

College Council
Minutes June 15, 2020
ZOOM (remote)

Secretary: Christa Zinke

Begin: 1:30pm

End: 3pm

• **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

• **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- April 13, 2020 (Done through online survey.)
- May 18, 2020 (Done through online survey.)

• **REGULAR BUSINESS**

- College Council Elections for the 2020-21 Academic Year
 - Thank you & congrats new members
 - Jay Meyer -Classified Staff
 - Pedro Reyes -Classified Staff
 - Jamie Flajole -Exempt Staff
 - Ben Johnson -Exempt Staff
 - Thomas Green -Part-Time Faculty
 - *Haris Mujahid -Fulltime Faculty
- Holding for the COVID-19 crisis
 - Sensitive Location signage
 - Prayer Space on-campus
 - Project being led by Student Life, Student Services, USA
 - Renovated prayer space in OLY coming soon, and increased privacy in CAH

• **NEW BUSINESS**

- (Tentative) Math & English Faculty Request to Participate in Placement Reorganization Process
 - Review Tish Lopez' letter to South VP's
Tish was unable to attend today, but may want to speak on this at a future time.
- Strategic Budget Reduction & Future Planning Task Force
 - Larry & Mac had meeting on 6/8
 - Review District budget reduction strategies and ask for additional strategies
 - We are looking at cuts of \$6.6 million. The cuts that we need to make are about 25% of our total budget.
 - Dienen: I don't think that we can give suggestions unless we know the cost-benefit analysis for each of these strategies.
 - Larry: That is our feeling as well. We don't have the information about how this looks and what it is going to mean.
 - Jaime: What do 12, 22, 23, and 24 mean? I think that some sort of

definition of what these mean would be helpful to make a decision.

- Dieny: We need to look at longterm impacts of cutting programs that are currently low enrolled but we are known for throughout the area.
- Jane: BTS is known for transitioning students to college level credits and we are finding more and more that we are sending them off to other colleges because we have so few options.
- Larry: We put this in front of this council knowing that we do not have time to go line by line of this. I think we need to give a message about what we feel needs to be prioritized in the budget reductions.
- Ballot box
 - Meeting with President Rosie, Julienne D., James L., Monica L. on 6/10
 - King County wants to put the ballot box in front of RSB, near the bus stop. This is the only spot they are willing to place a box on our campus, but this results in security concerns with access to the South parking lot on campus. Rosie suggested that maybe we put a our security trucks to block access to that area of campus. It looks like that was accepted and it looks like we will have a ballot box prior to November's election.
- District Council
 - Next Steps: Ideas to tackle issues affecting entire District
 - Mac and Larry met with North and Central College Council leaders and discussed what they want to focus on as priorities for a District Council. That being said, we still need a co-chair for next year. They will be a part of meetings with Rosie, the District Council, and other priorities.
 - Ideas: Social justice mural project
 - Mac: If anyone has ideas, please reach out.
- Transportation Task Force
 - Meeting on 6/30
 - Bus 128 stops about a mile away from campus now, though it will return to campus when we reopen. Rosie has been talking with shuttle bus companies to pick up students somewhere in West Seattle and downtown to take students to campus. This is a service for students impacted by the West Seattle bridge closure but maybe also a pay-for-service for other West Seattle residents.
- Faculty & Staff Resource Guide
 - Group met on 6/15
 - A group has been meeting to put together this resource guide.
 - Larry: Has there been discussion about who will be maintaining this?
 - Mac: I put a link to the College Council email address. Do you think this should be forwarded to PIO as well?
 - Larry: I think it makes sense to have College Council filter and make sure that it is solid information before publishing it online.
- Collaboration with Labor Education & Research Center on student workers –Larry
 - Adjusting for COVID-19 crisis
 - Coordination with Institutional Research
 - Larry: We were hoping to get that out by the end of Spring quarter. I am not sure whether that is going to happen.
- Additional Council priorities for 2019-2020
 - Pedestrian safety on 16th Ave SW/Traffic Calming
 - “You Otter Slow Down” signage
 - Your Voice, Your Choice Campaign
 - Mac: We were having issues with people speeding down 16th. The City has a spot where we can suggest improvements. We suggested

lights or speed bumps in front of our bus stops but we did not get enough votes for that. In place of those, we were thinking of putting signs up.

Jennifer: What about painting the street?

Larry: I think that would be great.

Jen: I know that there is visibility with trees in that area. I understand that we would need to plant a tree somewhere else to make up for it.

- Faculty Council
 - Larry: The faculty council is up and running.
- Voter advocates and voting station in the SSC Library
 - We are hoping to do a huge voter registration drive towards the Fall.
 - Larry: Now that we can pre-register people 16 and old, we should be able to have a huge roll out this year.
- Homeless students on campus, possible shelter and food
- Fitness Center on campus
 - New update: A new website was released on Friday 6/12/20. The information is currently updated and should be able to answer any questions that students have about the wellness center.
- Decreasing student tech fees. –Krisna M.
- Duwamish partnership
- Uber signage
- Undocumented Student Support Group
 - We created an email for that group, there is funding available for an undocumented student support position.
- Bylaws updated to include VP of Finance as permanent position within College Council

• ACTION ITEMS

- College Council Consideration: Discussion of access to extra monitors, ergonomic chairs, keyboards, and other basic supplies?
 - Larry: I think that we could organize something were maybe we could have people come one or two days to grab equipment depending on how long this continues.
 - Betsy: It seems like we are going to be working remotely for a while longer.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **Final Quarterly Budget Forum, July 1, 2-4:00 p.m.**
- First Meeting of 2020-21 Academic Year, TBD

