



UNITED STUDENT ASSOCIATION (SSC STUDENT GOVERNMENT)

USA Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2020 @ JMB 128 (Conference room)

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

1. Call to Order / Ground Rules:

Mission Statement: *The members of the United Student Association (USA) are committed to nurturing our community by fostering a comfortable and supportive environment. We advocate for the needs and interests of the diverse student body at South Seattle College. We strive to accomplish this commitment by promoting and encouraging self-development, community involvement, and culture sensitivity.*

2. Roll Call:

1. President: **Krisna Mandujano (Present)**
2. Vice President: **Anna Au (Present)**
3. **Officers**
 - Communication Officer: **Mahsa Mohajeri (Present)**
 - Issues & Concerns Officer: **Asma Jama (Present)**
 - Diversity and Inclusion Officer: **Najma Mohamed (Present)**
 - Sustainability Officer: **Afrah Agraw (Present)**
 - Treasurer: **Julio Espinola (Present)**
 - Public Relations Officer: **Mona Debesai (Absent)**
4. Advisor: **Monica Lundberg Present**

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Anna Au, seconded by Afrah Agraw. Agenda approved.
2. **Approval of Minutes:**
Feb. 11th Minutes moved by Anna Au, and seconded by Mahsa Mohajeri.

3. Guests' Concerns and Issues:

4. Scheduled Guests:

1. Mica Hunter, Club Center Coordinator.
 1. Students are allowed to inform the authorities about any incident they encounter on campus, if they feel threatened.
 2. Although contacting the authorities on low level threats may not result in them doing something, it puts the incident on record and protects you from future incidents and threats made by the same person.
 3. Bullying is against the SSC student conduct and should be reported.
2. Daniel Johnson, Dean of Student Life.
 1. Facilitating a sit-down meeting on Thursday February 20th to discuss the issues on campus.
 2. Answers regarding the incident on campus:



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- Since the picture of the USA team is a public picture and is located all over the campus, it can be posted online without permission.
- USA should look at the student conduct and see what has been violated by TPUSA members and report what they find to Human Resources.
- Unfortunately, harassment cannot be filed against the TPUSA member because the incident is not an on-going thing. If it is ever repeated, then USA has the right to file for harassment.

1. Officer (Afrah Agraw): (10 Min)

1. Attended the Sustainability News Letter Committee meeting.
2. Attended the Sustainability Committee Meeting.
3. Attended Trash Talker event on Thursday, February 16th.
4. Help Destin with the Eco-awareness Forum.
5. Announced who was selected for the WOHESC.
6. WOHESC orientation on Monday, February 24th.
7. Started brainstorming on Earth Week.
 1. Will be held in Spring Quarter.
8. Ask the Music Club for their participation in the Earth Week event.
9. Meet with Asma Jama, Najma Mohamed, Mona Debesai, and Mahsa Mohajeri for the Running Start Club.
10. Ask Mahsa Mohajeri for help on the Sustainability Newsletter.
11. Decide on a date and room with Monica Lundberg for the Sustainability Movie.

2. Public Relations Officer (Mona Debesai): (10 Min)

1. Mahsa Mohajeri, the Communications Officer, and I have to put up the flyers for the Eco-Awareness Forum which will be on Wednesday February 19th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in CAH 107.
2. Designing the flyer for the Wellness Center Forum happening sometime in March.
3. Work with Krisna Mandujano, President, on designing a Financial Aid Fees information graphic.
4. Take down old poster and recollect the A-boards with Mahsa Mohajeri.
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3. Issues and Concerns Officer (Asma Jama): (10 Min)

1. Attended the Students of Color Forum.
2. Attended the BSU Forum.
3. The report for "The power and Impact of Your Voices".
4. "Replacement for water fountain"- comment from a student.
 1. A student has brought up the lack of water bottle filler fountains around campus and the hidden locations of the existing ones.
5. Attend the Safety Committee meeting Feb. 19th.

4. Diversity and Inclusion Officer (Najma Mohamed): (10 Min)

1. Student of color Forum debrief (great turnout!).
2. Attended BSU event on Wednesday February 19th.
3. Tenure class observation didn't show up on Thursday, but I met with him Tuesday the 18th.
4. Met with CEID on Thursday the 13th and discussed the incident that occurred regarding the USA team pictures being posted by TPUSA with hateful comments and brainstormed ideas on what to do next.
5. Contact CARE about the incident and see if they want to get involved.

5. Treasurer (Julio Espinola): (10 Min)

1. Attended the Anti- racial College Forum.
2. Present the USA budget at the end of the meeting.
3. Find a speaker for the "Know your rights" workshop.
 1. Contacted a few organizations about getting speakers, but no one has answered yet.
 2. If no speaker is found, the date will be changed.
4. Meet with some USA officers to discuss the next year allocations.
5. Set up the budget committee and start having official, weekly meetings.



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6. Communication Officer (Mahsa Mohajeri): (10 Min)

1. Attended the BSU Black History Month event on Wednesday the 12th.
2. Attended the Take Care of Yourself event hosted by the CEID office on Thursday, February 13th with Mona Debesai, the Public Relations Officer.
3. Attended the Students of Color Forum held by Najma Mohamed.
 1. Very successful event.
 2. Received positive feedback from students.
4. Attend the BSU Black History Month event tomorrow, February 19th.
5. Put up and take down flyers with Mona Debesai.
6. Check in with Anna Au, Vice President, about the U.S.A. board.
7. Attend Tenure meeting on Wednesday the 19th from 1:30 to 3:00.
8. Get the minutes from November from Krisna Mandujano and update the boards in OLY, UNI, and JMB.
9. Art Committee will be meeting on March 2nd from 1:30 to 3:00.
 1. Contact me if you're interested in joining.
10. Help Destin with his Eco-Awareness event by bringing art supplies, ordering snacks, and help setting up.

7. Vice President (Anna Au): (10 Min)

1. Attended the BSU meeting.
2. Represent as the student leader for King County ballot box on SSC campus.
3. Meet with PTK President for photo to include in Olympic Hall Poster.
 1. It would confuse the students to see the PTK President on the same poster as the USA Officers.
 2. Maybe create a separate poster for the PTK Officers and put them up on their boards.
4. Coordinate with Krisna for by-law committee schedule.
5. Establish and announce voter registration box location in student life.
6. Ballot boxes have been approved by King County and will be placed in our campus in Spring.
7. Email Professor Cushnie about the voter registration boxes so he could get the word out to his students.



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8. President (Krisna Mandujano): (10 Min)

1. Campus Enhancement fee and discrepancies.
2. Food inclusivity committee meeting on Wednesday, March 11th.
3. WA Census Alliance collaboration.
 1. Get someone from nonprofit organizations to come and talk about the Census.
 2. No one has responded so far.
4. Marketing the Wellness Center Forum will be on March 10th.

- Advisor (Monica Lundberg): (15 Min)

1. Here are a few ways to deal with the incident that occurred regarding the USA team pictures being taken:
 1. Invite Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap, SSC President to a USA meeting and ask her what can the USA do?
 2. File an individual report with the police to have something on file.
 3. Go to human resources and see what they can help with since bullying incidences are supposed to be reported to them.
 4. Ask Dean Johnson, Dean of Student Life, about the steps of filling for harassment.
2. Opioid Education mobile needs support.

5. Any Other Business (AOB) / Old Business:

1. Land Acknowledgment statement
 - Moved by Anna Au, seconded by Mahsa Mohajeri and passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Agenda and Minutes taken by Communications Officer Mahsa Mohajeri



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