

College Council Minutes

Friday, January 12, 2018

RS 30

Council Member Attendees: Lindsey Hoogkamer Smith, Marianna Asaturova Angel Delker, Anton Amarantunge, Erin, Sol Mendez, Ruben Murcia, Yilin Sun, Seth Roback, Tam Mai

Guests: Rosemary Darrough, Dan Johnson, Zoza Batjargal, Lucy To, and Jeffrey Campbell

Secretary: Lily Allen (not in attendance – notes taken by Erin Barzen and Jeffrey Campbell)

Begin: 9:00am

End: 10:30am

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 8, 2017
 - Since Lily is out, we do not have the December minutes to review and approve. Tabled until February meeting.

3. REGULAR BUSINESS

- College Council vacancy appointments
 - Rosemary Darrough approved to fill Jessica Horst's spot as a Classified representative. All yay's, no abstentions or no's.
 - Dan Johnson wished to observe for a meeting before choosing to put his name in to fill the Exempt position that Virgel Paule held.
- Vice Chair vacancy
 - All positions on the council, with the exception of Anton, will need to go for re-election this year. Therefore, we will need to wait until after elections to select a vice chair.
 - Lindsey met with Pete Lortz earlier this week, so he is aware.
- Membership
 - Seth asked about the process for re-election.
 - Election sub-committee will put out a campus-wide call for nominations at the end of Winter quarter. Current members whose term is ending can nominate themselves or not. Campus constituents will nominate themselves or others. Then it goes the voting stage.
 - Since we will need to re-fill almost the entire council, Pete is willing to reach out to campus communities and to talk with union representatives to aid in the nomination process.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- Speed bump update
 - James Lewis is working with Campus Services on installing one plastic speed bump in the area near the bus stop on campus.
 - Sol is concerned about the type of the bump due to damage to cars from a speed bump that was installed at Safeway.
 - Anton mentioned that signs saying to slow down have been installed on the road behind the Aviation building. This is an area where speeding has been a problem.
- Pete updates – Emergency drill participation, food trucks
 - Pete has said he will continue to work with deans to get the word out to faculty about the importance of safety drills. The next drill is on 1/17/18.
 - Pete said that the request has been passed on to the food truck association for more trucks to offer lower costs and for a bigger variety of trucks to come to campus.
 - Jeffrey – Asking for lower costs could impact the variety of trucks willing to come to campus.
 - Lindsey – Maybe it is not realistic to ask that all trucks offer lower cost items.
 - Jeffrey – Free food given out during finals week caused some conflict with trucks.
 - Sol – Appreciates those that offer the \$5 lunch. Trucks are our guests and need to meet our demographic. Students can also access the food pantry. It is not either/or - there is room for all. Trucks can decide to come here and what to serve when they know our expectations.
 - Dan – Do they pay a fee to be on campus?
 - The understanding in the group is that yes, there is a fee that trucks pay.
 - Rosemary – All of this goes through the truck association?
 - The understanding in the group is yes.
 - Seth – What other options are there for students? Could the trucks be subsidized?
 - Angel – Student Life is hoping to open the pantry more often. They need more donations so that students can shop more than once a week.
- Sustainability Committee Representative (Christa Colouzis and Lucy To)
 - The committee has been around for years, but became much more official and organized last year.
 - Last year they did a waste audit and 75% of campus trash is recyclable or compostable. The goal is to reduce that ratio. Recycling is free and it is a low cost to compost. Less garbage saves money.
 - The college applied for storm water credits, which saved about \$8000 last year.
 - Last year they did an Earth Week, including a movie Monday. About 50 students attended, primarily because faculty brought their classes. This was a success.
 - USA now officially has a Sustainability Officer as a permanent member of the organization. This year the officer is Lucy To.
 - The committee and USA are applying for a \$1000 grant from Pepsi to bring interactive waste stations on campus. The stations give data and feedback on how much and what goes into each bin. This technology was developed by UW students. It does not reprimand you for putting things in the wrong bins.
 - Rosemary – Where will they be placed and how will they be used?

