

## Education Committee and Faculty Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2023  
7:30 pm- 9:00 pm

### EC Members:

Acting Director of Training –David Parnes  
Progression – Esther Karson  
Curriculum – David Rasmussen  
Admissions – Dana Blue

Psychotherapy Program – David Parnes  
TA Committee – rotating - Don Ross  
Candidate Group – Ambre Lane  
(Candidate President)

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### Present (alphabetically):

Dana Blue, Julie Hendrickson, Esther Karson, Ambre Lane, Dave Parnes, David Rasmussen, Rikki Ricard, Don Ross

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### I. Call to Order David Rasmussen at 7:30pm

#### A. Roles clarification

- a. Dana Bue: incoming Acting Director of Training
- b. Julie Hendrickson : incoming Dean of Students;outgoing Progression Committee member
- c. David Parnes: outgoing Acting Director of Training; continuing as Chair of Fundamentals

#### B. Reviewed Minutes from March & February 2023 approved

### II. Committee Reports

#### A. Acting Director of Training- Report by David Parnes

- a. **Fees and Tuition** Eileen Fletcher ( Treasurer) is in the process of looking at fees and tuition across NPSI programming ( Scientific Meetings, Fundamentals, Membership, comparison to other institutions fees and tuition. There is a Fee Evaluation Committee meeting scheduled for late May that will create recommendations that will then go to the Board for review.
- b. **Ethics Training Update** our recent March 25, 2023 hybrid Ethics Seminar was very successful. I would recommend NPSI host this annually. It is valued by our community and is necessary for CEUs.
  - i. 4 or 6 hours in length?
  - ii. could this go to the Continuing Education Committee ( Caron Harrang- Chair) or as a Special Event to schedule

as our in-person Saturday programming will be on a different topic.

1. **Action:** David P to follow up with Caron Harrang

c. **Transition of DOT to Dana Blue**

- i. to confirm in By-Laws what is required
- ii. **Discussion:** David P to continue as Acting DOT through May and Dana Blue will take over as Acting DOT then,
  1. The new board comes on after the general elections and that we have time to facilitate that transition
  2. Julie Hendrickson to be in rotation to Chair the EC meetings for May, June and July but is in process with Progression Committee role. She will then assume the Dean of Students role.
  3. **Action: David P** to send Dana Blue the updated DOT job description.

B. **Progression Committee** Report by Esther Karson

- a. We are working on: Reading reports, yielding requests for orals, for leaves of absence, dealing with individual issues of different candidates.
- b. The Final paper topic : we have set a time limit for submission
- c. Committee members are : Julie Hendrickson, David Rasmussen, Judy Eekoff and Esther Karson.

C. **Admissions Committee** Report by Dana Blue

- a. We're expecting Margaret will take over as Chair of Admissions after her graduation.
- b. **Facilitating a book donation coming to NPSI** could be an auction? Low cost to Candidates access. Host in-person in fall onsite?
- c. Marianne, Richard, Julie and Mary Elizabeth to do **a survey of Candidates to gather information about in person vs remote experiences by June** to make a plan for next year for Candidates.
  - i. **Discussion:** how does this affect curriculum plans?

D. **Curriculum Committee** - Report by David Rasmussen

a. **Sharing Faculty email received from CIPS**

- i. **Overview of Contents of email:** "to determine the feasibility of sharing faculty across psychoanalytic institutions. Since we're all experiencing some difficulty staffing due to COVID and the aging of the analytic founding generation. Eventually we are interested in

a central database of faculty with information regarding what classes and formats weekday weekend they might be available for. This would be made available to each institute through a central administrative coordinator, Leila Abdul Ralph.”

“Other issues that were discussed include the idea of eventually trying to offer classes across institutions, so combining cohorts from different institutions, which would require time synchronization, including weekend classes.”

“a fear was expressed that limited resources might be stretched too thin if some institutes paid honoraria or otherwise drew faculty away from their home institutions.”

“The idea of offering electives to candidates and graduates, charging tuition for them, which could subsidize faculty honoraria. And then another point, the issue of vetting faculty, which we agreed was vetted at a basic level due to student evaluations being used to continue or discontinue faculty at all institutions, but that each institution would take it upon themselves to orient faculty to their institution. And there was agreement.”

“There was agreement that faculty evaluations of visiting faculty would be shared with the home institution”

- ii. Here are the action steps that came from the meeting.
  1. All attendees agreed to send their current curriculum structure to leila as soon as possible.
  2. All attendees agreed to poll their faculty as soon as possible as to whether they have interest in being included in the database. If they are interested, they will be directed to email their name, email address, phone contact, and classes they are willing to teach to Layla.
  3. Cips will follow up with suggestions for another meeting at a later date once these steps are completed
- iii. **My suggestion at this point is to send an email with our curriculum. Discussion:** it is okay to take the first step by submitting the curriculum. Need to know more and have more discussion before going further. Run this by the Board as well.

b. **NPSI Curriculum discussion**

- i. **Dreams course** to be the Saturday offering for three Saturdays ( Fall, Winter, Spring) AND then six weeks in the spring that would constitute the twelve weeks of Dreams course. But we don't have a faculty member/ faculty members who have offered to teach that yet.
- ii. **Infant observation:** Marianne Robinson will be teaching.
- iii. **Deep Dives: to resume in Fall**
- iv. **Freud II- Fall 2023 looking for faculty**
- v. **Six classes in the Spring 2024**
- vi. **Child Psychoanalysis: Stan Case to teach**
- vii. **Possible Special Guest instructor? Joshua Durbin/PCC**  
**Action:** Esther to talk with him about possibility but she will need dates/specifics first
- viii. **Clinical Seminars needing faculty persons to step up**

E. TA Committee- Report by Don Ross

- a. Committee will meet in a couple of weeks,

F. Candidates' Report- Report by Ambre Lane

- a. The importance of clear and consistent communications is requested by the Candidate group. Reference made to wanting acknowledgement of files/folders that are being received by the Progression Committee is preferred by Candidates.
- b. Request for maintaining a culture of open communications- ie. all questions are deemed reasonable inquiries.
  - i. **Discussion:** the confirmation of having a Dean of Students to help with these conversations. Julie Hendrickson is to step into the Dean of Students role in Fall and after a replacement is found for her role on the Progression Committee.

G. Fundamentals Report Report by Dave Parnes

- a. There is a discussion topic of remote vs in person Carol has sent out a survey to Fundamentals students to inquire how the present format is working for them

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

The next Education Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 3, 2023, from 7:30-9:00 pm.