

THE COOPER UNION
MEETING OF THE FACULTY-STUDENT SENATE

MINUTES

Monday, November 26, 2012
6:00-8:00pm
President's Meeting Room

Present:

Faculty and Library Representatives: Diana Agrest, Mike Essl (Chair), Anne Griffin, Atina Grossmann (Vice Chair), Daniel Lepek, and Stan Mintchev (Secretary).

Student Representatives: Oliver Antoniu, Asher Mones, Phong (Kiwi) Nguyen, Shira Service, and Osaze Udeagbala.

Ex-Officio Members: President Jamshed Bharucha, Dean William Germano, Associate Dean Steven Lam, and Vice-President T.C. Westcott.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm.

MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting held on October 2, 2012 were presented for reading and discussion.

Revisions were solicited. Corrections were proposed.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of October 2, 2012 as corrected.

Motion passed. (11 in favor, 0 opposed)

EMENDATION OF ARTICLE II, 1(a) OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Senate took from the table the motion from the meeting of October 2, 2012, proposing to strike the qualification "full-time" from the text:

"The election process for [full-time] faculty members and librarians shall be determined by the governances of each faculty."

A motion was made and seconded to accept the change.

Motion passed. (11 in favor, 0 opposed)

CREATION AND TASKING OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Senate re-entered discussion of the creation and tasking of standing committees to study and make recommendations regarding long-standing agenda items vital to the community. Following an analysis of members' priorities (solicited at the meeting of October 2, 2012), a ranking of the results was presented for discussion. A motion was made and seconded to establish 4 standing committees on top-ranked issues. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consequently, the Chair established committees on (1) Class scheduling, (2) Cross-disciplinary studies / curricular collaboration, (3) Student/faculty stress, (4) Honor code / academic integrity.

The Chair solicited requests for membership in the various committees, and agreed to notify members of their assignments via email.

REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Bharucha informed the Senate of three newly appointed members of the Board of Trustees: (1) Edgar Mokuvos (Alumni Trustee), (2) Jeremy Wertheimer, and (3) Rachel Warren.

President Bharucha also offered a brief update regarding the new Institute for Design at Cooper Union. It was suggested that the Senate committee on cross-disciplinary studies stay current on these developments.

President Bharucha thanked the Faculties of the three schools for their efforts in composing the Final Reports on proposals for reinvention (due November, 27/2012). He informed the Senate that a special meeting of the Board of Trustees would take place in late January or early February, in order to deliberate on the Faculties' proposals.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm