

Postdoctoral Senate Minutes
Monday, April 22, 2013

Present: Lewis Aron, Velleda Ceccoli, Carolyn Clement, Bruce Grellong, Harriette Kaley, Steven Knoblauch, Jo Lang, Barbra Locker, Spyros Orfanos, Allison Rothman, Stephen Solow, Rhonda Sternberg, Larry Zelnick

Absent: Al Atkins, Steven Botticelli, Robert Gangi, Jill Gentile, Alyson Nelson, Marina Stolerman

Guests: Judie Alpert, Silvia Birklein, Deborah Browning, Liz Goren, Judy Lasky, Lisa Lyons, Sophia Richman, Avgi Saketopoulou, Jill Salberg, Helen Silverman, Barbara Suter

1. Lew explained that most of the planned business of the April senate meeting, including a discussion of the Program-wide curriculum committee, has been postponed until September to make time for a full discussion of ethics matters. Before that discussion, however, there are several items to attend to.
2. Lew appealed to everyone to please come to this year's graduation ceremony. At this point it is scheduled for the evening of Sunday, June 9, at the NYU Torch Club. This is a very nice venue but it's pricey. We don't have many other options because of the constraints of NYU's policies. So it's still up in the air whether we'll proceed with a Torch Club event or something else, because of concerns about expenses. Lew concluded by again appealing to those present that, whatever is finally decided regarding the type of graduation event, they please plan to attend and talk it up to others in the community.
3. Steve Knoblauch presented a new Independent course for the senate's approval. Its title is "Social Identities: Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality" and it will be taught by Melanie Suchet and Cleonie White, who have been approved as new faculty. After a brief discussion, the senate voted to approve the course.
4. Lew reminded the senate that the ACPE re-accreditation process is looming. Preparing for it will require a lot of work. One facet is getting the new Progression Committee in place, so he asked the track representatives about progress in naming their representatives. The Contemporary Freudian track's PC members will be Aaron Thaler and Andrea Greenman; the I-H track's will be Dolores Morris and Judy Gold; the Relational track's will be Jill Salberg plus one to be named; and the Independent track's representatives aren't known as neither track chair is present tonight. Lew said this is enough for him to now move forward and call a meeting so that the ACPE preparations can proceed.
5. Lew opened the main topic of discussion. He said that Sue Grand had to stay home with her sick husband at the last minute but she sent a letter which he will read after some introductory comments and discussion. First, Lew said that all his comments will be about the broad overall topic and shouldn't be construed to relate to any actual people or events. That said, he addressed some general issues. One key thing to understand is that if potential problems arise, the way