MINUTES OF THE PLENARY MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

HELD

OCTOBER 16, 2011

AT UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE CONFERENCE ROOM—12TH FL
101 WEST 31ST STREET—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:15 P.M.

There were present:

**USS Steering Members:**

- Cory Provost, Chairperson
- Steven A. Rodriguez, Vice Chair for Legislative Affairs
- Kevin McKessey, Vice Chair for Senior Colleges
- Liliete Lopez, Vice Chair for Disabled Students
- Washieka Torres, Vice Chair for Technology Fees
- Dmitriy Bykovskiy, Vice Chair for Graduate Affairs

**2011-2012 Delegates & Alternates:**

- Antonio Alfonso (Baruch College First Delegate)
- Chris Catalano (Baruch College Second Delegate)
- Jermaine Morris (Borough of Manhattan Community College First Delegate)
- Marlyne Jimenez (Borough of Manhattan Community College Second Delegate)
- Tricia Warren (Bronx Community College First Delegate)
- Eric Sutton (Bronx Community College Second Delegate)
- Kwasi Boateng (Bronx Community College First Alternate)
- Charles Harding (Bronx Community College Second Alternate)
- Megan Henry (Brooklyn College First Delegate)
- Jonathan Hagler (Brooklyn College First Alternate)
- Kafui Kouakou (Brooklyn College Graduate Delegate)
- Odellia Lucius (Brooklyn College Graduate Alternate)
- Hannah-Sophie Wahle (City College First Delegate)
- Muhammad Waqar Arshad (City College Second Delegate)
- Irene Castro (City College Graduate Delegate)
- Kimberly Cervantes (Hostos Community College First Delegate)
- Sandra May Flowers (Hostos Community College Second Delegate)
- Maya Shkolnik (Hunter College First Delegate)
- Jarret Freeman (Hunter College Second Alternate)
Rachel Fine (Hunter College Graduate Delegate)
Rhonda Nieves (John Jay College First Delegate)
Vipul Rana (John Jay College Second Delegate)
Davinder Singh (John Jay First Alternate)
Jeffrey Aikens (John Jay College Graduate Delegate)
Dennis Hardy (Kingsborough Community College First Delegate)
Cid Dominique (Kingsborough Community College First Alternate)
Jennifer Fernandez (Kingsborough Community College Second Alternate)
Moklasur Rahman (LaGuardia Community College First Delegate)
Mohammed Samra (LaGuardia Community College Second Delegate)
Brandon Clarke (LaGuardia Community College First Alternate)
Olu Onemola (Lehman College First Delegate)
Andrew Lawrence (Lehman College Second Alternate)
Annmarie Schrout-Gayle (Medgar Evers College First Delegate)
Samantha Campbell (Medgar Evers College Second Delegate)
Zeeshan Saroya (New York City College of Technology First Delegate)
Alma Cabral-Reynoso (New York City College of Technology Second Delegate)
Sixto Arias (Queens College First Delegate)
Liliete Lopez (Queens College Second Delegate)
James Robinson (Queens College First Alternate)
Peter Trojic (Queens College Second Delegate)
Jenny Lam (Queens College Graduate Alternate)
Oluwadamisin Atanda (Queensborough Community College First Delegate)
Sandra Battle (College of Staten Island First Delegate)
Elizabeth Che (College of Staten Island Second Delegate)
Jesse Rodriguez (College of Staten Island Second Alternate)
Dmitriy Bykovskiy (College of Staten Island Graduate Delegate)
Steven McCartney (York College First Delegate)
Fatema Gazi (York College First Alternate)
Colin Ashley (CUNY Graduate Center Alternate)
Carolyn Fakury (CUNY Law Delegate)

Office of Student Affairs:
Dr. Christopher Rosa, Dean of Student Affairs
Charmaine Worthy, University Coordinator of Student Activities
Lorrie Christian, Special Projects Administrator Office Manager

University Student Senate:
Okenfe Lebarty, Executive Director
Fernando Araujo, Budget Director
Cruz Garcia, Executive Secretary
Kareem Morales, Project Coordinator

Student Election Review Committee (SERC)
Dr. Christopher Rosa, Chairperson
Melissa Kirk, Director for Student Life at Bronx C.C
Daniel Simmonette, Associate General Counsel for Legal Affairs
Donovan Barrington, non-delegate student rep. from LaGuardia C.C
Natina Smith-McKessey, student rep. from Medgar Evers College
I. Roll Call
With 40 voting members present, a quorum is established and the agenda is initiated.

II. Approval of the Agenda
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III. Approval of the Minutes
IV. Report of the Chairperson
V. New Business (USS Officers Elections)
VI. Announcements
VII. Adjournment

Chairman Provost presents the agenda for the nominations meeting. He explains that the agenda is limited to the proceeding of the elections.

Senator Sutton moves to approve the agenda; Senator Alfonso seconds the motion. The motion carries without objection.

III. Approval of the Minutes
The minutes of the September 25th, 2011 plenary session are presented to the delegation for approval.

Senator Sutton moves to approve the minutes with the appropriate grammatical corrections; Senator McCarthy seconds the motion.

The motion carries unanimously (40 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions).

IV. Report Chairperson
Chairman Provost welcomes the delegates and thanks them for their time and service. After making a couple of announcements, Chairman Provost yields the floor to the Chairperson of SERC, Dean Christopher Rosa.

