United Student Association



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Mahsa Mohajeri, President

DATE: April 9, 2021

SUBJECT: United Student Association (USA) REPORT – INFORMATION ONLY

Solidarity:

As a team, we are aware of the heightened anti-Asian hate crimes and harassment. As always, we are striving to become an anti-racist institution and stand in solidarity with our Asian communities. As a team, we will spread awareness on the seriousness of the issue at-hand and hope to educate and support our students about white supremacy.

USA Meeting with Dr. Irey and Academic Deans:

On February 25th, the USA team hosted a meeting with Dr. Sayumi Irey, VP of Instruction, and the Deans of various academic programs to discuss remote learning in hopes of providing a platform for students to address their issues and concerns directly to the VP of Instruction and her team. The meeting was extremely successful with good open dialogue. We discussed ways to improve online exams, and create more understanding about mental health concerns during a pandemic. We also talked about the need for more support for science labs, and part-time teachers hosting office hours. We were concerned when informed that only full-time faculty are required to have office hours. We will schedule a follow-up meeting next quarter to continue our discussion on improving remote learning and student success in hopes of making this a ritual. The meeting was also recorded to share with students.

USA Meeting with President Rosie and VP of Student Services Joe Barrientos:

On March 4th, the USA hosted our quarterly meeting with President Rosie and VP of Student Services Joe Barrientos. At this meeting students were given the opportunity to address any questions and address any issues and concerns directly to our administration. Topics ranged from going back to campus, budget cuts for next year and their effects on students, the Wellness Center, the need for more fulltime faculty, and graduation. President Rosie and VP Joe answered all questions asked and followed up with any unanswered questions the next day. As a team, we really appreciate their time and dedication to hear student voices. The meeting was recorded to share with other students.

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USA Budget Committee:

The USA Budget Committee which includes the Treasurer Allegra Keys, President Mahsa Mohajeri, and Marketing Officer Tiffany Sampson, have met and prepared the budget request for 2021-22 to the S&A Committee. We hope to hear soon from them and not have to cut our budget any more than we already have. Allegra Keys is serving as the SA Fee Board Chair and will be meeting with Advisor Dean Dan Johnson soon.

USA Bylaws Committee:

The Bylaws Committee which includes the President Mahsa Mohajeri, VP Ruzeda Fields, and Sustainability Officer Bowie Hichens, have held meetings and are working on editing the bylaws for the hiring team. Some adjustments to all position responsibilities will be made.

USA Selection Committee:

The Selection Committee which includes the Communications Officer Zain Mohamed, Marketing Officer Tiffany Sampson, and Treasurer Allegra Keys have started discussing the process of hiring next year's team. They are currently planning meetings to create a new application, set all the deadlines, and advertise. We hope to hire the 2021-2022 team before the end of the Spring Quarter to provide shadowing opportunities.

Students serving on Faculty Tenure & Campus-wide Committees:

All officers are scheduling and meeting with their faculty tenure committees to complete their winter quarter tenure committee requirements. Many officers have already begun working on their class observations and will be scheduling their meetings soon. We also have officers working on the College Council, Wellness Committee, Transportation, Safety and others.