Student Government Association Executive Board Minutes

Date:

Time: 3:30-5:30

Executive Initiative Director (Evans)
- Super short report today as I have senators coming to a stopping point with their initiatives to carry over to next semester and giving them time to breathe before finals hit
- Senator Kimpson
  - Has reached out to Melissa Ochal about the textbook drive initiative
  - Accessibility Audit went extremely well; thanks to all who came!
- Lizzy Stinson
  - Idea about increasing campus awareness about student homelessness
    - Ex: Taking pictures of students that can be used to show and talk about student life and experience at CofC.
    - Told her I would ask the Board for advice, etc.; did not have much direct guidance
      - Director Donohue: Professor Grace Hubel may have great statistics on this, could be a point of contact
      - Chief of Staff Kronsberg: if pictures are taken, make sure students give approval
- Happy Birthday, Vice President Desai! :)

Executive Initiative Director (Donohue)
- Senator Dorking
  - Might not be returning to SGA next year, did have ideas to help make gardening on campus more sustainable (ex. More native flowers and plants, organic fertilizers...)
    - Director Pace: Senator Dickson is also working on gardening initiative so maybe provide her as a point of contact for Senator Dorking
    - Secretary Collins: is this initiative on student gardens or CofC gardening sites?
- Director Donohue: unsure but will figure it out
- Morgan Walker
  - Super proud of Morgan for running and very excited and nervous!
  - She will be attending the ad hoc meeting Friday
- Senator Queen
  - Email to John Morris, replied but is hesitant about wheelchair accessibility, contacting his team to figure out plans, probably will be worked on over the summer
- Senator Flynn
  - Jack is planning to post caroline’s graphic for carriage initiative and once it is posted, it will also be posted to FB page
  - Post will be made after meeting
- Senator Rosso
  - Meeting with Chris Tobin next Friday
- Happy birthday Cookie!! <3

Executive Initiative Director (Pace)
- Senator Maresh
  - Teracycling initiative in Berry can be completed before end of semester, just got response from MD about 3rd millennium questions, working on name change initiative/ GNB initiatives, met about carbon emission initiative and plans to take that over next year, wondering if SGA could pass a resolution to get more campus offices green certified?
    - Regarding the campus green certified initiative, more data needs to be collected and figure out background on those already established
    - MD: John Morris can provide some more specific information on this idea/initiative
- Senator Dickson
  - meeting with sustainability intern to see if they have anything that they would need any help from SGA
- Senator Cook
  - working with Director Donohue’s committee on carriage ride initiative, gratitude initiative
- Senator Outlaw
  - Emailing people about diversity education initiative, plans on continuing it as a student member of the initiative committee next year, has not yet met with Dr. Harris but is receiving some more information about her idea
Senator Shetsko
- working on a tik tok initiative with President Turner? No new ideas, hopes to do open senate communication initiatives in the future

Britney Cano
- indicated that she no longer has time to serve on committee, will maybe join again next semester

Reminder from VP Desai: initiatives don’t have to be “handed off” but rather information should be placed in the initiative folder for everyone

Executive Initiative Director (D. Thompson)
- School supplies vending machine was moved to Maybank
- Senator Pack
  - hopes to get CofC to do more on vaccines, specifically wanting them to add a “report a vaccine” section to the back on the bricks website
    - Director Pace: was able to self report vaccine under student health website
    - MD: admin is still looking into the idea, not dismissed but moving slowly
- Senator Lederman
  - transitioning his notes from sticky notes to digital so they can be put into the initiatives folder for future semesters

Executive Initiative Director (R. Thompson)
- Will be updating Senator Lassoe on his EMS initiative
- Sen Cruz
  - reached back out to Jill Caldwell to set up a final meeting
- Senator Eades
  - Researching what other universities to do to benefit staff and their educational opportunities
- Senator Cale
  - Will be updating notes on divestment initiative

Executive Communications Director (Bartlett)
- Everything on websites, etc is up to date up until Monday
- Survey and graphic will be posted after this meeting
- Question of what to do with progress initiatives in terms of placement on the SGA website?
  - VP Desai: likes the idea of keeping in progress initiatives under current initiatives
Director Bartlett: also, when should I have all of the initiatives updated for the end of the year?

