

## **University Council 2017-2018**

January 24, 2019

06:00PM

Student Center Reading Room

*Members in Attendance: Shelley Jain, Erilande Silma, Kristen Lu, Hailey Huddleston, Oladunni Ogundipe, Zaki Azam, Charles Park, Andrew Hasenzahl, Alyson Clarke, Michelle Garcia*

*Members not in Attendance: Esther Milina (proxy Andrew Hasenzahl), Samantha Ringstaff*

*Non-voting Members in Attendance: Brittany Dey, Carlos Cobo, Amy Urquhart, Tim Morello, Ian Lambert, Andrew White, Michael Chen, Ericka Boucard, Jack Jnani*

### **Agenda**

#### **1. Call to Order**

- a. M. Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:03PM.

#### **2. Old Business**

- a. Strategic Planning Process
  - i. Strategic Planning Retreat - January 31st at the SUNY Global Center in Manhattan - M. Garcia, S. Jain, T. Morello, A. Hasenzahl, K. Weisbeck, A. Amarnani, A. White
- b. One pager for funding of White Coat Ceremony or equivalent event for other schools
  - i. S. Ringstaff has collected information from all 5 colleges and the individual CHRP programs, will be finalizing one pager to submit to president's office
- c. UC Fleeces
  - i. Fleeces were distributed to University Council members
- d. Adam Burgman is working on council webpages
  - i. UC page - update it
    1. E. Silma to send A. Burgman blurb for webpage
    2. D. Traver to be removed from webpage
    3. New SUNY SA rep to be added once elected at this meeting
- e. Monthly updates
  - i. GSC - Working towards integration of graduate students into other schools/events and creation of unified Downstate community. SGS do not feel included in several student emails about student events. Many SGS events are social and would appreciate having more interaction with other schools. SGS students would find a suturing simulation more helpful than a phlebotomy simulation event. Suggestions about improving the Downstate community environment were discussed.

- ii. CHRP - N/A
- iii. COM - continue looking for Dean
- iv. CON - food drive due to government shutdown on Feb 13th
- v. SCGB - Spring Fling tickets are on sale and will take place on April 1st
- vi. RHC - Boiling project is complete. If residents are having issues, email Justin directly. Downstate Olympics are starting to recruit
- vii. Sim center committee - working on getting budget

### 3. New Business

#### a. Budget Requests

##### i. Association of Women Surgeons

- 1. After brief discussion, the following motion was made by S. Jain and seconded by M. Garcia
- 2. Motion: To deny their budget request of \$100. **Motion denied unanimously until AWS becomes a recognized student organization.**

- a. \$100 will be approved from Programs and Projects Account 40-70173-016-30001 to **AWS Account \_\_\_\_\_**.

##### ii. Global Health

- 1. After brief discussion, the following motion was made by S. Jain and seconded by M. Garcia
- 2. Motion: To not approve their new budget request. **Motion passed unanimously.** Students were encouraged to look for how these students were funded for the Emory competition in the past, UC does not fund individuals for this event.

##### iii. Student Simulation Committee

- 1. After brief discussion, the following motion was made by S. Jain and seconded by O. Ogundipe
- 2. Motion: To approve their new budget request of \$150. **Motion passes unanimously.**
- 3. \$150 was approved from Programs and Projects Account

40-70173-016-30001 to **Student Simulation Account 40-70376-016**

#### b. Center Wide Committee Update

- i. Last meeting was Dec 11th
- ii. Downstate will get subsidy for demolishing the parking garage around April. It will cost \$70-80 million to create a new parking garage and interim parking solutions are being discussed.

#### c. SUNY SA updates

- i. Welcome Carlos Cobo from SUNY SA Graduate Student Representative
- ii. SUNY Stony Brook student. SUNY SA is a student advocacy organization. An advocacy agenda was created and discussed with elected officials. February 12th Higher Education Advocacy Day.

- iii. Biggest initiatives from graduate schools typically focus on research-related concerns. An initiative/task force/subcommittee was created to address these issues.
- d. SUNY SA election for Spring 2019 - Spring 2020
  - i. 2 applicants: Erika Boucard 6:30pm; Jack Jnani 6:50pm
  - ii. Erika Boucard was elected as the new SUNY SA rep for the Spring 2019 - Spring 2020 by a unanimous vote with 1 abstain
- e. University Council member vacancy
  - i. Nominees: Timothy Morello, Yamina Kezadri
  - ii. Timothy Morello was voted unanimously with one abstaining as the new university council member for the remainder of the Fall 2018 - Spring 2019 cycle. Yamina Kezadri forfeited her nomination.
- f. Constitution Revisions
  - i. Motion: To fill both SUNY SA positions in the Fall; motioned by M. Garcia and seconded by S. Jain.
    - 1. 7:5 vote in favor of filling both SUNY SA positions in the Fall
  - ii. Motion: To allow both SUNY council representatives to be voting members; motioned by M. Garcia and seconded by T. Morello.
    - 1. Unanimous vote in favor of both SUNY council representatives having their own vote for a total of 14 UC voting members
- g. Government Shutdown
  - i. Governor A. Cuomo orders:
    - 1. waive late fees and postpone payments for those affected (federal employees, dependents of federal employees, or students whose federal loans are delayed)
    - 2. Researchers waiting for grants that are federally funded should expect delays as federal reviewers are off the job
  - ii. Campus email from Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, J. Putman:
    - 1. Federal financial aid program not one of the ones shut down. If you were eligible and applied for funding through summer 2019 you will get your disbursements. If you are impacted in any other way please go to the Financial aid office (BSB1-112) for guidance.
    - 2. Contact Bursar Office directly if you are a "federal employee, dependents of federal employees, and/or student who is dependent on loans from the federal government that may be delayed"... "must request the extension before your initial payment deadline."
    - 3. International students contact Office of Student Affairs if you are "planning to travel outside the United States in the near future, or you are planning to apply for an extension of your visa, for practical training, or for other programs administered by the Department of State or the Department of Homeland Security."

- h. Multicultural Fair
  - i. April 3rd from 5:30pm to 7pm in the Student Center Gymnasium
  - ii. M. Garcia will send out emails to organization eboards for volunteers to represent countries
  - iii. S. Jain will contact groups for potential performances
  - iv. T. Morello will help run day of event
- i. UC Student Service Learning Poster Competition
  - i. April 10th from 12pm to 1pm in the Student Center Main lounge
  - ii. S. Jain will help recruit clubs
- j. UC Service Learning project
  - i. Spring: Service learning competition
  - ii. Fall: (ideas?)
    - 1. Multicultural Event would count towards the UC Service Learning Project
- k. Spring Fling
  - i. April 1st in the Brooklyn Museum
  - ii. Tickets on sale now for \$60, can be purchased at the Student Center front desk via cash or check
- l. Leadership training Feb 21st at 5:15pm At Student Center Main Lounge~
  - i. 1-2 students per organization required to attend, treasurer is strongly encouraged to attend
- m. UC Facebook page - Remember to Share and Like!
  - i. <https://www.facebook.com/UCatDownstate/>
- n. UC Suggestion Box
  - i. No new submissions since 7/19/18 as of 1/23/18

#### 4. Adjournment

- a. M. Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:49PM.
- b. Next meeting February 21, 2019 at 6:15pm.

Minutes officially submitted by:



Andrew Hasenzahl, University Council Secretary