

College Council Meeting #3 - 10/23

Attendance:

Name	Attendance
Alex	Present
Demetrius Daniel	Present
Trinity Bledsoe	Present
Kevin Guo	Present
Andrea	Present
Aaron Weinberg	Present
Ahman	Present
Ash	Present
Darya	Present
Greg	Present
Chad	Present
Elijah Jenkins	Present
Juan Simon	Present
Ezinne	Present
Nate?	Present
Sariya	Present
Logan Toe	Present
Sebastian Davis	Present
Darius	Present
Victor (Proxy for Dariel)	Present
Jeff	Present
Arianna	Present
Tim	Present

Shanice	Present
Bianca	Present

Agenda:

1. Attendance
 - a. 2 unexcused absences
2. Laptop Policy
 - a. Allowed, but don't let it be a distraction
 - b. No laptops with guest speakers
3. USG Overview
 - a. Cabinet
 - b. College Council
 - i. Legislative body
 - ii. Advocating for students
 - c. Committees
 - i. Health & wellness
 - ii. Sustainability, sexual assault awareness & prevention, Marginalized Student Affairs, academic & career affairs, residence life & dining, RSO funding & support
 - d. Sub-Committees and working groups
 - i. Working groups, working on proposals for specific projects
 - e. Advisors & other appointed leaders
 - f. Staff cadre
 - i. Communication Managers
 - g. Student Advocate's Office
 - i. Help students with administrative proceedings (financial aid, disciplinary action, housing, etc)
 - ii. Providing guidance
4. Muslim Student Association Testimony (see details in Notes)
5. SGFC Confirmation by College Council for Week 3 and Week 4

Notes:

→ Accomplishing Task as CC member

◆ Resolutions

- Idea → background research → create resolution → CC feedback → CC vote → advocate → "finish line"
 - Sometimes we don't make it past the finish line because of administration, but goal is to make it to metaphorical line
- Example document: Sponsors, signatories (RSOs related to the specific resolution/issue)

◆ Process Example

- Components can include: identify area for improvement/topic/problem, background research, finding supporters, drafting resolution, passing resolution, advocating for project (coordinating with RSOs, conducting survey with CLC)
- Introducing resolutions to change constitutional amendments
 - ◆ Need referendum
- Committees
 - ◆ A Tier
 - Lowest level of commitment
 - Committee on RSOs (CORSO) - once or twice a quarter longer deliberation meetings
 - Committee on Academic Teams (CAT)
 - Occasional longer meetings
 - ◆ B Tier (medium weekly commitment)
 - Health and Wellness
 - Once a week for one hour
 - Campus Sustainability
 - Once a week meetings
 - Residence Life/Dining
 - Organization of Multicultural Students Association (OMSA)
 - Programming Coordinating
 - ◆ C Tier (highest commitment)
- Voting Procedures
 - ◆ 1. Roll call voting or unanimous decision for most decisions
 - ◆ 2. Roll call for resolutions
 - ◆ In the instance of a roll call, staff reads out names until one by one it is concluded*
- Muslim Student Association
 - ◆ Quranic - formal education of Sciences - MSA's strongest event
 - ◆ Requested \$1700, received half of it
 - Amount based on people from last year
 - ◆ Will have to have limited dinners/events, people choosing between eating and coming to the Quran club
 - ◆ Appealing for full price
 - ◆ Fundraising isn't feasible; they are already working on other high-effort/burden events
 - With the current funding only able to have one more event this year
 - ◆ Need to fully pay for prayer space, ~\$12,000
 - ◆ Sponsors are upset that they don't receive a lot of funding, not very supportive
 - ◆ Spiked attendance this year
 - ◆ Are providing an accessible diet for students who have Halal dietary restrictions
 - Usually order from specific places, have people bring the food, usually rent the space
 - ◆ Cost \$10-15 for meals per student (40 people per session)

- ◆ Event is every Thursdays of the quarter at 7pm, go to as late as 9 PM (outside dining hall hours)
 - Halal food isn't served at any 4th meal/ other on campus dining options outside dining hours
 - Without more funding, the event would have to be reduced to once or twice a quarter
 - ◆ Money fundraised each year: minimum \$52k
 - ◆ Main modes of fundraising - reaching out to Muslim community members or graduates
 - ◆ If they aren't funded, quarter meetings would go from weekly to 1x or 2x a quarter
 - Want to get over barrier that would stop students from coming, choosing between prayer, events, and food
 - ◆ 30-40 attendees of last week's Quranic event
 - ◆ Offer more diverse range of Halal food that dining halls don't meet
- Committee Deliberation:
- ◆ Ash: Attended Quranic club, good experience and one of only religious committees without prayer space, have to rent space, wants to fund in full; after Ramadan, they have leftover food so that food could be used for upcoming club dinners, also reducing the amount needed to go directly to the dinners
 - ◆ Kevin Guo: Just for Autumn Quarter, and they see a spike in membership, so attendance numbers show this would be half of their food budget per person. If we see a drop in attendance numbers, they should come back and we can reexamine numbers to see how the budget fits.
 - ◆ Aaron: Last year we blew past SGFC budget, recurring events capped at 50% because we can't afford to fund every event, and clubs expected to fundraise on their own. They are taking initiative, but if we continue with the trend, we will run out of funding within weeks. We can fund an increased amount this quarter, maybe \$1,200. Expectation that members chip into the club's effort
 - ◆ Advisor: they are fundraising a lot compared to a lot of groups, other RSOs don't wish to fundraise
 - ◆ Demetrius: important distinction between religious RSOs compared to more recreational RSOs
 - ◆ ___ : Having to provide a large amount of their prayer space, excluding the amount they're asking for for the Quran Club. It is worth investing in for their well-being, other religions have a designated space but they have to pay for theirs in order to practice their religion.
 - ◆ Sariya: It would make more sense to change allocation based on increase in membership. Calculations bring funding up to \$1400 with updated number of members.
 - ◆ Darya: Fall membership makes or breaks the rest of the year membership, so food is a big deal-breaker. This will help people come. If they apply in spring for funding and they don't get it, members will be more loyal because they've been there for 2 years. Important to fund now.
 - ◆ Motion funding for \$1,200: No one

- ◆ Ash moves to fund MSA Quranic event in full:
- ◆ Andrea: second
 - Darius: yay
 - Sebastian
 - Logan
 - Sariya
 - Nate
 - Ezinne
 - Juan
 - Chad
 - Greg
 - Dariya
 - Ash
 - Ahman: nay
 - Aaron: nay
 - kevin
 - Trinity
 - Demetrius
 - Alex: nay
 - Andrea: yay
 - The motion **passes** for full funding.
- Juan seconds motion for MSA funding from last week, Week 3.
- Motions for passing:
 - ◆ Motion to pass all SGFC's funding decisions from last week, Week 4.
- Applications reopened for Housing/Res Life and Sexual Assault Council committee due to low numbers
- Aaron: For almost every club if you're a committee member, you're not supposed to have active ties with RSO you're funding due to conflict of interests.
 - ◆ CAT (funds ethics bowl, chicago debate society, robotics)
 - ◆ PPC for Doc films, fire escape, WHPK
- Ezinne: COMSA emergency fund for minority-ran clubs on campus (OBS, ACSA, etc)
- Nate: motion to accept in full
- Aaron: second
- Week 6 Tabling in Reynolds
 - ◆ USG survey about campus climate, garnering info
 - ◆ Trinity and Demetrius volunteer
 - ◆ Raffling Hamilton tickets