VP Desai: let’s say April 17th is the deadline to update the initiative status update sheet

**Treasurer Zimmer**
- 2 contingency requests approved this week
- Budget hearings/process update update
  - Tentative budgets will be released Monday hopefully
- Thank you cards, awards, and t-shirts update
  - Cards for tabling have been made
  - Awards and shirts have been ordered
- Student org budget question for MD
  - Waiting to approve budgets based upon total budget given
  - MD: need to follow up with Dr. Caudill to get the total amount, factors for next year will change such as travel & we are still gathering all the details
- Parlimentarion O'Steen
  - Huge shout out for her help

**Secretary Collins**
- Liaison emails
  - Not going to send out last rounds due to not wanting to overload LaVerne
- 1 club will be coming to SOR next week
  - Will be emailing to inform about the dark period & start up budgets

**Deputy Chief of Staff Wright**
- LaVerne T-shirt reply
  - Stated to create a purchase order & marketing will work with website to create an approved design
    - MD: did LaVerne mention any timeline on getting the shirts in?
    - DCoS Wright: no she did not but I will reach out, Treasurer Zimmer may have more information on shipping time

**Chief of Staff Kronsberg**
- Bylaw report
  - Looking into bylaw discussed on Tuesday in Senate
  - May take a different form
  - There won’t be anymore meetings for this year
• Hoping to get a report from election commission on feedback regarding implemented bylaws
  ○ Secretary Collins: if candidate input is wanted, she is willing to provide some feedback

**Vice President Desai**

• Critical Conversations and Historical Review Taskforce
  ○ Seems like co-chairs of Taskforce have been using students to check it off a box but have not backed it up with any input
  ○ During the panel discussion there were no introductions of students
    ■ Moderator mentioned students and co-chair was unaware if students were in attendance, was not given an immediate chance to speak without being prompted by moderator

• Ad Hoc and GNB Committee
  ○ Black History Component to Founding Documents
    ■ Currently doing research, will reach out to Dr. Anthony Greene on progress that can be made
    • Director Pace: Senator Outlaw has been trying to work on an initiative very similar to this one, wants to make sure her idea is heard
    • VP Desai: this refers to Charleston requirement regarding Founding Documents rather than a gen-ed component, collab could be good
  ○ Graduation Fees
    ■ Handling this on a case by case basis, trying to push for information on the process (treasure or financial aid?)
  ○ Professors Pronouns
    ■ Can’t make it mandated due to personal circumstances, reaching out to department heads
  ○ Non-discrimination policies on syllabi
    ■ Hasn’t been touched on by Faculty Senate as much as pronouns
  ○ Name Changes on Diplomas
    ■ Haven’t heard anything from Mark Staples since last update
  ○ Chosen/Preferred Names
    ■ New initiative to change title on forms
  ○ Intersectional Reporting of Sexual Assault
    ■ Secretary Collins has helped set a meeting with Kimberly on this topic
  ○ Welcome Packages for International Students
- Mutual Aid funds: reached out to CIE, found out that additions to packages may not be needed, will talk about next steps with Senator Smith, miscommunication seems to be at the forefront currently
  - Hate Crime/Bias Incident Reporting
    - Dr. Harris was contacted & said to find the Cougar Inclusion team, found a form for reporting, link is hard to find so initiative will try and make it more accessible
  - Faculty and Staff who would like to take classes at CofC
    - Senator Eades is conducting research on this topic
- Alumni Associations for Asian Americans and Hispanic/Latino Students
  - There has not been any response on this idea/topic
    - MD: who was the email sent to?
    - VP Desai: will find out and provide an update
- Reminder to update the initiative status update doc!!
- Two more weeks, so your members should be wrapping up their initiatives *not this week*, but the next

**President Turner**
- Thank you to everyone who sent in Transition Documents!
- Accessibility Audit Update
  - Went very well
  - Hoping that members of administration would take over and start to find things that were wrong around campus, appreciated the input from the admin in attendance
    - Eileen: idea of having a follow up meeting to discuss forum and thoughts brought up from the audit
- John Lonnan Meeting Update
  - Very productive meeting
  - EMS defunding (not definitely being cut, budgets are fluid), issues with resolution (financial records show that departments have not funded EMS & CofC provides hospital care to students, which can cause legal concerns), open to resolution coming forward but wants to take a 2nd look
- Board of Trustees Presentation Update
  - Went great today
  - SGA was one of the groups to have the most accomplished this year
- Resolution in protest of Governor McMaster’s Executive Order idea
  - Current lawsuit going on
Faculty Senate passed a resolution stating they don’t agree with executive order
Found to have an impact on students as well regarding in person learning
  • MD: professors and staff will be returning to in-person meetings, proposed a scaled in version of executive order
  • Director R. Thompson: the resolution would be regarding in person return rather than mask mandates, correct?
Board is in favor of resolution, CoS Kronsberg and Director Pace will present & aid in writing
  • Coach Kelsey and CFO Loonan will attend Senate next week
  • Final Board next week
    • Will be inviting new Executive Officers
  • VP/Treasurer/Secretary should try and set up meetings with newly elected officers
Still no update on Final Senate, will do awards ceremony online if needed (will make final decision on that by Friday)
  • There are very few request that will be accepted
  • We are almost to the end! Keep it up!