Student Government Association Executive Board Minutes
Date: February 4th
Time: 3:30-5:30

Executive Initiative Director (Evans)
- Senator Kimpson was absent from the last meeting
- Mental Health initiative is still being worked on
  - Will be reaching out to Morgan on Director Donohue’s committee in order to work together
- John Broome will be meeting with Senator Pack regarding transfer student initiative
  - Gracie: John Broome did not schedule a meeting, Please have him reach out
- Senator Carrino
  - Found a connection to fund hotspots for students
  - Meeting will be within the next 2 weeks
- Senator Carrino wants to look into adding more structure into the open forum
  - Seems chaotic
  - Vice President Desai: added newer rules to open forum this senate, consensus that it went smoother. Newer rule that to add a new topic, you must message VP Desai privately (helps to see the red font so nobody gets lost in the chat)

Executive Initiative Director (Donohue)
- Senator Queen has scheduled his meeting with Deronda for Monday @ 12 to discuss NPHC fraternity/sorority housing
  - Google document is being created to send to the group chat for questions for the meeting
  - Email will be sent to Amy Orr to clarify Greek Life Housing
  - Director R. Thompson: also setting up meeting with Amy Orr is meg would like to meet together with her
- Senator Rosso is continuing his initiative on carbon divestment
  - Needs help on where to go
  - Combed through all previous emails and found that there was a “harsh” tone within the correspondence
    - Complaints about student turnover (everyone graduated
- Idea of writing an initiative to show student support for investment in more ethical businesses
- Debating on whether to write a resolution or make contact prior to doing so
- Vice President Desai: reading through emails & seems like it going through SGA will already help their chances bc the people that originally brought this to her were not part of an established organization on campus
- Vice President Desai: seems like the goal was to change investments on campus, is the goal pertaining to investment management companies?
  - Director Donohue: intended outcome is to not continue to invest in companies that follow unsustainable practices regarding fossil fuels
  - MD: mutual funds may be used for these kinds of projects, possibly need to contact Chris Tobin? Initiative was not currently brought up to MD
  - Vice President Desai: Robert may need to look into the research again
  - Director Donohue: if anyone has any interest reach out to Robert
  - Director R. Thompson: for meeting with Amy Orr, may want to collab and have a single meeting to be more effective
- Senator Walker is planning to help with grade forgiveness
- Senator Dorking is planning on attending meeting on NPHC housing initiative
- Possible collab with MUSC around the time spring break would typically happen
  - Reached out to MUSC expressive therapy department to see what they were capable of doing
  - Lot of good ideas and support for collaboration
  - Contact will be made with the SC Association of Art therapists
    - Virtual workshops are being held and may be an option to bring to campus
    - Mentioned gratitude initiative for MUSC workers. Gratitude letters
      - Will put together statistics for what gratitude can do
  - Talked about collaborating with mental health in melanin

**Executive Initiative Director (Pace)**

- Senator Cook emailed student health regarding STI initiative
  - Looking into 6 non-profits that could fund testing for students
- Committee members are interested in having Senator office hours
  - Vice President Desai: down to help make it happen. Have Senators reach out to VP Desai to schedule a meeting to figure it out.
- Senator Dickson working on gender neutral bathrooms and confused on the signage issue
  - Vice President Desai: talked about this in GNB meeting last week, facilities management thought yard signs would be stolen and we could not do those. Hsu said the same thing and had the perspective that they would not be helpful.
  - Brainstormed strategy in the GNB meeting, work on yard signs as a temporary
solution and then work with the MyPortal group to get a widget on MyPortal. Marley can read notes and emails on all GNB meetings in the initiative folders.

- Senator Outlaw wanting to contact someone regarding faculty and staff diversity
- Senator Outlaw also looked into wifi hotspots in coffee shops around Mt. Pleasant and the peninsula
  - Vice President Desai: does she want CofC to place hot spots there or publicize coffee shops with free wifi?
  - Director Pace: placing hotspots in those places, an impactX team is working on something related to this
  - Vice President Desai: school most likely could not do that but ImpactX could be a separate pathway. Tell her to contact that team on how they're getting through the legal issues
  - Director Evans: The ImpactX teams powerpoint is in the library hotspots initiative folder
- Senator Outlaw want to look into RAD self defense
  - Communications Director: could partner on social media and possibly post there. Contact Alec
- Senator Maresh wants to contact Darcy Everret concerning sustainability around campus
  - Vice President Desai: What does Senator Maresh want to look into?
    - Wants to look into automatic lights in bathrooms and composting in dining halls
    - Chief of Staff Kronsberg: recommends Adam look into the charleston county policy on recycling and do research on that for guidance. Charleston county isn't the best with recycling so they could be the issue instead of CofC
    - MD: talk to John Morris about any sustainability issues
    - Director Pace: should I hold off on setting a meeting until there is a determined focus?
    - Vice President Desai: Personal preference is to wait until there is a defined intended outcome
- Most of Director Pace’s committee would like to be put in the constitution group chat

