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Student Government Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 29, 2022

I. Opening of Meeting

- a) Call to order at 5:10
- b) Pledge of Alliance
- c) First roll call
 - President Malik Vice President Chair Karki Chair Erickson Chair Rau Chair Basnet Senator Yusuf Senator Irfan Senator Lal Senator Hudson Senator Mobin Senator Mohammad Uddim
- d) Approval of today's agenda: Motion passes unanimously

II. Hearings

- a. Open Gallery
 - Judith Pendrd Siminoe came to talk on behalf of SCSU University Policy.

She talked about the renewal of an existing policy "University Initiated Student Withdrawal" in which students who have severe cases of mental health problems are to be withdrawn from school with the accordance of students.

If they show signs of doing better students are to be allowed to continue their studies for a better future.

The reason behind leaving school will be kept confidential between the student and the school, not accessible to parents either. Although why dropping out will be in the record but the reason will not be revealed.

They have not yet decided what to do with the fee the student has already covered for the whole semester, but they leave without completing the semester. They want to prioritize their student's mental health this semester onward.

• Dr. Peggy Sarnicki from Husky Advance came to talk about how their organization works.

She explains about Mentor and Mentee and explains how we can make the best of the opportunity to grow as a student excel in university.

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After taking a part in the program we create a learning environment that meets both our professional and personal objectives, we will create a professional portfolio and obtain a digital credential that will demonstrate our knowledge and potential throughout the process.

She recommends senior students to take it as they are nearing their graduation, so they could use this program to have a smooth transition. She also encouraged introverted students to participate as this program is a wonderful way of building connections and learning how to excel in their sector.

• Roblyn Austin, who is the co-president of the Social Work Association (SWA) came to talk about the new project they took on.

The project is forming a reproductive march, the upcoming election has power to jeopardize reproductive rights and as social workers they find it important to stand up to those who might be affected by the change.

Holding the reproductive march on October 22nd, at 11am at Lake George. She requests SGA to use our power of voice to spread news about it to collect as many as possible for the march.

So far, they have been gathering fundings and finding speakers. (Everyone encourages each other to attend this event.)

- b. Internal Elections
 - Archi Joshi, Elected as Senate-At-Large
 - Priska Dhungana, Elected as Senate-At-Large

III. Officer Reports

- a. President Meet with Shazaad Ahamad and Angie, informed senate of the project they are working on, they are assisting in bringing back the international student organization, cultural student organization has asked for help. Talked about Herberger School Internships, university has been trying to make incremental change.
- b. Vice President- Had a productive conversation with leader of the Period Project. Trying to find permanent funding for this project.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Fee Allocation- Had a meeting with Katrina, Larry Lee, and Chair Rau's two advisors trying to coordinate themselves in line with the university budget.
- b. Public Relation- Made their first SG TikTok. Made schedule for Instagram takeovers. Chair Erickson and Senator Hudson have a meeting with the County about transitional housing.
- c. Senate Finance- Had some students apply for external chair, internal chair, and committee members.
- d. Student Services- Working on Food committee, on forming a team, on forming a survey questionnaire, need to set up a meeting with Tess.
- e. Sustainability Committee- (Senator Sangibat approved as Chair for Sustainability committee.) Making the bylaws ready by next week. Working on committee goals. Heads up on overall approach for this year thinking of starting up with smaller projects, in the middle some few events planned, and at the end of the year if they do well enough planning to apply for a grant and produce an important thing for the university. Have a meeting with the advisor next week. Partnered with the GA of the civic engagement of campus involvement by participating in neighborhood clean-up by making posters and making awareness videos.

VI. Last Call for Business

a. Senator Hudson: Attended some organization meetings, reached out by the rowing Crew. Brought to concern about Halenbeck, not sure who to communicate to set their room up for training. They were kept

in dance team rooms and had to leave repeatedly. They were wondering if Senators or Chief Justice could help them.

Chief Justice- Recommends Calvin Diggs and Duffy as their main source of help.

- b. Continued by Chief Justice Yeruvuri- New advisor for the Judicial Committee goes by Becka. Proposing to make a committee to investigate the recent case. If the idea is accepted, the Chief Justice will have two people who are not associated with SGA to sit with her and help her with her on the final decision for the Case.
- c. President Malik- Continuation of plans for light up the dark event, around mid-October, panning on recognizing it as a permanent event.

VII. Closing of Meeting

- a. New Business- None
- b. Open Statement
- c. Last Roll Call President Malik Vice President Executive Assistant Baduwal Chief Justice Yeruvuri Chair Karki Chair Erickson Senator Sangibat Senator Irfan Senator Irfan Senator Lal Senator Hudson Senator Mobin Senator Mohammad Uddim Senator Yusuf
- d. Adjournment Adjourned at 7:47pm