MINUTES FOR THE SECOND EXECUTIVE BOARD

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Stern 321

7th of October, 2021

Attendance: All Present

Call to Order: 3:32 p.m.

- Director Broome
  - **Period Products** (Gracie)
    - Senator pace has questions about the initiative
      - What is the intention, will we get dispensers, and making it a long term project
        - Senator Pace will reach out to Council on this
  - VP Collins: Reach out to Treasurer Maguire
    - Right now the goal is to distribute the products because there is currently none on campus
    - We have tried to get it into the maintenance budget but it has been repeatedly denied
    - Definitely still supportive of trying to make the initiative longterm, however it has so far been unsuccessful
• MD: we should provide data of what has happened in the past with the initiative, and what requests have been made toward getting it incorporated into facilities management budget
• Treasurer Maguire: we have had a lot of demand/emails about when products are being refilled on campus, so that is a priority right now
  ○ Senator Pace and Treasurer Maguire need to discuss this further, and have a convo about senator Pace taking the lead again, now that were all back on campus
• Pres Thompson: did we ever do research from peer institutions about this
  ○ MD: not entirely, there are past reports, but a more conclusive research could be done
  ○ Religious Holidays (Michael)
    ■ More leeway on attendance and religious holidays during the school year
    • Director Kronsberg: what is is goal?
      ○ Director Broome: he is moreso trying to get leniency on absences due to religious reasons
  ○ Public Safety Forum (Morgan)
    ■ See DCOS report
• Director Kronsberg
  ○ COVID Resolution- Any purpose?
    ■ Decided no against the open forum suggestion from last meeting
      • Lee penny spoke at last senate and did a good job of initiating discussion
    ■ Resolution may not be the best idea anymore, especially after Lee Penny addressed concerns at Senate
      • Also resolution is symbolic and wont really make a change
      • We should move moreso in a social media/advocacy route
  ○ Add/Drop- Peer & Aspiring Institutions
Other institutions based on research have longer periods for add drop

Provost Austin agreed to a meeting with the Registrar to chat about this further

- **Gardening/Landscaping (Kathlene)**
  - Needs to email facilities management to get more info
    - VP COLLINS: reach out to the grounds department instead

- **Dining Halls (Kathlene, Maggie)**
  - **Hours being extended**
    - Given how much we pay for meal plans, dining halls seemed to be closed more so than they should be
  - **Liberty dining hall**
    - Was closed last week without any notice
    - VP Collins; Should be a one time issue

- **Allergies**
  - Cross contamination of serving spoons and silverware in dining halls with foods that people are allergic to. What can be done about this

- CarolAnne wants to work on NARCAN initiative
- Mental Health Initiative/Speaker (Jackson)
  - **Sigma Chi mental health event**
    - Can SGA help promote this?
    - VP COLLINS: PRESIDENT OF SIGMA CHI SHOULD EMAIL VP COLLINS TO GET SGA INVOLVED

- Previous Initiatives- Grad Forgiveness, Grade Scale, Coed Housing (Justin)
  - **Coed Housing**
    - VP Collins: We should refer it to gender neutral housing
      - Will reach out to PRISM to see if they want to keep working on it with us

- **Intersectional Reporting (Megha)**
  - Office of Victim Services
  - Change name of Initiative
- VP Collins: focused on getting the college and CHS to report sexual assaults intersectionality. Allowing us to specify certain groups within the community to provide resources catered specifically for that group
  - Work with victim services to help publicize data and diverge from the intersectionality reporting of it
  - Sydney Eilend is a student who is very passionate about this and has mentioned interest in working on this
  - If tabling occurs they should specify what they want to do with that tabling, and if collaboration with Victim services occurs
- MD: sexual assault resources page on website that Sydney Eilend helped a lot with
  - It is currently up and running and provides detail of resources to connect students to
    - Problems with Public Safety, Student Health, & Counseling Center (Megha, Justin, Maggie)
      - Student health
        - Get advisory board up and running again
      - Counseling center
        - Scheduling is very difficult, and getting referrals to outside agencies
          - MD: Unfortunately due to limiting staffing, that has affected wait times. Volume of students needing services has also increased
          - Protocol→ a new program they are trying to start
            - Would work with emergency/crisis walk in situations
            - Licensed mental health professionals working hotline
          - Dr Wiseman
            - New director who will start working on the 18th Oct.
          - Referrals
- Counseling center is more so equipped for short term counseling, and are not equipped for recurring weekly/long-term meetings
  - Referrals are for that purpose for students who need weekly sessions
- They do have referrals however, those places are also experiencing overload of patients and decreased resources causing long wait times
  - New counselors are currently being interviewed and will potentially be hired

- **Director Schaner**
  - **Narcan on Campus**
    - Maddie and Charleston already emailed the collegiate recovery program director→ will be meeting soon
      - Director mentioned hes already had pushback about putting narcan on campus
    - VP Collins: make sure we all check in first before sending emails, but love the idea and we definitely should go for the initiative
      - Committee directors need to bring initiatives to council first
  - **Third party vendors for dining options**
    - **Foodtrucks**
      - Reach out to MUSC because they host an event where they bring out food trucks to campus
      - Potentially do once a month
    - VP Collins: aramark contract is the concern
      - MD: aramark controls all food products sold and marketed on campus
        - There are exceptions they can grant when they feel like they cant staff it or prepare correctly
○ The hotdog lady by Stern is technically off campus since it's a city street.
○ Aramark does have food trucks. **Amy Orr** should be contacted, and possibly go that route