V. New Business (USS Officers Elections)
Dean Rosa begins with some introductory remarks on the regulations and procedures of the elections process. Candidates will have to receive a minimum of 23 votes to win an election. Failure to reach this threshold will result in additional runoff elections, until a candidate reaches the mark.

USS Officers Elections

PRIMARY ELECTION (40 votes cast)

Elections for Chairperson of USS
Kafui Kouakou (25)
Jermaine Morris (12)
Jonathan Hagler (1)
Write-In (1)

Kafui Kouakou is elected Chairperson of the University Student Senate. Congratulations!
Elections for Vice Chair for Legislative Affairs
Steven McCartney (18)
Antonio Alfonso (17)
Eric Sutton (2)
Write-Ins (2)

No candidate is elected. There will be a runoff for this position.

Elections for Vice Chair for Fiscal Affairs
Dmitriy Bykovskiy (23)
Marlyne Jimenez (15)
Write-In (1)

Dmitriy Bykovskiy is elected Vice Chair for Fiscal Affairs of the University Student Senate. Congratulations!

Elections for Vice Chair for Graduate Affairs
Jeffrey Aikens (24)
Irene Castro (13)
Write-In (1)

Jeffrey Aikens is elected Vice Chair for Graduate Affairs of the University Student Senate. Congratulations!

Elections for Vice Chair for Senior College Affairs
Muhammad Waqar Arshad (34)

Muhammad Waqar Arshad is elected Vice Chair for Senior College Affairs of the University Student Senate. Congratulations!

Elections for Vice Chair Community College Affairs
Sandra May Flowers (19)
Oluwadamisin Atanda (18)
Write-In (1)

No candidate is elected. There will be a runoff for this position.

Elections for Vice for Evening and Part-time Affairs
Zeeshan Saroya (36)
Write-In (1)

Zeeshan Saroya is elected Vice Chair for Evening and Part-time Affairs of the University Student Senate. Congratulations!

Elections for Vice Chair for Student with Disabled Affairs
Liliete Lopez (37)
Write-In (1)

Liliete Lopez is elected Vice Chair for Students with Disabilities Affairs of the University Student Senate. Congratulations!
Elections for Vice Chair for International Student Affairs
Annmarie Schrouter-Gayle (21)
Charles Harding (16)
Write-In (1)

No candidate is elected. There will be a runoff for this position.

Elections for Vice Chair for Technology Fee Affairs
Mohammed Samra (23)
Cid Dominique (13)
Write-In (1)

Mohammed Samra is elected Vice Chair of Senior College Affairs of the University Student Senate. Congratulations!

Dean Rosa announces that the second round will begin shortly. The position of Vice Chair for Legislative affairs, which had three candidates during the first round, will only have the top two candidates on the ballot in the second round.

1\textsuperscript{ST} RUNOFF ELECTION (40 votes cast)

Elections for Vice Chair for Legislative Affairs
Antonio Alfonso (18)
Steven McCartney (18)

No candidate is elected. There will be another runoff for this position.

Elections for Vice Chair Community College Affairs
Oluwadamisin Atanda (19)
Sandra May Flowers (19)

No candidate is elected. There will be another runoff for this position.

Elections for Vice Chair for International Student Affairs
Annmarie Schrouter-Gayle (22)
Charles Harding (18)

No candidate is elected. There will be another runoff for this position.

2\textsuperscript{ND} RUNOFF ELECTION (36 votes cast)

Elections for Vice Chair for Legislative Affairs
Antonio Alfonso (18)
Steven McCartney (15)

No candidate is elected. There will be another runoff for this position.

Elections for Vice Chair Community College Affairs
Oluwadamisin Atanda (18)
Sandra May Flowers (17)
No candidate is elected. There will be another runoff for this position.

**Elections for Vice Chair for International Student Affairs**
Charles Harding (19)  
Annmarie Schrouter-Gayle (17)

No candidate is elected. There will be another runoff for this position.

Candidate Oluwadamisi Atanda withdrew his candidacy at the end of the 2nd Runoff for the office of Vice Chair for Community Colleges

3rd RUNOFF ELECTION (35 votes cast)

**Elections for Vice Chair for Legislative Affairs**
Antonio Alfonso (18)  
Steven McCartney (14)

No candidate is elected. There will be another runoff for this position.

**Elections for Vice Chair Community College Affairs**
Sandra May Flowers (33)

Sandra May Flowers is elected Vice Chair of Community College Affairs of the University Student Senate. Congratulations!

**Elections for Vice Chair for International Student Affairs**
Charles Harding (18)  
Annmarie Schrouter-Gayle (17)

No candidate is elected. There will be another runoff for this position.

Dean Rosa announces that SERC has concluded that at this point, due the time and dwindling of quorum, it is best that the no further runoff elections take place at during this meeting. Inasmuch as no candidate received the majority of the votes for the offices of Vice Chair for Legislative Affairs or for Vice Chair for International Affairs, further run-off Elections for said offices will be determined at the next regularly scheduled meeting of USS.

VI. Announcements
Dean Rosa and Chairman Provost reminded delegates that they will be receiving notification about the next meeting.

Chairperson elect Kouakou expresses his gratitude to all the delegates who made his election possible. He is looking forward to begin a new and prosperous term of USS.

VII. Adjournment
Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the University Student Senate Plenary session was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Cory Provost  
Fernando Araujo