

THE COOPER UNION
MEETING OF THE FACULTY-STUDENT SENATE

MINUTES

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

12:15-1:45pm

The Great Hall, Foundation Building

Present:

Faculty and Library Representatives: Diana Agrest, Julie Castelluzzo (Vice Chair), Day Gleeson, Anne Griffin, Daniel Lepek (Chair), Margaret Morton, and Sohnya Sayres.

Student Representatives: Harrison Cullen (Secretary), Hunter Mayton, Andy Overton, and Karan Singh Gill.

Ex-Officio Members: Dean Saskia Bos, Dean Teresa Dahlberg, Vice President William Mea, Acting Dean Elizabeth O'Donnell

The meeting was called to order at 12:20pm.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The Chair gave attendees a short background presentation on why the special open meeting of the Faculty-Student Senate was taking place. The original resolution which led to the organization of the open forum on Title IX was read, as follows:

"Due to growing student concerns regarding gender discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual assault/violence, and recent changes to the Title IX law, the Faculty-Student Senate resolves to invite the Title IX officers and the Dean of Students to give a presentation to the community on these topics. This will take place in an open meeting of the Faculty-Student Senate."

The Chair outlined the agenda for the forum before introducing the Senate's guests and speakers, Vice President/Title IX Officer William Mea, Human Resources Manager/Deputy Title IX Officer Ann Marie Gong, Dean of Students Chris Chamberlin, and Title IX Specialist Marjory Fisher.

PRESENTATION ON TITLE IX

The slides for this presentation can be found on the Faculty-Student Senate webpage under "Past Meetings."

DISCUSSION/QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

[**Please note:** For the most part, the questions and responses below are paraphrased. Any exceptions to this will be emphasized by quotation marks.]

Q: Who conducts Title IX investigations?

A: Title IX investigations are conducted by an outside firm. Faculty and other staff may be questioned during this investigation.

Q: Must a Responsible Employee report Title IX violations brought to them by a student to the police?

A: Not normally. If the student in question is a minor, then child abuse regulations may require it.

Q: Is Title IX training for faculty going to be organized? Will it be mandatory?

A: Training will be provided in the near future. It will most likely not be mandatory.

Q: Is the appeals process of a Title IX investigation open to both the complainant and respondent?

A: Yes. The appeals process is equally available to both parties.

Q: Are students advised to submit complaints to both the school and police?

A: Yes. Students are urged to utilize both options.

Q: Does Title IX policy extend to interactions between students and faculty?

A: Yes.

Q: Will Title IX training soon be mandatory for students?

A: Yes. It will soon be required to register for classes.

Q: Is Cooper Union going to adjust its Title IX policy to recent “above and beyond” changes made to New York State laws?

A: Cooper Union’s policy will be readjusted concerning recent changes by July 1st, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought to the floor.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought to the floor.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50pm