April 21st, 2020
TEAMS
General Assembly
-Open Session-

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Alexander Tang, Chief of Staff
Present

April Phan, Vice Chair of Finance and Strategic Planning

Ashley Sutton, Vice Chair of Community Relations

Buddy Todd, Vice Chair of Marketing and Communications

Cheyenne Carlson, Executive Coordinator
Present

Clara Cordova, President and Board Chair

Khoa Nguyen, Intern

Michelle Harper Kowalczyk, Assistant Director & Advisor
Present
REPRESENTATIVES

Belen Mesele, Social, Racial, Economic Justice Representative

Charlie Stone, Student Wellness Representative

Danielle Beaulieu, Incoming College of Science and Engineering Representative

Donald Hall, Student Wellness Representative

Gustav Meyners, Veterans Affairs Community Representative

James Austin, College of Nursing Representative

Joanna Delasse, School of Law Representative

John Malcomson, School of Theology and Ministry

Kabanda Obed, College of Education Representative

Mark Chesney, College of Arts and Sciences Representative

Miguel Gonzalez, Albers School of Business and Economics Representative

Nicole Parker, Student Parent Representative

Odmaa Munkhjargal, Albers School of Business and Economics Representative

Oscar Trinidad, College of Arts and Sciences Representative

Sarah Christensen, College of Nursing Representative

Sayuri Barron, Student Parents Representative

GUESTS

Trish Henley, Special Assistant to the Provost for Graduate Education
I. Call to Order

II. Adoption of Minutes from GA on April 7, 2020

(Alex) I seek a motion to adopt the Meeting Minutes from April 7th.

Donald: I motion to adopt the Meeting Minutes.
John: I second.

Vote
Yays: 7
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 0

The Meeting Minutes from April 7th are adopted and will be posted on ConnectSU and on the website.

III. Old Business:

i. Spring Quarter Elections

(Alex) The application to apply for GSC Executive Board positions is out and the deadline is May 3rd. If you are interested please apply!

ii. Tea with GSC

- (Alex) This is a concept of a casual team time of instead of having a formal GA meeting involving business. This would create a time where students can come and be with their representatives and share their experiences during this time etc. GAs are open for students.
  - Buddy is going to create marketing around it.
  - The Board heard you from the last meeting and we do not want to overpressure representatives but we know students are feeling invisible.
  - What are some things we need to include to be successful?
    - (Gustav) Is there a way of determining who is going to take turns speaking? Want it to be moderated in some form so people do not talk over each other, such as a raising hand function.
    - (John) Do students have to download the Teams app to come to such a meeting?
      - (Alex) These are good points, thank you.
(Belen) don’t have to download app but can use from computers.
  ■ (Cheyenne) We want to create a space that is fun but structured. This is an opportunity to do your job as a representative and connect with students. Representatives would have the opportunity to work in groups of 2 or 3 to create the space as you see fit, aka creating questions or activities.
    o (Nicole) What is the structure we would be having? Obviously when we can see each other it is easier to direct the conversation. Fun or/and reflective questions?
    o (Michelle) I am hearing action items that we should generate a list of questions or identifying 1 or 2 people who would be willing to identify questions.
    o (Alex) Would anyone like to generate some questions?
      ■ (Sayuri) Example of a question? I am a little confused on the bases.
      ■ (Cheyenne) They can be fun and casual or more serious or business related, such as “what sort of tea are you drinking? What have you been doing for exercise/food? Favorite item you own? Pet tricks etc. How are you doing mentally right now? Any needs from the GSC? What can we do?”
      ■ (Nicole) I can help generate different categories for questions such as ice breakers, reflections, about you show and tell, how you are coping, self-care ideas.
    • (Alex) Thank you Nicole.

IV. New Business:
  iii. Vote to Remove

(Alex) Two representatives have not been active at all the entire year and were elected in the autumn. They have not participated in general assemblies or responded to any emails. I would like to hold a vote to remove these representatives.

I seek a motion to remove Aishwara Supekar and Miguel Gonzalez for their lack of participation.

Sayuri: I motion.
Nicole: I second.

