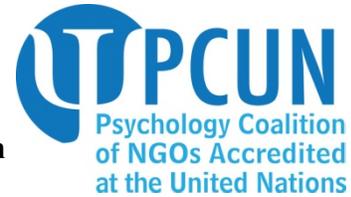


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(Unapproved draft 1) Minutes
Monthly meeting of the PCUN
Psychology Coalition at the UN
Thursday, 16 February 2017 10:15 am
CUNY Grad Center,
635 Fifth Ave, NYC, room 6304



(accepted logo)

Present: Florence Denmark (President), Harold Takooshian (Secretary), Natasha Anjieri, Michelle Arbid, Mary Berry, Lindsay Blevins, Melissa Bougdunus, Amanda Bradley, Amanda Clinton, Zsuzsanna Feher, Ani Kalayjian, David Livert, David Marcotte, Corann Okorodudu, Deborah Olatunde, Rachel Ravich, Walter Reichman, Daphne St. Valliere-Nozil, Joel Zinsou.

Guests: 11 graduate students from Judy Kuriansky's course at Teachers College

1. **Welcome.** President Florence Denmark opened the meeting at 10:15 sharp. Florence again noted her intention to keep the meeting brief at 60 minutes, to allow 30 minutes for committee meetings, so the agenda asterisks * “action items,” and other items will not be covered unless there is a special reason.
2. **Minutes.** The minutes of the last PCUN monthly meeting on 1/19/2017 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as-is: Approved by acclamation.
3. **PCUN Committee reports.**
 - a. **Advocacy.** Corann reviewed a few on-going statements and activities. If feasible, these will be circulated with the February minutes.
 - b. **Program.** (1) David M noted that Psychology Day at the UN will be on April 20. David noted progress in finding 2 of 3 speakers, still need one in Environmental. Ambassador Otto has resigned, but his Mission will still sponsor Psychology Day. (2) Ani noted her March 23 parallel event with CSW, organized by Meaningful World. This flier will be sent with the Feb 16 minutes. (3) Rachel circulated her proposed one-page policy to add to the bylaws, specifying a procedure for PCUN endorsement of activities. [See Appendix 1 below.] After brief discussion, a Motion to approve this policy: Passed by acclamation.
 - c. **Publicity.** (1) **Website.** Harold noted that our new webmaster Merry is now updating the PCUN website, and a new alternate version, <http://psychologycoalitionun.org/> and <http://pcun.cloudaccess.host> Merry asks members to view and comment on these two sites, while sending her materials to upload: news, announcements, calendar items. (2) **Logo.** The Executive Committee voted unanimously to accept the revised PCUN logo (above, right).
4. **Retreat.** David L updated progress since the September, 2016 retreat at Fordham, to relate this to the SDGs. He will submit a written report [Appendix 2, below].
5. **Outreach.** Judy's updated roster of Permanent Missions was circulated. Members were asked to put their name next to at least one mission. Joel collected this, to update the roster. The procedure for outreach will be defined, e.g. concerning preparation, review of mental health and wellbeing in that country, review of that country's priorities, and package of materials to bring to the meeting.

6. **PCUN Task Forces.**

a. **PCUN SDG Campaign.** Walter noted progress on the PCUN Matrix. He asked members to check:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeEja0mtngi8VuAfYaKVq3NZZRksDcPTX0hSN_i63PD_ABDsg/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link

b. A motion was made to combine the 2 Task Forces on Climate Change and Disaster Mitigation. This was approved by acclamation.

7. Other new business or announcements

a. **Holiday poster.** PCUN presented its Holiday photo poster to CUNY and our host Teresa Ober, with gratitude for a secure meeting room in 2016.

b. **CUNY forum.** On March 9, CUNY will host a public forum on "Psychology at the UN," at 2-3:30 pm in room C198. Members are invited to speak on their PCUN experiences, prior to April 20.

c. **Letter.** Florence will send a letter to Lori Foster Thompson's SIOP team with UNDP.

d. **ICP.** This July 28-30, Pace will host the 75th conference of the International Council of Psychologists (ICP). A call will follow. Registration fees will be: \$200 ICP members, \$250 ICP nonmembers, \$75 ICP students, \$85 non-ICP students.

8. **Adjournment.** Florence adjourned the meeting early, at 11:14 am. PCUN again thanked Joel Zinsou and Teresa Ober for their kind assistance in today's meeting. Due to changes, our next monthly meetings in 2017: March 9 (not 16), April 20, May 18, June 15. These minutes will be circulated along with many handouts described in today's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Takooshian



Appendix 1

CRITERIA AND PROCESS FOR SPONSORSHIP/CO-SPONSORSHIP OF PROGRAM

Criteria for PCUN Sponsorship/Co-sponsorship of Programs. Programs to be sponsored or co-sponsored by PCUN shall meet the following criteria. Proposed meetings and events

- (1) Shall be consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations, reflect the priorities of the UN agenda, and must be non-commercial in nature;
- (2) Shall include relevant principles, science or practice of psychology applied to global issues/challenges; or
- (3) Shall seek to promote human dignity, human rights, decent work, psychosocial well-being, empowerment, resilience and positive mental health.

Process to Approve Sponsorship/Co-sponsorship of Programs. PCUN's sponsorship or co-sponsorship of programs requires a timely review and approval by the PCUN Executive Committee or a review and approval by PCUN voting organizational members at a monthly meeting. Program proposals developed by the PCUN Program Committee or sent to the PCUN Program Committee by a PCUN organizational member or another NGO committee:

- (1) Shall be presented by the Program Committee Chair for review and approval by the PCUN Executive Committee or the PCUN monthly meeting at least two weeks before the deadlines for them to be submitted or a month before they are scheduled;
- (2) Shall require approval by five (5) organizational members to carry the PCUN logo and the names of the five organizational members as sponsors.

(Once approved, these 2 paragraphs will follow the first paragraph under Program Committee in the PCUN By-Laws)

Appendix 2

Retreat Task Force

Following are the SDGs we identified at the retreat. The top two in terms of priority ratings (1 & 16) are shown in bold. The remaining SDGs are shown in order of priority to the group:

SDG 1: Good Health & Wellbeing

SDG 16: Peace, Justice, & Strong Institutions

SDG 5: Gender Equality

SDG 10: Reduced Inequality

SDG 1: No Poverty

SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

SDG 17: Partnership for SDGs

We would like all PCUN entities – committees, task forces, ad hoc entities -- to make explicit the SDGs that apply to your activity. This could simply consist of a sentence at the bottom of your communications indicating that activity is relevant to a particular SDG.

If you then forward these documents to the Retreat Task Force, we can make a bimonthly report regarding PCUN as a whole.

February 16, 2017