Executive Initiative Director (D. Thompson)

- Senator Lederman also wants to look into composting
- Senator Lederman wants to make halal and kosher options in the dining hall
  - Vice President Desai: quick note-- we are talking about halal food (not hillel); halal food is specific to the Muslim culture, hillel is specific to Judaism
○ Vice President Desai: reach out to Amy Orr bc aramark reports to her. Begin trying to implement it into the true balance section and once that is up and ready to go, spread to the rest of the dining halls
● Can we create legislation/ policy initiatives? Interested in healthcare
● Created constitution group chat, talked with Parliamentarian O’Steen, and read through bylaws and constitution
  ○ Senate special rules can override Roberts Rules. Special rules can be changed through a ¾ vote. Plan is to look over special rule and use group chat to suggest ideas of how to edit those
  ○ Changing constitution is no longer the main focus
  ○ Chief of Staff Kronsberg: bylaw 1200.006
● Met with Evie Nadal about the PAL program. Idea is to partner with public safety and make the PAL program an official club so they can receive funding for food and vest. Hope is to ask Eileen if it is possible to send this out through SOR?
  ○ Secretary Collins: does not seem to be an issue to go through SOR, make sure to go through the compass (mostly related to funding/allocations), SOR starts on page 11
  ○ Treasurer Zimmer: funding information starts on page 19
● Still potentially interested in angel shot initiative

Executive Initiative Director (R. Thompson)
● Can someone email resolution/bill template
● Can the initiative folder be shared with committee members?
  ○ Vice President Desai: Everyone should have access except non senator committee members but share it with them
● Beginning to write hate crime law initiative
● Deputy Chief of Staff Wright reached out about SGA early registration and it looks like a possibility. Only need to write a proposal for how SGA meets requirements for early registration
● Meeting with Amy Orr about key fees, housing fees, and cleanliness issues
  ○ Director Donohue: do you have a date and time?
  ○ Director R. Thompson: no but will add meg onto that
  ○ Vice President Desai: I would suggest adding Senator Lederman also to help with his halal/kosher initiative
● Senator Lassoe also interested in getting timer lights in classrooms, etc. will get him in contact with Senator Maresh
● Two new ideas that have been thought of
  ○ TD Arena idea of using the gym as a warming station for those who need to wait for the CARTA bus, contact Matt Roberts about the idea
Why are there no longer any 24/7 study spaces? Once it hits 10/11pm there is no place for students to do work
  ■ MD: Because of COVID and to encourage students to not be on campus late hours.
  ■ MD: Email MD and he will send the information out to administrators for feedback
• Will mention the card making initiative to committee to see who is interested

Executive Communications Director (Bartlett)
• Alec is taking over the IG
• Initiatives page on the website will be updated so that all of the details can be shared
• Confirmation on the most updated version of bylaws is needed
  • President Turner: Chief of Staff Kronsberg will double check the bylaws on the website

Treasurer Zimmer
• Met with National Society and Leadership of Success to cover options for contingency
• Cistern Yard Videos
  • Contact has been made with Brittany to see if a collab can take place
• Allocations members have started to attend organization meetings
• Liaison emails have been completed, along with SOR
• 1 contingency request currently from MedLife (almost $1,000)
• 1 finance training for Treasure’s left
• Change of request forms are on Cougar Connect

Secretary Collins
• Almost all Liaison emails have been sent out so far, going well
  • Follow up will be made after this meeting
• Added information on finance training, COVID guidelines, and contingency to the emails to clubs
• 1 club is coming through SOR next week

Deputy Chief of Staff Wright
• Updated calendar links and dates on executive board calendar
  • Issue with access to Senate calendar to update times/dates
• Early Registration Initiative
  • Reached out to Mary Bergstrom and received a reply
  • Next steps: write a proposal that meets all the requirements of their guidelines
  • Thoughts on adding that to the initiative folder so senators can look at it
Director Donohue: can you also upload the empty template for the?
  ■ Deputy Chief of Staff Wright: yeah

Presidential Advisory Board
  ○ Chief of Staff Kronsberg and I are setting up a meeting time next week to discuss ideas for future meetings to help alleviate awkwardness and have those meetings run smoother

