

REPORT

To: Board of Trustees

From: Quynh Nguyen, United Student Association (USA) President, South Seattle College

Meeting Date: February 8, 2024

Subject: Report – February Board of Trustees Meeting

USA OPEN HOUSE:

On January 17th, USA sponsored the Winter Welcome Warm Up, an Open House in the Jerry Brockey Student Center (JMB). Our main objective was to guide students towards the resources and support available in the JMB, especially Student Life. We received positive feedback from many students who appreciated our promotional efforts for the event. They now know where to locate our Student Leadership office, Club Center, Game Room, Wellness Center, and Veteran’s Center. We feel that we accomplished our goals!

Also, during the event, we found that clubs were grateful for future collaboration opportunities. They were able to promote, and recruit double the number of interested students. As student government, we gathered information on current issues and interests of students. Many expressed interest in volunteering and the work-study program, among others. We are working diligently to follow up with all students.

USA AND DISTRICT COLLABORATION:

Quynh Nguyen, USA President, Cameron Mahon, Treasurer, and Monica Lundberg, advisor), met with Helena Luong, Central’s Executive of Finance and Katie Wallace, advisor, on January 23rd. The meeting was a follow-up from last spring’s SA Fee Board recommendation at the BOT meeting --to research the potential of S&A fee collecting from Running Start and International students , learn about the commonality and differences of S&A Fee Boards and UT fee committee processes. We are hoping to continue this collaboration and support each other.

USA UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

USA Voter Educator Esther Djambe is organizing our Legislative Advocacy Day in Olympia on February 22. We hope to have a vocal group of South students sharing their community college experiences with state legislators. The Washington Community and Technical College Student Association legislative agenda topics address:

- Housing costs
- Textbook affordability
- Opioid Epidemic and Harm reduction
- Student Pay Equity and Increased financial assistance

Also, USA is inviting other students to attend the Washington Oregon Cascadia Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHESC) at Western Washington University on March 5. The topics discussed throughout the program focus on social, economic, and environmental topics emphasizing strong connections between campuses throughout Washington and Oregon. Charles Askew, Sustainability officer and USA are looking forward to reviewing applicants and selecting students to attend.

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