

College Council Meeting #4 - 10/30

Attendance:

Name	Attendance
Ezinne	Present
Logan	Present
Demetrius	Present
Trinity	Present
Kevin	Present
Juan Simon	Present
Ariana	Present
Amy	Present
Greg	Present
Aya	Present
Nina	Present
Chad	Present
Ash	Present
Ahman	Present
Aaron	Present
Darius	Present
Alex	Present
Shanice	Present
Andrea	Present
Sariya	Present
Jeff	Present

Agenda:

1. SGFC Week 5
 - a. Motion Passed for SGFC Week 5 Budget
 - b. Discussion around the publicity around RSO funding decisions made by CC/SGFC
2. Class Issue Brainstorm
 - a. Academic Advising Concerns
 - b. Resources for Victims of Crimes
 - c. Student Wellness
 - i. Resources for psychological testing
 - ii. Lack of knowledge of resources available
 - d. Timeliness of Facilities Being Fixed
 - i. Blue Light outside IHouse/Blue light locations not being accurate (Ties into safety concerns)
 - ii. Facility issues within residence halls/dormitories not being addressed in timely fashion
 - e. First years not being connected to resources upon arriving at UChicago
 - f. Safety Concerns
3. Class Breakdown Policy Issues
4. USG Banquet
 - a. Next Monday, November 6, 2023 in Hutchinson Dining Commons
5. Committee Confirmations

Notes:

→ SGFC Week 5

- ◆ Amy talked to advisor, we can get requests from them
 - Will be accessible thru Box
- ◆ Concern about RSOs funding requests being made public
 - Possible vote for it to go into closed session or be completely accessible - Jeff
 - SGFC minutes already up on website, could be friction between clubs if requests are overpublicized, happening bc there's no CC member who can report on SGFC
- ◆ Closed session could be called, be mindful of the way it's accessed
- ◆ Wanting some privacy about RSO funding and convos starting around the impact of that funding on events - Ash

- ◆ Public scrutiny around RSO funding not a bad thing, things being public as checks and balance for USG- Kevin
- ◆ Needing checks if funding is excessive with low turnout as well as feeling watched by student body/public
- ◆ Money comes from tuition/student fees; responsibly communicate decisions of RSO funding - Aaron
- ◆ USG has access to them but records are only made available to public if USG makes them public
- ◆ Motion to approve SGFC budget by Aaron
 - ◆ Motion passed

→Class Issue Brainstorm

- ◆ CC members discuss the question: “From your time at UChicago, have you identified any areas of improvement/aspects lacking on campus?”
 - ◆ Academic advising - Aya
 - Aid package didn't deem her an odyssey scholar
 - FGLI support; made Aya have to seek adviser change
 - Advisers encouraging HUM and SOSC, a lot of first years are struggling with this choice - Andrea
 - Ties back to student wellness, very little support for mental health, no streamline process of finding resources to get the support needed
 - Pre-reg is a different process from summer registration for first years, pre-reg for winter upcoming yet first years don't know how it operates
 - People in CAAP program were given housing 5 days after everyone else, got scraps of housing after everyone else
 - Problems with facilities in housing > go to RA/RH - Nina
 - ◆ Ash - victim of robbery
 - Lack of resources for victims of robberies
 - No support during transition from UCPD to CPD
 - USG has emergency fund, for some reason, didn't get used for Ash's instance
 - Ash wasn't connected to anyone to give them resources/better communication for what happened to them
 - Kevin - emergency fund through the financial aid office (specifically not for
 - ◆ Trinity - Student wellness doesn't offer psychological testing
 - Can be up to \$5k for students
 - Barrier in finances
 - Services within student wellness can be subpar
 - People with USHIP/no insurance, it can be difficult to get any support
 - ◆ Blue Light by IHouse has been broken for several weeks - Alex
 - Responsive time/when they've been fixed; things not being fixed in a reasonable time frame
 - Housing problems in Max P with pests, services in buildings being shut/locked by staff

- ◆ First Years not being connected to resources
 - See: above comments by Andrea and Trinity
- ◆ Safety Concerns - Trinity
 - No communication about off-campus notifications
 - There is a listhost to sign up for about those off-campus notifications, people don't want to know about every single crime incident occurring in Hyde Park - Chad
 - According to Kevin: Up to 2018, all alerts were sent through email/text; the problem was that too many incidents were being sent out. Issue with opt-in changed criteria for mailing list >
 - To be notified, 3 or more have to be robbed/fit a pattern (only on timely notifications, not crime bulletin) > untimely notifications sent out
 - Friend of Aya sent an email of report, nothing was sent about their incident
 - There should be an opt-out option rather than opt-in, administration needs to do better job at understanding what students should do - Nina
- ◆ Amy - How much do students learn about resources?
 - Alex: In CAAP, students only learned about a majority of Library resources compared to other useful ones such as financial aid, academic advising
 - Students feel they have to go to other students rather than admin about issues/resources they are seeking
 - Services during orientation are redundant (i.e. Aims of Education)
 - Nina: RAs give presentation about resources for first-years; hard for students to remember all of those resources
 - Ezinne - gap in what students get here, there's no direction in what students should do/where to go when those resources are needed; Inaccuracies with resources (i.e. bluelight locations on UChicago Safe); when problems arise, students can't completely remember exactly where that resource is at
 - Aaron - dialogue can't get much done in a large group, working groups may be better for this discussion on how to move forward
- ◆ USG Banquet
 - Week from today
 - Half of a training for USG (what everyone apart of USG should know)
 - Anyone in USG will be invited (Committees including members, etc also invited)
 - Funding: sizeable cost (feeding 60-70 people)
 - Somewhat mandatory, scheduled during CC hours, going straight from CC to banquet
 - Partially social, sit with committee members and build connections
 - Location: Hutch Dining Commons
- ◆ Committee Confirmations
 - Only missing committee appointments is ACAT? (check previous meeting notes)
 - Can't seat them at the moment
 - SAAF/SEF don't have list of member applications
 - RLDC/SAAF only confirming 2 members (will need support for these committees)

- Form for RLDC app is still accepting applications
- Aaron seconds motion to confirm committees
- CC reps committee assignments not seated fully except for COMSA, CORSO
- Elijah will tell everyone about committees that CC is seated on

→ Class Breakdown Policy Issues

- ◆ Did not break into groups and rather had a large group discussion around more issues facing the general student body