

Present: Stefano Morello, Kristi Fleetwood, Sophie Riemenschneider, Margot Kotler, Jacob Aplaca, Chad Fresbie, Sarah Schwartz

Announcements:

Executive Committee: as we approach the **open meeting on November 17th**, please begin thinking of issues to raise. The department asks us to voice overarching concerns about the program. If you are unable to attend, you can email any of the co-chairs a statement to read for you. (Or, in the event of a lot of statements, we will summarize repeated concerns)

**REVELS, DECEMBER 8TH** (It's a month away, but it's something to look forward to!)

Discussion:

- Unanimously approved budget for ESA conference: \$500
- Unanimously approved budget for Revels: \$400 (although we are hoping to spend less by purchasing alcohol at Costco, and pizza at the \$99 store on 34th Street)
- Course Assessment
  - The process will finally be re-assessed and possibly changed in the spring of 2017
- M.A. in Cultural Studies
  - The student body would like to move forward and come up with a proposal to be presented to the Exec. Committee in the spring
- DSC Participatory Budgeting
  - The Doctoral Students' Council has announced a new initiative to fund student-led projects and promote budgetary transparency within CUNY. The purpose of Participatory Budgeting is to invest in some long-term aspect of the infrastructure at the GC.
  - The ESA could apply to this grant (up to \$3,000) and re-design the space in the lounge to make it more attractive and apt for community building.
  - Chad Fresbie, Jacob Aplaca, and Stefano Morello will work and submit the proposal.
  - Monthly event and Lounge Decoration postponed because of the above. Waiting to hear if we get the grant.
- Modernism group letter
  - Signed by the majority of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year students - can be found here / submitted to Exec Committee before Nov 17

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