MINUTES FROM THE AMC GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM

ATTENDANCE

Attendees (59): LINDA Y LAM-WONG, DAVID VOGELSANG, WILLIAM T FRY, ERIN KUHN, BARBARA ALBRECHT, NEPTALI J MARTINEZ, EVAN L NISENSON, ELIZABETH J MICHEL, JENNIFER MARIE PAUTZ, BERNADETTE S MCHUGH, MARIA DEACETIS, JOHN HUFF, DIANA DANIELS-MAINANE, S REBECCA HOLLAND, JULIE H KAPLAN, ROSEMARY AMICO, ERIN KUHN, STEPHEN F LUI, ANNE M M STUBING, ANDREW YANNI, CARRIE A MECONIS, KATHLEEN R MURRAY, DANIEL HOLUB, REGINA SYQUIA DREW, THEODORE J DZIERZYNSKI, JOHN DESANTIS, BARTHOLOMEW A GRACHAN, LEYDI G ORTIZ, NORMA MINGUELA, FRANCES MONICA ESTRADA, KELVIN O SHIVERS, CAROLYN S RITTER, NORMA KS KENIGSBERG, MARY MCSHANE, ERIC L STEDFELD, SCOTT G LEWIS, PAMELA VERDERY COMPORT, ADAM D EBNIT, HELEN A DOWLER, MARIE JOAN D MANIEGO, ABIGAIL KNIFFIN, KRISTI SCHWINDT RAMOS, WINSTON TRACY, ANITA ANNE DWYER, ADRIENNE MARIE BROWN, OLIVE HAUGHTON, CASSAUNA O HOWELL, ABIGAIL KNIFFIN, LETIZIA LA ROSA, ERINN BERNSTEIN, DAVID A NIEDENTHAL, LAURA MCGINLEY, LISA R KROIN, KRISTA M MINTEER-BAYSAL, RICHARD HEAPS, KATHERINE T DRUMMOND, MONICA GRAY, GISELA B HUMPHREYS, KEITH D AMPARADO

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the last meeting were provided in advance with the agenda; reading of the minutes was waived. The minutes from the January 2013 meeting were approved.

OPENING REMARKS

From the Chair

Thank you to all who helped with the 40th Anniversary celebration, especially Julie Kaplan, David Vintinner, Anita Dwyer, and Regina Drew. It was a wonderful event. We have a new AMC pin; if you don’t have one and would like one, please speak with Julie Kaplan.
PRESENTATIONS

Linda Mills, *Vice Chancellor for Global Programs*

Dr. Mills presented on a bit of the background, development, integration, growth, and academic direction of the Global sites.

Jennifer Pautz, *Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Government and Community Affairs*

Ms. Pautz spoke to us about the annual NYU@Albany day trip where students travel to the state capitol to advocate for financial aid programs. This year’s trip will occur on February 27th. Meals and transportation will be provided. Additionally, it was noted that a similar annual trip to D.C. occurs giving students an opportunity to advocate for federal financial aid programs.

OPENING REMARKS - continued

The Chair reminded us of the many years of service to the AMC by John DeSantis and noted his recognition at the 40th Anniversary reception.

The Chair reminded us of the seed money being provided to unit representative groups to fund “meet and greet” events. Those unit groups who have not taken advantage of this opportunity are strongly urged to do so as it provides an excellent occasion for the groups to re-engage, strengthen their community, and grow awareness of and participation in the AMC. This is especially important at this time of year as we approach elections. Another round of outreach to key people within unit groups will be done to remind them of this opportunity.

CHAIR REPORT

No report from chair.

SENATE REPORT

*Select Senate reports are attached. What follows are updates presented at the meeting.*

The next Senate meeting will be held on February 14th; this deviates from the expected first Thursday of the month.

The Space Priorities Working Group is starting to visit with the deans from each school. All departments who might have passed a resolution regarding the 2031 plan will be approached by the Working Group later this semester.
TREASURER’S REPORT

Anne Stubing, Treasurer

Ms. Stubing reminded us that the AMC Bylaws require a Treasurer’s report twice a year.

In academic year 2012, the AMC received $76,961 in funding. We spent $69,918, or just over 90%.

The expenses break down into three (3) main categories:

- Community Services (9% of AY2012 spending)
  This includes support for larger community activities such as MLK celebrations, annual Hallowe’en barad, and other Community Service Committee activities.
- AMC operating activities (23% AY2012 spending)
  This includes general meetings, executive committee meetings, etc.
- Special Events (68% of AY2012 spending)
  This includes events open to all such as the New Reps Breakfast, retirees’ lunch, AMC Art Show, Spring Social, town hall meetings, end-of-year luncheon, etc.

