

THE COOPER UNION
MEETING OF THE FACULTY-STUDENT SENATE

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011
12-2pm
Benjamin Menschel Board Room

Present:

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

Student Representatives: Gabriella D'Angelo, Caitlin Correll, Matthew Wieder

Ex-Officio Members: Associate Dean Steven Lam, Library Director Ulla Volk

The meeting was called to order at 12:09pm.

Tom Micchelli introduced Associate Dean Steven Lam.

Minutes

Chair Micchelli asked for corrections.

Revisions are offered.

Mike Essl made a motion to accept the minutes as amended.

Anne Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

System for Scheduling Senate Meetings

Daniel Lepek suggested compiling individual schedules and making a template to determine best meeting times for Faculty-Student Senate. Lepek offers to organize a Google document and disseminate it to Senate members.

Importance of Campus-Wide Forum

Atina Grossmann reported that the course scheduling this year has been a particular disaster with little communication between the schools and faculties. She offered that this is one sign of how important the Senate could be in addressing institution-wide problems.

Discussion continued about the urgency of dealing with the issue of scheduling.

Micchelli asked to move discussion to the end of the meeting.

Discussion of Draft of Amended Charter

Micchelli passed out a copy of the Charter as amended last week.

Motion is made to make two changes:

1. Add "and students" to the first paragraph of the Charter to read:

"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 and students on issues pertaining to the mission, use of resources and academic issues"

2. Add "and the Board of Trustees" to the last line of the Charter to read:

"It shall concern itself with academic planning and development, and shall be advisor to the President and the Board of Trustees."

Motion is seconded and passed.

Discussion of Draft of Bylaws

Discussion and emendation of Article I. Composition.

Micchelli tabled discussion on the specified inclusion of Part-Time Faculty in the Senate as ex-officio members until the Part-Time Faculty union contract is in force.

Discussion and emendation of Article II. Election and Term of Office, Article III.

Alternates and Vacancies, Article IV. Officers, Article V. Procedures and Article VI. Scope.

For specific emendations see attached draft of the Rules of Procedure for the Faculty-Student Senate.

Micchelli tabled discussion on the following additions to the bylaws: procedures for amending the bylaws and for creating ex-officio seats on the Senate.

Micchelli suspended discussion on Bylaws and proposed to conclude the discussion and emendation at the next meeting of the Senate.

Meeting is adjourned 2:00pm

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Hayes