- They will go in a central location. The idea is build off of what has already been done in the cafeteria.
- Improvements have already been made. Compost is now picked up twice a week instead of just once.
- New signage will go up with recycling bins.
- One complication is that the garbage cans at Georgetown are green, which is supposed to be the color for compost. It is too costly just to buy new ones.
- Sol – Custodial staff have been observed putting all the recycle and garbage in one bin. Can communication/education go out to those staff?
- Odessa is on the sustainability committee, so she is informed to work with her staff.
- Sol – Really appreciates the work of the sustainability committee.
- Yilin – Also appreciates their work. Cascade Hall needs signs.
- Christa explained that the design for the bin sites and the size of the bins do not match up. More bins will be purchased but funds for that has not yet been released.
- Jeffrey – What is the requirement of the kitchens to compost?
- They are required and they have been doing a really good job.
- Lucy – The committee needs help with putting up signage around campus. It is a time-consuming job.
- Yilin will help with Cascade Hall.
- Angel – Are student volunteers needed? She encourages this and also suggests educational sessions for students using Cascade Hall.
- Christa – This summer they did educational sessions with TRIO Upward Bound students, which was really successful.
- Seth – Would also appreciate educational opportunities for staff.
- Rosemary – Suggests a partnership with faculty.
- Christa – Yes, this is happening.
- Yilin – Service learning could be paired up with the committee work. Christa asked her to send her names of faculty doing this.
- Erin – What messaging would you like the Council to get out to our constituents?
- Christa – Point out signage to your colleagues.
- Ruben – Given our limited custodial staff, there are bins that are so full they overflow and thus recyclables get mixed in with the trash. Is it possible to call someone when this happens to report it? Could signage be added to the bins about who to call?
- Christa – A work order through megamation can be done for a recurring problem. Do not expect an immediate response, however. Staff are stretched pretty thin. Furthermore, it is important to note that all of our recycling is co-mingled so it doesn't matter if paper, plastic, bottles, cans, etc. get mixed up together. Overall, signage has already made a big impact.
- Topic of 20 classes being cut for Spring 2018 quarter Angel Delker - USA Board President, Zoza Batjargal - Issues & Concerns Officer, Tam Mai - Vice-President, Lucy To - Sustainability Officer, and Jeffrey Campbell – Student at Large.
 - Angel Delker received an email from a teacher on campus about this topic, and brought to the attention of United Student Association and Angel Delker

- Classes are already being canceled and waitlisted
 - Students are not being informed until day of first class
 - Impact to students and their academic progression including current students slated for graduation this Spring completion 2018.
 - Students worried about their academic completion for transfer or graduation
 - Where did the error occur?
 - Students will have to look to other colleges in the area to complete their academic progress
 - 105 classes current will drop to only 88 (approximate) classes being offered
 - We are aware of needing enrollment to increase, how is this action serving this purpose?
 - Reach out to Laura Hopkins, Robin Lewis and Peter Lortz and ask to attend next College Council Meeting. Friday February 23rd 9:00 am in RS 30
 - Inform Pete of the request for a town hall on campus, and devise a press release to the students immediately. They deserve to be informed now in order to prepare themselves and the expected changes.
 - Libby contacted Elizabeth and expressed concern to her
 - Pete and Cabinet and Business office are trying to realize the scope of this matter and alternatives to cutting classes
 - Where is the transparency – why have students not been informed of this matter?
 - What classes are being cut, what departments
 - Ruben stated that he may have to cut his BIO 213 which is a sequence class, 1 of 3. What are his students supposed to do?
 - There have been statements from administrators showing no empathy for the situation.
 - Who else on campus is feeling the effects of this budget cut?
 - Are the comprehensive cuts across all campuses?
 - This is also affecting faculty morale.
 - \$100,000 budget shortfall
 - College Council provides recommendations for the budgets --- Can we receive an explanation?
 - Should we hold an all campus Town Hall Q&A?
 - 2 of them – morning and afternoon
 - How is the decision to cut classes serving our students?
- Angel Delker, Jeffrey Campbell – Smoking Initiative on campus.
 - Will be moving forward to Spring Agenda
 - Pete wants to have a task force immediately implemented on campus

5. ACTION ITEMS

- Schedule March/April College Council meetings
- Future meetings – Smoking on campus update (Angel, Jeffrey, Zoza), Culinary update

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, February 23rd, 2018
9am-10:30am
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March 23rd at 9:00 am in RS 30