewriting our institutional policy to be more customized to the Cooper Union and less boilerplate from those of other institutions.

Because Grace has not been in this position at the Cooper Union for long, and because changes in the incoming administration at the federal level could change federal guidelines, this discussion will continue at some later date.

DIVERSITY IN THE FACULTY AND STUDENT BODY AT COOPER UNION

The membership's discussion focused on issues related to gender disparity in the Engineering School. It was agreed that Vice President of Enrollment Services Mitchell Lipton would be invited to the next regular meeting, to answer questions regarding recruitment, acceptance rate (yield), and attrition for a span of years.

OLD BUSINESS

No items of old business were brought forward.

NEW BUSINESS

No items of new business were brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:50pm