

DATE: December 7, 2006  
TO: Dr. Beth Counihan  
FROM: Dr. Sharon Reeves  
SUBJECT: Minutes of the Student Activities Committee Meeting of December 7, 2006

# **MINUTES**

## **PRESENT:**

Barbara Blake-Campbell; Andrea Cohen; Beth Counihan; Dean Paul Jean-Pierre,  
Dean of Student Affairs; Sharon Reeves; Gisela Rivera

## **ABSENT:**

Student member Kyeisha Hodge

The final meeting of the Fall 2006 semester was called to order at 2:05 P.M. by Beth Counihan, President of the Student Affairs Committee.

Minutes of the September 28, 2006 meeting were read and approved.

## **I. Updates were given with regard to the following issues:**

### **The Student Bill of Rights document:**

1. Dean Jean-Pierre reported that the bill is on the agenda of the December 12 meeting of the Academic Senate;
2. The bill was passed and copies of the document will be posted in all classrooms for the Spring 2007 semester.

### **B. The recruitment of student government officers:**

1. Ms. Rivera reported that the search to fill the position of Secretary was discontinued. Ms. Rivera has been serving as parliamentary Secretary. She anticipates additional student vacancies in January 2007.
2. Dean Jean-Pierre informed on the need to fill two student vacancies on the college Steering Committee. At present there are no student representatives on this committee. Ms. Rivera will seek to fill the vacancies.

### **C. Ms. Rivera reported on the outcome of Fall 2006 events:**

1. The Diversity Parade and the Multicultural Fair were highly successful, with an estimate of 300 attendees;
2. The Winter Solstice was cancelled due to poor ticket sales;
3. The Student Leadership Conference Weekend Retreat was a very rewarding experience for students and administrators.

### **D. Big billboards**

There is no news to report on the topic of how to best utilize electronic billboards.

## **II. Ms. Rivera announced plans for upcoming Spring 2007 events:**

The Compact for Success workshops and conference on leadership training;

### **A. The Walk-a-Thon;**

### **B. The Safe Zones Program—training for faculty and staff to become informed on the resources available to assist students in distress. Ms. Rivera will schedule a meeting in the near future.**

## **III. Ms. Rivera reported on the following clubs:**

### **A. The formation of a new club starting during the Spring 2007 semester. "The Mix-It-Up Club" will address issues of transgender and sexual identity;**

### **B. The high activity level of the Latino Club, the Trinbago Club; the Music Society, and the Architecture Club, despite a reduced budget for the 2006-07 academic year.**

## **IV. Reports were given concerning the goals of the committee, discussed at the September 28 meeting:**

### **A. Dr. Counihan informed on the rejection by the Academic Senate of the proposal to form a separate committee to highlight student competitions and achievements. Instead, the present committee will address this goal.**

### **B. Dr. Counihan will gather information on implementing a public forum to showcase student achievements. She will submit her findings to Ruth Griggs-Fontana, Director of Marketing and Communications.**

### **C. Prof. Blake-Campbell commented on the contents of the New Student Welcome packet she received from Susan Agin and Joan Hunt. Prof. Blake-Campbell distributed a copy for review.**

## **V. New Business:**

### **A. Committee meetings for the Spring 2007 were tentatively scheduled for: Thursday, February 22; March 22; and May 3 at 2:00 PM in the Lower Level of the Student Union Building.**

### **B. An announcement was made regarding the availability of new funding for CUNY veterans. It will pay for expenses not covered by the G.I. Bill.**

### **C. Ms. Rivera announced a new college initiative to address the issue of intimate partner violence.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sharon Reeves, Secretary, the Student Activities Committee