Members Present: Frédéric Baitinger (by proxy), Allison Faris, Mariana Goycochea, Amy Martin, Antoinette Williams-Tutt

Meeting called to order at 2:39pm.

I. Approval of Agenda
   a. Amy Martin (AM) motions to approve the agenda with one emendation: adding Old Business III.
   b. Ratification of Constitution; Antoinette Williams-Tutt (AWT) seconds; motion passes unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes from Sept. 27, 2013.
   a. AM motions to approve minutes; AWT seconds; motion passes unanimously.

III. Old Business
   a. Course Evaluation Forms
       i. AM reports that Carole (APO) thinks that the observations are not utilized, and that there are no guidelines, since they are entirely for use within the program.
       ii. AWT suggests that we table the discussion until we have more attendance, and then perhaps change the one aspect that is most contested: the percentage.
   b. Ratification of Constitution
       i. AM reports that approval for the Constitution was received last semester online, but the Constitution must be ratified in an FPSA meeting.
       ii. AWT motions to ratify the Constitution; Allison Faris (AF) seconds; motion passes unanimously.

IV. New Business
   a. Petition for Endorsement of DSC Recognition
       i. AM motions to vote for FPSA endorsement of DSC recognition; Mariana Goycochea (MG) seconds; motion passes unanimously.
   b. Ratification of Conference Committee Members
       i. Allison Faris
       ii. Thomas Muzart
       iii. Antoinette Williams-Tutt
       iv. MG motions to ratify new members of Conference Committee; AM seconds; motion passes unanimously.
   c. Unofficial Student Handbook Ad-hoc Committee
       i. MG will convene the Unofficial Handbook Ad-hoc Committee. There will be an email sent out to FPSA members to recruit committee members. MG discusses the purposes of the committee, generally, to make up for lack of clarity in the official handbook, and to improve communication about program procedures.
       ii. AWT mentions areas to be covered, including: Who constitutes appropriate faculty to serve on the Spec Review, Orals, and Dissertation committees? What is the process for Spec Review and Orals?
       iii. AF notes that the structure of the handbook makes it difficult to understand. And she adds...
that outside certificate programs could be outlined, e.g. when to start taking courses for them.

- MG says that the committee should start meeting in February, 2014.

d. Kneller Library & Exam Reading Lists Ad-hoc Committee
- Phillip Griffith will convene the Kneller Library Ad-hoc Committee. There will be an email sent out to FPSA members to recruit committee members.

V. Reports

a. Student Conference Committee Report
- Fred Baitinger [by email]: Regarding the conference, the proposal has been sent (Fabula and other websites), the poster is on its way (Thomas Muzart, with a graphic designer is taking care of it), the keynote is still uncertain (Avital Ronell hasn't answered me. I'm gonna send her a last email saying that I will look for a new key note starting the 1st of November (I have already an idea for the new one-- Shannon Winnubst -- Women Studies/Philosophy, University of Ohio -- she's working on Foucault, Bataille and Queer theory : She edited Reading Bataille Today), The Cambridge Scholar has contacted me to publish the result of the conference (I still don't know about that (is it a vanity press? no completely but... -- but it's an option), there is, also, a website with the proposal and I think I'm gonna set up a Facebook page... And that's all. :)

b. DSC Representative Report
- Big news. Interim Pres Robinson announced Wednesday that all students with an ECF will teach one course per semester starting fall 2014. DSC continues to push for increased funding for all un- and under-supported students, including past year five.
- Starting mid-November DSC will have safe sex items available in Program lounges.
- I'm serving on the CPPD advisory board, where Jenny Furlong is working on expanding services to career, writing & teaching. Let me know if you have feedback/concerns with the office/events/services
- I'm also now on the Library Committee, so be sure to let me know of any ideas/concerns about library services. Print quotas are gone & login to print is no longer necessary, at least on PCs (not sure about Macs). There are discussions about space happening: more designated quiet space, possibly cubicles; a designated group study space for talking.
- The dining commons menu is available on the DSC Health and Wellnesss site: [http://opencuny.org/healthdsc/](http://opencuny.org/healthdsc/).
- DSC is hoping to pass resolution/s tonight on the CCNY center that was closed & a proposed 'expressive activities' document that hopes to define where & when free speech is allowed on cuny campuses.
- Chartered orgs are having membership drives now in order to achieve active status and claim DSC funding. Lots of great groups. Check them out and sign up! [http://cunydsc.org/chartered-organizations/list](http://cunydsc.org/chartered-organizations/list)

VI. Announcements
- DSC is having a party at 8pm tonight!

VII. Adjournment
- AWT motions to adjourn; MG seconds; motion passes unanimously.

The meeting is adjourned at 3:38pm.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Martin.