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

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January 6, 2012

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

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

There were present:

USS Steering Members:
Kafui Kouakou, Chairperson
Antonio Alfonso, Vice Chair for Legislative Affairs
Liliete Lopez, Vice Chair for Students with Disabilities Affairs
Muhammad Waqar Arshad, Vice Chair for Senior Colleges
Zeeshan Saroya, Vice Chair for Evening and Part-time Affairs
Mohammed Samra, Vice Chair for Technology Fees

I. Roll Call
Chairperson Kouakou welcomes members to the meeting. With six members present, a quorum is established and the agenda is initiated.

II. Approval of the Agenda
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   III. Approval of December 16, 2011 Minutes
   IV. Chairperson’s report
   V. Discussion on USS Budget
   VI. USS Website
   VII. Announcements
   VIII. Adjournment

VC Arshad motions to approve agenda; the motion is seconded by VC Lopez. The motion carries unanimously (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)
III. Approval of the Minutes
VC Alfonso motions to approve agenda; VC Arshad seconds the motion. The motion carries unanimously (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

IV. Chairperson’s Report
Since the last plenary session, the Chairman has taken the time to meet with Senior Vice Chancellor Jay Hershenson and Vice Chancellor Mark Sanchez. They both took the time to talk about CUNY students and the importance of launching an effective get-out-the-vote campaign. Lobby day and voter registration efforts will prove essential in our efforts to bring awareness to the issues of CUNY students. VC Hershenson will continue to work with CUNY campus bookstores to reduce prices on CUNY paraphernalia during the election cycle. This is to encourage students to wear CUNY hats, hoodies, t-shirts, etc. to the voting booth in what the Vice Chancellor has dubbed the “CUNY Votes” initiative.

V. Discussion on USS Budget
Chairman Kouakou introduces a FY2012 budget proposal. The new proposal is very similar to the one proposed at the previous steering and plenary meetings. The difference was that line 7401 was broken down into concert, scholarships, and co-sponsorships.

VI. USS Website
VC Samra and VC Arshad walk give steering members a glance at the template for the new USS website. They hope to have it running in a couple of months. VC Samra also showcases the new USS Facebook page. He encourages members to help build membership.

VII. Announcements
VC Lopez speaks about some of the events she has attended recently. She was also mentioned by Felix Matos Rodriguez, President of Hostos, in El Diario la Prensa.

VIII. Adjournments
Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the University Student Senate Plenary session was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.