○ **Grade forgiveness**
  ■ Maya agreed to be point of contact
  ● Meet with new registrars office
  ■ Pres Thompson: meet with new registrars office and since it's a interim register it may be a very slow start
  ● He would like to be apart of the initiative as well

○ **Sean asked about taking on his own as far as Pronouns and condoms**
  ■ Wanted to know if this was ok, since he’s not a senator right now
  ● Pres Thompson: worked on this his freshman year. Was going to wait for the period project to be completed, since it would more than likely be the same logistical process for condoms
  ○ Sean should reach out to student services/Lee Penny to see if they have condoms for distribution
  ○ Stern facilities management is willing to also stock condom dispensers
  ○ Director Kronsberg: is there a way to educate campus community on why period products should be in all bathrooms, including mens
  ■ VP Collins: had this problem previously, we could make signage for mens restrooms explaining why their in there, and a email to faculty/students
  ● VP Collins: Sean can work on whatever he wants to work on
  ○ What route is he going with the pronouns?
Faculty senate voted no on mandating professors displaying pronouns on syllabi/course material
If he wants to go moreso in a route of professors being more inclusive to pronouns that would be good
Sean should look and do research on where the initiative left off

- **Communication Directors**
  - **Posted bike auction postponement**
    - Senators somehow still unaware of postponement
  - **Mental health awareness month**
    - Will start working on that
  - **Covid vaccinations/resources**
    - Are we going to do a campaign?
    - We could advertise the incentives more so as well
    - Lee penny would be a good point of contact for student media posting
    - Pres Thompson: posting when testings are happening on campus. They are increasing after fall break

- **Halloween**
  - Think first campaign, are we doing it again this year?
    - VP Collins: yes upper administration usually reaches out to us on this
    - Make halloween costume talk/respect more interactive
      - Spotify recap posts, senator inclusion

- **Hate comments**
  - Can we block them
    - VP Collins: believe its an alumni, we can block and delete those comments
    - MD: We should share this info with IT. The college may want to take action on this because it has also occurred on other cofc accounts
- If it's a student we can do a student conduct/disciplinary action. Need to be certain it's an alumni
- If we block them, would this bring a censorship claim against us
  - Pres Thompson: actual gov't officials block people all the time
  - MD: need to bring administration into this conversation

- **Treasurer Maguire**
  - **President and Finance Training**
    - Issue has been resolved, issues with documentation the clubs did attend
    - Create document that presents expectations for clubs at these allocation meetings—the effort from clubs at these meetings and request forms have not been done correctly
  - **Travel funding**
    - The college isn't funding any travel technically
      - But exemptions have been made for some orgs
      - Thinking about creating resources for clubs to utilize

- **Secretary Bruce**
  - **SOR**
    - Mock Trial, College Link, FCA coming through today
      - College link said their advisor was on the religious counsel here—Matt Kozer
        - MD: student life should have a list of volunteers

- **Deputy Chief Of Staff Walker**
  - **Senate Programming Survey**
    - 9 responses
  - **Public Safety Forum**
    - Karen Mims
  - **Pie A Senator**
    - VP Collins; Possibly around thanksgiving break
• With collecting money we have to take cash, and not venmo
• Purchase requests
• After bike auction
  ■ Director Kronsberg: students were really enthusiastic about in the past
  ■ VP Collins: we could fundraise for Contingency and Charleston Miracle
    • Talk to charleston miracle about it and partner with them on it?
      ○ Could possibly get around the venmo/cash issue
  ○ Halloween Tabling
    ■ VP Collins: can do multiple days, be cautious of times. Use as an opportunity to publicize the think more campaign a little bit more
    • Halloween costumes may not be ideal
    • Purchases talk to sydney

• Chief of Staff Harmon
  ○ Bylaw Review
    ■ starting hopefully next week or the week after
    ■ Fill out the Google form
  ○ Committee attendance protocol
    ■ Committee Absences should be reported directly to the Initiative Director who will include the absence on the Google Form
    ■ There is a place on the form for reason of absence
    ■ Should be completed every week regardless of no absences as well

• Vice President Collins
  ○ 4 New senators
    ■ Will email them tonight and assign them to committees
    ■ Parliamentary procedure being planned
  ○ 2 more open seats
    ■ Council just needs to figure out if we will appoint the 2 interviewees
**CCL: subcommittee on design**
- Met today for the first time
- Trying to push to work closer with artists from specific communities that the aesthetic for signage is being pulled for.

**President Thompson**
- **Guest Speaker: Speaker Simon Lewis**
  - Speaker of the faculty senate, will be at next senate
- **REI Resolution**
  - The REI proposal passed at faculty senate
  - Freshman from the class of ‘22 and forward will have to take 2 classes on race, equity, and inclusion
  - Wants to pass a resolution in SGA showing support
    - Were a lot of students at faculty senate showing support of the resolution
    - Senator pace has been working in collaboration on working on the resolution

**Student Advisory Council on Friday**
- Representatives of student governments across the state

**Freshman Committee**
- Lots of dining initiatives (Amy Orr?)
  - Have a meeting with amy orr, probably invite her to next committee meeting
- CARTA Bus Initiative
  - Expand route closer to beach

**Bike Auction**
- **Nov 5th**, new tentative date
  - Confirm this date works with Mandy
- Street closure form needs to be submitted asap so at the next city council meeting it can be approved (Oct 12th)

**Professor issue**
- Student feels targeted by a professor via the professor's behavior and names used in lesson plans/assignments.
  - MD: student should first reach out to professor, letting the professor know he's not comfortable
being used in examples. If not comfortable reaching out to professor he should go to the chair.

Adjournment: 4:53 p.m.