Chief of Staff Kronsberg
  ● Bylaw review
    ○ Endorsements are currently being talked about
    ○ Only people that have submitted proposals are people on bylaw review committee
    ○ Finishing endorsements this week may not happen since Senator Kimpson will not be in Bylaw Review Committee this week
      ■ Proposals will be discussed, final discussion may be postponed
      ■ Vice President Desai: since Andrea will not be able to attend the meeting, would it be a good idea to push the entire discussion back a week?
      ■ Chief of Staff Kronsberg: the intended meeting purpose was to discuss endorsements so the goal would be to start initial conversations
      ■ Vice President Desai: since Andrea is such an important part, I can give an idea of another meeting topic
      ■ Chief of Staff Kronsberg: new plan of discussing next week's topic instead will take place
      ■ Director D. Thompson: Justin should be attending the bylaw review committee meeting
    ○ Minutes will be in initiative folder
  ● All committee directors should have received attendance form. Please fill that out each week by the end of Friday. Bylaws say senators have a week to repeal absences
    ○ Form should be a pretty quick process
    ○ Director Donohue: do non senator absences count
    ○ President Turner: we can't hold them accountable so no
    ○ Vice President Desai: keep track of it personally just to know
  ● Talked about uploading announcements to agendas, is that something we want to do?
    ○ Deputy Chief of Staff Wright: has recording for the meeting so not necessary but could still be helpful
**Vice President Desai**

- Grades for SGA are in
  - Everyone hit the GPA requirement (yay!)
- Zoom link for student attendance in Senate will be sent out through CougarConnect and on social media
- MD is getting info for Student Life period product budget so we can look through that and build our own budget (background info can be found in the last exec meeting minutes and the GNB minutes in the initiatives folder)
  - Reaching out to MyPortal team after this meeting to discuss interactive map for GNB
- Reminder to put initiative notes in the folder, including any notes from fall semester initiatives so we can keep track of all of this email
- Who to reach out to regarding dead names/currently identifying names?
  - MD gave the idea to reach out to IT (Mark Staples); will give him the info during our next GNB meeting
- Initiative directors need to update the initiative status update sheet (both fall and spring)
- Chief of Staff Kronsberg: Advisory board Not another Club rep talked about the importance of SGA doing mental health initiatives, would any directors want to connect with her
  - Director Donohue: contact info can be given in order to collab and help with any initiatives

**President Turner**

- Provost Austin meeting
  - Grade forgiveness proposal has been approved and is on board with our ideal plan
    - 3 classes forgiven is a reasonable #
    - Keep student status (grad, undergrad) very clear
    - Next step is reaching out to Registrar and Associate Provost (they seem to be more open to the idea after talks with Provost Austin)
      - MD will be updated on any future progress
    - Original issue was with IT and the possible hardship it would place on them
    - Timeline: have another meeting with Registrar, share findings with President Hsu & Provost Austin, create proposal with what the Registrar will be able to do, evaluate proposal again with President Hsu and Provost Austin, bring the initiative to Senate, talk with Speaker Lewis, proposal will be brought to Faculty Senate and hopefully approved for implementation
- Thoughts on student prospective for transparency is needed, feel free to reach out to her with concerns

- First update video from President Hsu will be sent tomorrow
  - Topics: # of cases, positive/negative direction (current status), what students can do on/off campus
  - Concern of keep students on campus during March study days

- Dr. Caudill wants an SGA representative to attend Free Speech meeting on March 8th, 3-4
  - Meeting is being led by Burkley School of Law
  - Vice President Desai will be going as of right now (will have a definite answer by Sunday)

- Looking forward
  - Call with Chris Tobin to discuss ways students can give back to the college without fundraising
  - Will be late to council meeting due to previous responsibilities
    - Report will be sent to VP Desai or Chief of Staff Kronsberg
  - Virtual Town Hall will be attended
    - Focus will be on strategic plan
    - Working to get committee time set for future meetings
  - 1 confirmed speaker for next week’s Senate, waiting on 1 firm confirmation

- Director Donohue: may think about bringing someone outside of SGA to speak about COVID concerns

- Secretary Collins: Senator Dickson is looking into what Chief Searson said last Senate and will express concerns
  - Treasurer Zimmer: please include him on the meeting with Chief Searson

- President Turner: compile a list about things that were problematic

- Vice President Desai: possibly set up a meeting with Chief Searson rather than email

- Vice President Desai: if meeting is set up, post about mask mandates on IG to inform students

- Vice President Desai: historical review task force videos contact has been made but nobody has wanted to join, please find people to aid in process