■ (Sarah) Discussion period. I want to make sure they fully understood the expectations and that there were no barriers, have you reached out to them?
  o (Alex) Yes I have been reaching out.
  o (John) I remember that you did a good job about sending out notes after the election period. I suppose from a volunteer point of view it appeals to me if they
resigned their positions instead of us voting them out. Maybe we could give them a phone call.
  - (Alex) Good point. I did send them an email with a couple options and a date and time to get rid of them.
  - (Sayuri) Is there a way to get feedback from them? To see if they did not have strong enough/set action items.
  - (Alex) That is a good point. What happened that they are not participating or being present.
  - (Nicole) I support the decision and to cover our basis and get an exit survey. They have been given multiple avenues and have not participated.
  - (Michelle) My understanding I that that communication has already been sent of which the vote remains today.
  - (Belen) Who will fill their roles? Will we send out an email to the students about new roles open? Next move?
    - (Alex) We will email the general student body about the vacant positions and they can apply if interested.
    - (Sayuri) Would it go over into next year?
    - (Alex) It would just be for this quarter, and then reset for next year.
      - (Michelle) We have the option to not fill the positions as it is already spring quarter.
      - (Sayuri) I do not think it is worth the effort to find someone because it is such a different quarter experience right now.

Vote
Yays: 7
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 0

Aishwara and Miguel have been removed from the General Assembly.

ii. Trish Henley

Thanks for giving me time. We have various initiatives happening right now.
- First the student support center, which has multiple purposes:
  - Create a single point of contact about policy changes/updates.
  - Undergraduate and graduated FAQs are combined.
  - Have staff members that can help students figure out their issue, question, or concern.
  - Added some new calm channels.
  - Can use chat box, telephone call, or email if need help/have issues.

The site has been very successful; there are many views of page and outreach has picked up by students, parents and staff.

If you have time to visit the page, please provide feedback or anything missing and email us to add the information so we can add it to the channel: studensupportcenter@seattle
Changes are happening to the structuring of the Graduate Educational Council. We want to be more efficient and handle more issues and pull in more diversity of issues.

- Start instituting standing subcommittees: 1) Student experience Grad assistance ships & student research subcommittee; 2) Career outcome and alumni subcommittee; 3) admissions marketing and enrollment.
- (John) What is the second committee?
  - (Trish) It would not be universal, but would handle issues around student work.
- (Nicole) Would the 2nd committee have time to focus on student parents? Important area of focus.
  - (Trish) Absolutely.
- Nicole: Is there a plan for how students become aware of this site?
  - (Trish) Through me. I would like more student feedback. So maybe that’s what this collaboration could be as well with the GA. Want formal and informal communication channels. This is formal, and we want student representatives on those subcommittees. Want feedback on what you would like from me. What needs to be addressed and how can I help you address them? Reach out to me through email and student support center.

V. Reports

Gustav: A senate bill passed for veteran students: VA for scholarship has transferred to online benefits. So will still be receiving benefits even though classes are online. No one is having issues at this point.

John: Do students having good enough internet connections? I definitely witness it some, having some people have to shut down their video or hard to hear.
  - (Sarah) Not from students but I am watching teachers struggle but think that is because of the overall teaching transition.
  - (Trish) There are initiatives on campus to connect students on campus to better tech. We have a FAQ page up. Students can get phones with hot spots and chrome books if they have bad internet.
    - (John) I am actually aware of that. I was unsure if people are accessing that and if it is a large issue. I think SU is doing a good job but people might not be knowing resources are there. Social justice issues.
  - (Michelle) There are great sites for representatives to be sharing with peers in your college. Need to get message across to students who are not getting it through other means: https://www.seattleu.edu/get-answers/
    - (John) I can send out, but we are getting a lot of emails and I understand people must take initiative to actually do it.
    - (Michelle) Of 86 people who have completed registration, 3 expressed some concern around access to internet. In reality, 3 out of 86 is too many. We are doing what we can to get info out there.
• (Nicole) Students know information is out there but some students just checked out and struggle with motivation. Need to keep student engagement. Can use graphics instead of links and writing; makes it easier to digest.
• (John) I want to commend SU for helping me get a phone with a hotspot. Make sure to include the clear option to attend meetings by phone, include in text of invites of GA meeting.
• (Alex) Thank you everyone. There is also the Cares Act by SU, which we can send to students. Might add to newsletter with graphics.

Call this meeting to adjourn. Will see you all in 2 weeks. Thank you all.