For academic year 2013, the AMC received $78,903.03 in funding. This is a 2.5% increase over last year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Select Committee reports are attached. What follows are updates presented at the meeting.

Benefits, David Vintinner (amc-benefits-group@nyu.edu)

The Committee has met and prioritized topics to discuss with HR. These topics include tuition remission, time off questions (donation pool, family time - more sick days for families), and exploring the incorporation of the University’s own health care services - Child Study Center, etc. - with employee’s insurance/benefit packages.

The Committee has submitted two suggestions to the 2031 Working Group:

- develop a child care program in new buildings that might result from 2031 work
- explore expanding pool of neighborhood health/sports centers with discounted offers to help with demand once Coles goes offline

The Committee will next meet on the 19th; it is unknown if HR will attend.

 Communications, Regina Drew (amc-communications-group@nyu.edu)

No report.
Community Service, Barbara Albrecht, Ida Longarino  
(amc-community-service-group@nyu.edu)

Throughout January and February, we will continue collecting holiday/greeting cards - fronts only - for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

The Committee continues to collect used eyeglasses for LensCrafters.

The Committee continues to collect old cell phones for Chemo Comfort, an organization that provides kits to cancer patients with products that help manage the many side effects of chemotherapy.

The Committee is collecting walkers/crutches for Crutches 4 Africa, an organization that collects and distributes mobility devices to those with need in Africa. For more information, contact Jenny Tichenor (jt6@nyu.edu).

The Naughty Knitters 2013 Spring Fling will be held March 22nd, 12p - 1p. The Knitters are also crafting baby blankets for donation to Care for the Homeless, an organization that supports the health care and social service needs of homeless people in New York City.

The Committee is working to locate school recipients for the end-of-year book collection. This year’s focus is on schools impacted by hurricane Sandy. Some schools have been identified as potential recipients. Please reach out to the Committee if you have recommendations, particularly if it’s a Long Island school.

The next Committee meeting is February 27th, 721 Broadway, 12th floor, Deans Conference Room.

Nominations & Elections, Ninette Gironella (amc-elections-group@nyu.edu)  
- by the Chair

We’re approaching an election for representatives for the 2013-2015 term. The units up for election are as follows:

- College of Dentistry
- Division of Student Affairs
- EVP for Finance
- EVP for Operations
- Institute of Fine Arts
- Office of the President
- Provosts Division
- Silver School of Social Work
- Stern School of Business
- Tisch School of the Arts
- Wagner

A reminder of this election will be going out soon. Elections will be held in March.
We will be electing two Senators in March.

The AMC Executive Committee seats are up for election; these are one-year term positions.

**Special Events, Julie Kaplan** ([amc-special-events@nyu.edu](mailto:amc-special-events@nyu.edu))

The AMC Art Show is coming soon. Scott Lewis ([sgl1@nyu.edu](mailto:sgl1@nyu.edu)) has put out a call to all previous artists to submit works. He’s always interested in new artists.

The next Book Club meeting will be February 11th; the book being discussed is “The New Jim Crow” by Michelle Alexander

We remind you to mark your calendars for the year-end luncheon on May 9th.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There is no old business at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Bylaws, Bart Grachan** ([amc-bylaws-group@nyu.edu](mailto:amc-bylaws-group@nyu.edu))

The Committee met on January 14th to discuss some language changes. The proposed changes are to clarify the following points:

- the Council Chair and Vice Chair have automatic Senator and alternate Senator seats, respectively. If you’re already a sitting Senator or alternate Senator when elected to the Council Executive Board, you must give up the previously-held Senate seat.
- If you’re an alternate Senator and run for/win a Senator seat, you must give up the alternate seat.
- Term limits

This proposal will go before the Council for a vote at the March meeting.

The ad hoc status of the Community Service Committee and Special Events Committee has expired. The Committee proposed these two groups become standing committees. This will be up for vote at the March meeting.

The Committee introduced the larger discussion of “who are we.” It is looking for ideas on how to better structure ourselves and our representation, and if it needs to be restructured, how so. We were reminded that this would be an excellent topic for unit group meetings.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Reminder that several units are relocating from 726 Broadway: Finance, HR, Registrar, Purchasing, and others.
From the Floor

There were questions/concerns regarding thorough and timely Council communications. There were questions/concerns regarding representative attendance and engagement.

CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair reminded each Representatives to use alternates if (s)he can’t attend meetings. The Chair issues an open call for ideas and topics for following meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32am.