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**MINUTES OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

HELD

NOVEMBER 20, 2015

**AT CENTRAL OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM
AT 555 WEST 57TH STREET—BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN**

There were present:

USS Steering Members:

Joseph Awadjie, Chairperson
Chika Onyejiukwa, Vice Chair for Legislative Affairs
Japneet Singh, Vice Chair for Senior College Affairs
Nicholas Asamoah, Vice Chair for Community College Affairs
Dexter Roberts, Vice Chair for Disability Affairs
Katherine Gutierrez Rios, Vice for International Student Affairs
Taisha Pagan, Vice Chair for Part-time and Evening Affairs
Sandra Okeke, Vice Chair for Technology Fee Affairs
Zulfiqar Soomro, Vice Chair for Fiscal Affairs

University Student Senate Staff:

Fernando Araujo, Executive Director
Lucas Almonte, Legislative Director

I. Roll Call

With 9 voting members present, a quorum was established. Chairman Awadjie called the meeting to order at 7:27 PM.

II. Approval of the Agenda

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- III. Chairperson's Report
- IV. Tuition Freeze Update
- V. Rubin Museum
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Adjournment

VC Soomro motioned to approve the agenda; the motion was seconded by VC Roberts. The motion carried unanimously: {9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions}.

III. Chairperson's Report

The MOE Bill is the maintenance of effort bill that covers all mandatory cost including things like rent and lights. It also includes all costs under PSC at CUNY and all costs that are not being covered by tuition and SUNY 2020.

Leg. Director Almonte and VC Onyejiukwa delivered 40,000 postcards regarding the MOE bill to governor Cuomo's office in Albany today.

Chair Awadjie suggested that we tweet with Governor Cuomo's name that the postcards were delivered.

USS is a political organization that advocates for the students

Thunderclap app has all your social media accounts in one place that allows you to send one message. If 1,000 students send out the same message it is guaranteed to get out there and get students thinking.

Chair Awadjie went on to acknowledge the hard work that the Vice Chairs have been doing.

The next plenary meeting will be on the 22nd and will include a Robert's Rules of Order training.

IV. Tuition Freeze Update

The tuition freeze resolution was passed and is up for a vote at the plenary meeting.

Perhaps we should include a booklet to cover the historical part of tuition

We should switch from change.org to another database that offers more features

V. Rubin Museum

CUNY has a partnership with the Rubin Museum of Art and can no longer allocate the required resources to continue this partnership.

USS has helped put this collaboration in place and can allocate \$7,500 from the standing committee

VC Gutierrez motions to approve the \$7,500 to be allocated for the partnership with the Rubin Museum of Art; the motion was seconded by VC Roberts. VC Pagan amended the motion so that the funding be allocated after the changes are made to acknowledge USS; VC Gutierrez accepts the amendment. The motion carried unanimously: {9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions}.

VI.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

VII. Adjournment

VC Onyejiukwa motioned to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by VC Soomro. The motion carried unanimously; this University Student Senate Steering Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Chairperson,
Joseph Awadjie

Recording Secretary,
Raneem Elsayed