

College Council Minutes

April 13, 2020

ZOOM (remote)

Attendees: Larry Cushnie, Mac Witt, Jen Mills, Julianne DeGeyter, Betsy Hasegawa, Rose Kolovrat, Hobac Tran, Dieny Aras, Mariana Asaturova,

Quorum not met

Secretary: Christa Zinke

Begin: 1:30pm

End: 3pm

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 24, 2020 (Done through online survey.)

3. REGULAR BUSINESS

- Budget Development Process
 - April 21, 2020, from 2-4 p.m. via Zoom
 - We need questions!
 - Only got one question in response to email.
 - Rosie will be talking about budget priorities.
 - Impacts of COVID-19 crisis on budget
 - Possibility of increasing amount security cameras – approved by President Rosie
 - Based on the antiracist workshop in February, the order for security cameras is in process and will be installed as soon as they are available due to thefts in Georgetown.
- Holding for the COVID-19 crisis
 - Sensitive Location signage
 - Need access to campus to post signs.
 - Prayer Space on-campus
 - Julianne: Sayumi and I went and looked. There are a few different requests, Cascade Hall – we took a look at that room because our understanding was that we wanted something similar in Oly with biology stations. We went there to look in bathrooms, and it does not seem like there is enough room in the bathrooms but there is a conference room that they have identified that might be used as a prayer space. So we are looking for a small footprint where we can offer foot washing on that side of campus. We need help from Student Life to talk with our Muslim students so that we can offer something that is not offensive and is culturally appropriate. We also heard that they are looking for additional prayer space in Cascade, apart from the prayer space on the first floor. Prayer spaces for different genders.
 - Betsy: That was a space that we put together to supplement

the space in Brockey that was close enough to bathrooms and had space to put up barriers for genders. We chose Cascade because it was close enough to the bathrooms. Ideally, we would like spaces on both the north and south sides of campuses. And, really, the students will find what works for them. If we are closed down through the end of May, it may not be as bad since Ramadan will be taking place during the bulk of the closure, but we would like to put together something more permanent so that our students have a place to pray.

- Julienne: So, to be clear, in Cascade we would like 2 separate prayer spaces that are somewhat blocked for privacy. Additionally, in Oly hall we would like foot washing stations and we only have one room available.
 - Betsy: That room is probably big enough where we could put screens up and have both genders in there.
 - Julienne: The Wellness Center is set to open in Fall 2021. I am skeptical that it will open that soon, but there should be space available there so that we could eliminate the Oly praryer room.
 - Mac: How do we get the ball rolling, should we get a meeting together with Student Life? There are a few Muslim women on the student government, they may be able to help us understand the biolage system.
- Ballot box
 - We will be holidayng off until things calm down. Monica Lundberg will reach out to King County Elections and see if they have a plan for the 2nd entrance.
 - Julienne: I thought the ideal location was by the North gate by the street
 - Mac: They said that that area would be too congested due to the street. They had issues with that space.
 - Julienne: Would we need to leave those gates open for just the month?
 - Mac: There is a time period that the gates would need to be open.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- Permanent position for Julienne Degeyter, VPFA
 - Would need to alter bylaws in order to add Julienne as an ex-officio member of College Council. This would be a non-voting member and not expected to attend every meeting.
 - Review draft of role and vote.
 - Must have 2/3 vote by every constituency in CC
 - Non-voting member
- District Council
 - Collaboration between South, North & Central College Councils
 - Idea to tackle issues affecting entire District
 - This would help us with things like the Smoking Ban. Central would like to talk with their President before confirming a collaboration.
 - Larry: The origins of this came about through conversations with people at

North. As ASI has come around, it has been very much top-down and as ASI ramps up it would be nice to have a committee with input. This would not be a required committee, but more of a collaboration between the three campuses.

