

Minutes of the Hunter Faculty Delegate Assembly General Meeting March 16, 2011

FDA President Tony Doyle called the meeting to order and finally had some Minutes to present to the assembled for approval. Tony gave a brief report from the Executive Committee: call for nominations for University Faculty Senate and FDA (nominating information on FDA web site), Spring Social next Thursday 3/24, 4-30-7, at meeting with President Raab budget was discussed (not good) as well as FDA request that travel grant info (recipients and amount etc.) be made public (also not good.)

The first part of the session on grants and awards was a presentation by Professors Elizabeth Cardoso (Educational Foundations) and Marie Filbin (Biology) who described their very successful grant experience and also did a terrific job identifying what was universal in elements contributing to success: getting known in the field, applying frequently (take rejection well), seek advice (and take it.)

The second part of the session was a talk by Jonathan Fanton who ran the Macarthur Foundation prior to joining Roosevelt House as a Visiting Professor. Needless to say the audience hung on his every word. Delightful anecdote about an ungrateful (and un-named) recipient of a Macarthur. None of us would ever behave so badly.

Finally Bob Buckley of the Research Foundation brought us up to date on policy and procedure for grant applications.

All in all a very informative-and optimistic- session.

Respectfully submitted (and Happy St. Patrick's Day),

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