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**MINUTES OF THE PLENARY MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

HELD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022 AT 12:30 PM

AT JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The meeting is called to order at 12:30 PM.

I. ROLL CALL

Upon a roll call the attendance recorded is as follows:

2022-2023 Delegates & Alternates:

Delegates Present:

Yin, Zhou (Graduate Alternate, CUNY Graduate Center); Handel, Caroline (Graduate Delegate, CUNY School of Journalism); Mitchell, Asantee (Delegate, CUNY School of Professional Studies); Ali, Zaire (Graduate Delegate, CUNY School of Public Health); Flores, Daniel (Delegate, Baruch College); Colon, Jonathan (Delegate, Brooklyn College); Grama, Aharon (First Alternate, Brooklyn College); McKessey, Kevin (Graduate Delegate, Brooklyn College); Mohiuddin, Abdullah (Delegate, City College of New York); Sattar, Asif (First Alternate, City College of New York); Rodriguez, Fernando (Second Alternate, Hunter College); Kalb, Aryeh (Delegate, Lehman College); Onkeaba, Boris (First Alternate, Medgar Evers College); Doumbouya, Salmatou (Delegate, New York City College of Technology); Corke, Alisha (Delegate, New York City College of Technology); Lachapelle, Frank (First Alternate, New York City College of Technology); Akent, Jannett (Second Alternate, New York City College of Technology); Mark, Jamal (Delegate, Queens College); Castro, Brandon (Delegate, Queens College); Pena Oropeza, Enrique (Graduate Delegate, Queens College); Gregory, Petra (Delegate, College of Staten Island); Ortega, Amy (Delegate, York College); Ehidom, Divine (Second Alternate, York College); Hunte-Nelson, Carlene (Delegate, Borough of Manhattan Community College); Choudhury, Sadia (Delegate, Borough of Manhattan Community College); Sara, Nohin (Second Alternate, Borough of Manhattan Community College); Mensah, Jeithy Jason (First Alternate, Bronx Community College); Clarke, Candise (Second Alternate, Bronx Community College); Serigheilili Castro, Tessalia (Delegate, Kingborough Community College); Tam, Nikki (Delegate, Kingborough Community College); Chavira, Lucia (Delegate, LaGuardia Community College); Jhin, Jongwook "Ryan" (Delegate, LaGuardia Community College).

Delegates Absent:

Provost, Cory (Graduate Delegate, CUNY School of Law); Harte, Shanae (Graduate Alternate, CUNY School of Journalism); Ambrose, Janelle (First Alternate, CUNY School of Professional Studies); Klimaytis, Greg (Graduate Alternate, CUNY School of Public Health); Sanchez, Carlos (Delegate, CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies); Wilson, Kevin (Graduate Alternate, CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies); Zia, Iraj (Delegate, Baruch College); Wan, Jennifer (First Alternate, Baruch College); Jose Romero Urquijo, Maria (Delegate, Brooklyn College); Otisi, Chika (Second Alternate, Brooklyn College); Darwish, Rania (Delegate, Hunter College); Tagaev, Daniil (Delegate, Hunter College); Gad, Laila (First Alternate, Hunter College); Ascencio, Sam (Delegate, John Jay College of Criminal Justice); Mighty, Kenya (Delegate, Lehman College); Echevarria, Tiffany (First Alternate, Lehman College); Thompson, Andre (Second Alternate, Lehman College); Soto, John (Graduate Delegate, Lehman



College); Soto, John (Graduate Delegate, Lehman College); Headley, Riyahauna (Second Alternate, Queens College); Mercedes, Janyah (Delegate, College of Staten Island); Peralta, Lenora (Second Alternate, College of Staten Island); Ramdeen, Justin (Delegate, York College); Iyase, Osayuwamen (First Alternate, York College); Aung, Naing (First Alternate, Borough of Manhattan Community College); Moncayo, Diallo, Thierno (Delegate, Guttman Community College); Moreno, Selina (Delegate, Guttman Community College); Boateng, Abigail (Delegate, Hostos Community College); Malcolm, Ashanti (Delegate, Hostos Community College); Witter, Kacey (First Alternate, Hostos Community College); Carter, Brian (Second Alternate, Hostos Community College); Belykh, Shawn (First Alternate, Kingborough Community College); Lattif, Hanan (Second Alternate, Kingborough Community College); Minaya, Dany (First Alternate, LaGuardia Community College); DeLaCruz, Angelo (Second Alternate, LaGuardia Community College); Li, Jerry (Delegate, Queensborough Community College); Tariq, Hafiz (Delegate, Queensborough Community College); Prince, Kezia (First Alternate, Queensborough Community College); Frampton Clark, Aisha (Second Alternate, Queensborough Community College).

