

University Council Meeting 2020-2021

Thursday, November 19th, 2020

6:00 PM

Zoom

Attendance

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Agenda

1. **Call to Order**
 - a. **T. Morello** called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
2. **Budget Requests**
 - a. None.

3. New Business

- a. Bi-weekly survey review - Ongoing discussion
 - i. Survey statistics
 - 1. Most respondents (40.5%) feel that the quality of instruction has lessened with online learning. Many feel the quality has remained the same (34.2%).
 - 2. Respondants are virtually evenly split around whether they have concerns returning to campus (Yes 34.2%, Somewhat 34.2%, No 31.6%)
 - ii. Complaints about Online / Distance Learning
 - 1. Hard to organize
 - 2. Difficulty interacting with peers
 - 3. Running over time
 - iii. General Complaints
 - 1. Mental health concerns - no holiday breaks, students feel there is nothing to look forward to, stress of constantly being on rotations.
 - a. What can we do as UC, assuming students can't travel?
 - i. Suggestions - Luncheon with the Dean, virtual happy hours, magic shows.
 - 2. SUNY Downstate travel restrictions addressed after people bought tickets to go home
 - 3. Not enough breaks in between clerkships - lack of vacation time and holiday breaks and how they differ from state restrictions for 3rd and 4th year COM students.
 - iv. Highlights about Online / Distance Learning
 - 1. More flexible schedule
 - v. Action Items
 - 1. Clarify in plain/shorter language the protocol for pooled testing
 - 2. Clarification of Plan B should COVID spike again
 - 3. Clarification of funding for Cares Act
 - a. Only 1 person mentioned this and did not give a return email, but this seems like an easy fix.
 - 4. Unlimited Zoom access for students
 - a. Two issues - would cost a large amount of money and students have access to Microsoft teams
 - i. Solution - **Dr. Putman** will look into requesting IT to send out centerwide email introducing Microsoft Teams.
 - vi. Updating Questionnaire
 - 1. Replace "hospital" with "clinical settings".
- b. Vote on UC Apparel
 - i. Hats - low interest
 - ii. T-Shirts - low interest
 - iii. Jackets - some interest

- iv. Sweatshirts - some interest

4. Old business

- a. Thanksgiving Dinner - most people who registered showed up
- b. Student Center
- c. Bios for website - website updated
- d. Updates
 - i. SGS - new council made goodie bags as a form of outreach.
 - ii. COM - MS2 back on campus 3x a week, Step1 is going pass/fail next year
 - iii. SOHP- OT's spring semester will be hybrid, PT's are overwhelmed because they are doing three semesters worth of labs packed into one, PA in their rotations, and MI all virtual.
 - iv. Nursing - issues with registration and having a tough time finding clinical sites.
 - v. Public Health- just had career development week and will be hosting a zoom hangout in December.
- e. SUNY SA Rep postponed to next meeting

5. Adjournment

- a. **T. Morello** motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **E. Hernandez**. Meeting ended at 8:15 PM.

Minutes Officially submitted by:

Evelin Hernandez, University Council Secretary



Electronically Signed by Evelin Hernandez