**Minutes for Elections Committee Meeting, 3/13/23**

In attendance:

Andy Connolly

Geetha Ajay

Rafael Torres

Edme Soho

Stacey Cooper

Teresa Gray

Venue: zoom (Andy Connolly’s meeting room)

Call to oder: 3 30 pm

* The committee discussed collaborating together at in-person Senate meetings with a view to collecting and counting ballots for voting items. A collegial willingness to participate was shown by all, senators and non-senators alike.
* The committee was updated on fall elections and also given a preview of what is ahead in March, April, and May in relation to upcoming elections.
* The committee discussed the issue of rotating the role of minute-taker for meetings. An informal collegial agreement was made to endeavor towards this end.
* The committee discussed the best process for resuming the task of updating the elections’ manual for contemporary usage. It was advised that all members take ownership over this process so that the eventual proposals for amendments reflect the collective will of the committee. Further action is to be taken on this longstanding subject in the very near future. The first step will be a joint reading of the most recently updated version of the manual.
* A healthy open discussion was held on the relationship between the committee as a body and the role of its chair as the designated person overseeing elections. There was no clear need to re-imagine this particular division of labor, especially given the expediency of the election process. However, a clever suggestion was made with regards to calling future meetings at the time of certifying online elections. All members present were in favor of this innovation.
* The committee discussed the importance of contacting the Committee on Committees to clarify existing SGA members and to explore addition of new members.
* The next meeting is planned for a time when the first online ballot this term (upcoming nomination of Hostos Faculty to the CCCRC) is due to be certified. Particular date is TBD as it is pending on the workflow of the nominations and election process.

Meeting Closed: 4 49 pm