The following delegates notified the chair of their absence and are excused:

Jiang, Xiaole (Graduate Delegate, CUNY Graduate Center); Sayani, Daniel (Delegate, CUNY School of Professional Studies); Caldwell, Tania (Graduate Delegate, CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies); Arias, Miguel (Delegate, City College of New York); Dorsey, Joanna (Delegate, Medgar Evers College); Khan, Daniel (First Alternate, Queens College); Cisse, Zainab (First Alternate, College of Staten Island); Sierra (Delegate, Bronx Community College); Cortes, Bryan (Delegate, Bronx Community College);

University Student Senate Staff:

Ethan Milich, Executive Director

Fernando Araujo, Project Coordinator

With 29 voting members present, a quorum is established at 3:00 PM. Prior to a quorum being established, the plenary met with no established quorum.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

AGENDA

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
- IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
- V. VICE CHAIR REPORTS
- VI. USS PLENARY MEETING DATES
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Doumbouya amended the agenda to remove the election of the Audit and Ethics Committee. The USS constitution calls for those elections to happen after the election of the Steering Committee. The Audit and Ethics Committee will therefore happen after the last two Steering Committee seats are filled at the next meeting.

Chairperson Doumbouya ask the body if there are any objections to approving the agenda. Hearing no objections, the motion to approve the agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2ND, 2022

Sen. Kalb motioned to unanimously approve the minutes as presented with appropriate amendments to names and attendance errors. Hearing no objections, the motion to approve the minutes passes.

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Attached.

V. STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice Chair for Legislative Affairs

Attached.

Vice Chair for Senior Colleges

Attached.

Vice Chair for Fiscal Affairs

Attached.

Vice Chair for Technology Fee Report

VC Serighelili Castro reported that she is hoping to expand the role of her position to also include items that are generally related to technology and not just technology fee.

On October 26th, VC Serighelili Castro met with CUNY Chief Information Officer, Eusebio Formoso. She advocated for ensuring and expanding student participation in decisions that are made on technology fee. They focus a good part of their discussion on the expanding of the wifi system and online classes. VC Serighelili Castro asked CIO Formoso to provide the colleges with better guidelines for allocating the technology fee. Colleges should have a better sense of what the parameters are for spending these funds.

VC Serighelili Castro October 17th has been in communications with student leaders around the university to ensure she is hearing their concerns. She attended the CUNY public hearing on October 17th and hear from students and faculty on several concerns.

VI. USS PLENARY MEETING DATES

Chairperson Doubmouya proposed that the Plenary vote to approve the following dates for the next three upcoming Plenary meeting: January 29th, February 26th, and March 26th.

Sen. Kalb motioned for unanimous consent of approving the January 29th meeting date. Sen. Mitchell objects.

Sen. Mitchell stated that she has reserved time for the USS meetings in advance and that

Sen. Kalb noted that the February and March meetings are already scheduled for those dates. The USS constitution calls for meetings to be held on the Sunday before the fourth Monday of the month. Those two dates are already in line with the constitution. Sen. Kalb recommends that the January date be considered alone.

Sen. Grama stated that the current scheduled date, January 22nd, is not ideal because many students will not be back from the winter break and classes will not have begun for all students. January 29th will provide students will give more students an opportunity to attend the meeting.

Sen. Zhou stated that the January 22nd meeting date is not ideal because it will conflict with the Lunar New Year celebrations. He and other students celebrating the holiday will not be able to attend the meeting.

The motion failed: {27 Yes, 2 No, 0 Abstention}.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Sen. Kalb motions to adjourn the meeting, the motion received numerous seconds. Motion passes unanimously. The meeting is adjourned at 3:30 PM.

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