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Minutes for the Disability Issues Committee

Date and Time: May 15, 2018 / Meeting call to order: 12:40PM

Location: A-507G

Presiding: Julie Trachman, Elyse Zucker

Present: Oumar Diaby (SGA Rep), Biao Jiang, Andy London, Julie Trachman, Jorge Matos, Ray Perez, Fabian Wander, Elyse Zucker

Absent: Julie Bencosme, Destiny Mitchell Murray

Guests: Stephanie Caban (CCSD@Hostos club President), Ernest Ialongo

Minutes Prepared by: Jorge Matos/Ray Perez

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| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Call to Order | Greetings from Chair | Quorum count was taken. Six voting members present.  Meeting called to order at 12:40 PM |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Acceptance of Agenda | Motion was made to approve agenda | The agenda was approved |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Approval of Minutes | Motion was made to approve meeting minutes | The minutes were approved |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Presentation by Chair of Faculty Senate (CFS) | Distribution of section of  Charter of Governance pertaining to the Committee on Disability Issues  Guidelines for Senate Committees were given to committee by CFS | Committee was charged and made aware of the rules of governance |
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| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Elections for Officers | Motion was made to have two Co-chairs instead of a single chair  Elyse Zucker and Jorge Matos were nominated to be Co-chairs  Ray Perez was nominated to be secretary | Motion to have 2 Co-chairs instead of single chair passes unanimously.  Elyse Zucker and Jorge Matos accept the nominations.  Committee members vote. Both candidates are elected unanimously receiving six votes each.  Ray Perez accepts the nomination.  Committee members vote. Ray Perez is elected secretary unanimously receiving six votes. |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Disability awareness events | Discussion of Disability Awareness Month Event.  Original event planned for April 26 could not take place, so it was rescheduled for fall 2018.  Theme of event is to be “inclusive athletics” promoting accessibility in athletics programs at CUNY.  Idea was proposed by CCSD in collaboration with ARC | Event will take place in Fall of 2018. |
| **TOPIC**  Universal design / classroom furniture | **DISCUSSION**  Issue of small desks in classrooms which cannot accommodate pregnant women and students of larger sizes.  Suggestion that issue must be raised with Facilities on campus.  Suggestion that there should be at least 10 accessible desks per classroom that can accommodate a wide range of students with different needs.  Proposal conforms to concept of “universal design” whereby physical structure is accessible to all users.  Member suggests signage for chairs to be included in this proposal. | **DECISION / ACTION**  Members suggest inclusion of the issue in question to be added to our fall 2018 committee agenda. |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION/ ACTIOM** |
| Motion to adjourn meeting |  | Motion to adjourn meeting at 2pm accepted unanimously |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION/ ACTION** |
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