Proposal that was agreed to on 7-11-2013

Working Group

A Working Group will be set up, chaired by Trustees Mike Borkowsky and Jeff Gural.

The charge of the Working Group is to explore ways in which Cooper Union may revert to providing full-tuition scholarships for all enrolled students while establishing a sustainable financial model and continuing to invest in academic excellence. The Working Group's work is to be a good faith effort to seek alternatives to tuition. The definition of a sustainable financial model will be provided by the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees. Financial information will be provided by the administration as appropriate. Any financial information that is more detailed than what is used in public reporting will be shared with the Working Group only on the basis of strict confidentiality.

The Working Group will submit its report to the Administration and Board of Trustees by December 1, 2013. The Board of Trustees will consider the recommendations at the following meeting.

Membership:

- three trustees
- three administrators
- three students (one elected by the Student Council of each of the Art, Architecture and Engineering schools)
- four members of the full-time faculty (one elected by each of the full-time faculty of each of the Art, Architecture and Engineering Schools and the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences)
- three alumni (one from each school)
- If independent financial expertise is to be sought, it shall be provided by a nationally recognized expert in higher education finance at selective institutions.

Student Representation on Board of Trustees

At the September Board of Trustees meeting, the Board will approve the details for the election of a student representative as a member of the Board of Trustees, with the first such representative to be seated at the December Board meeting.

Community Commons

A room will be identified on campus, as soon as is practicable, that can serve as a student center or a center for all members of the Cooper community. Use of all Cooper facilities (including this room), and all individuals entering or utilizing Cooper Union facilities, shall be subject to all Cooper Union policies, building hours, and entrance restrictions.

Occupation

The terms of this proposal must be agreed to in principle by the occupiers coming out of the 7PM meeting on July 11. The President's Office will be vacated no later than 5:00PM EDT on Friday, July 12, 2013. Henceforth, occupiers and all present at this meeting commit to complying with, and cooperating with the enforcement of, all laws and Cooper Union policies.

Amnesty

If the above condition entitled "Occupation" is met, all individuals who violated laws or Cooper Union policies in the course of the occupation will be granted amnesty.

Joint Statement

*A joint press release will be issued on Friday, July 12th announcing the agreement on this proposal.

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*Agreement made on Friday July 12th change release date to Monday, July 15th per the request