- What can College Council do during the closure to help staff/faculty/students?
 - Additional town halls and meet-ups?
 - Rose: We will be doing a Student Town Hall this Friday, 3 pm.
 - Julienne: Do you think there is a need for another staff/faculty town hall?
 - Mac: I'm not sure if there is any additional information that needs to be shared but I thought that might be a good question to bring to the group.
 - Rose: I think in the future it would be a good idea, but let instructors get an idea of how people are adapting to working remotely.
 - Betsy: I think a check-in would be a good idea because even though Gov. Inslee hasn't gone that way, it is very likely that higher education will go the same way as K-12.
- Faculty & Staff Resource Guide
 - Email sent to CC on 3/31
 - Review Excel draft and questions
 - Questions and next steps
 - Mac: Erin would like us to go through and look at the big categories in yellow, the specific questions, and what should go in each question. There is a space for additional questions that you would like answered by specific departments. Can we look at this by the end of April and come back with suggestions/recommendations?
 - Dieny: What is the expectation from College Council on our involvement with this?
 - Mac: I don't have a problem with us taking ownership of this.
 - Rose: I also see this as something where students can get study skills and tutoring.
 - Mac: I don't think you need to answer the questions, I think that after we are done curating questions we will send specific departments the questions and ask them to provide answers.
 - Dieny: Does this seem silly to make a subcommittee around this?
 - Mac: Maybe the role would be keeping it current, and making sure that answers to questions are current. What do people think about a subcommittee?
 - Larry: I think at this point we should let this thing continue to build and once we get a better product then the College Council can take ownership and use it as collective body to maintain.
 - Collaboration with Labor Education & Research Center on student workers –Larry
 - Larry: In the process of hiring committee for a new labor educator. We are letting this quarter get some momentum behind it before sending out an updated survey with questions about how students have been impacted by this crisis as well.
 - Mac: Is the bridge impact going to be on there as well?
 - Larry: No, that's not something we can even wrap our heads around the impact of the bridge since we do not even have a timeline.

Mac: I am wondering how that is going to impact enrollment.

- Adjusting for COVID-19 crisis
- Pedestrian safety on 16th Ave SW/Traffic Calming
 - “You Otter Slow Down” signage
 - Mac: We did not get the grants, so Rosie asked that we create some new signs to put in the ground. I will follow up with Glenn about this.
 - Your Voice, Your Choice Campaign
 - Have not gotten a follow-up email from the City of Seattle
- Additional Council priorities for 2019-2020
 - Ballot box
 - Sensitive Location signage
 - Faculty Council
 - Voter advocates and voting station in the SSC Library
 - Homeless students on campus, possible shelter and food
 - Fitness Center on campus
 - Decreasing student tech fees. –Krisna M.
 - Duwamish partnership
 - Uber signage

5. ACTION ITEMS

- Ask campus community for MORE CC project recommendations

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **Budget Forum: April 21, 2020, 2-4 p.m. via Zoom**
- **May CC Meeting: May 18, 2020**
- **June CC Meeting: June 15, 2020**

Results from the 1/6 Budget Priority Ranking Survey (top ten for recommendation):

1. Funding for campus improvements such as classroom furniture and spaces, bathrooms, flooring, technology and other infrastructure
2. Funding for a dedicated Welcome Center on campus to serve as a single entry-point for prospective students and supporting the on-boarding and enrollment process
3. Funding to hire additional custodial staff
4. Funding to increase capacity to help student’s meet their basic needs (housing, food, transportation). Funding areas could include homeless student support, the SSC Food Pantry and help reducing student parking fees.
5. Funding to hire additional advisors (possibly with a focus on evening and weekend students)
6. Funding for a “Financial Literacy Specialist” position to help with scholarships, understanding financial aid options & assisting with FAFSA/WASFA
7. Funding to expand open computer lab capacity so that online/hybrid course offerings may be increased. Labs would provide access to computers for course work and testing.
8. Funding for additional Human Resources staff to support the hiring process
9. Increased funding for marketing/advertising campaigns
10. Increased security staff members and security camera coverage across campus

