

University Council Meeting 2022 – Meeting Minutes  
 Agenda 10/20/2022  
 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
 Student Center Reading Room

**Members:**

Member	School	In Attendance (Y/N)	Proxy (if Absent)
Tim Morello	COM 2024	Y	
Freddie Birnbaum	COM 2024	Y	
Tobi Somorin	COM 2025	Y	
Isaac Vingan	SGS	Y	
Zach Olmsted	COM 2023	Y	
Sai Bhumanapalli	SPH	N	Tobi
Peter Arden	COM 2025	Y	
Joya Ahmad	College council	N	Peter Arden
Victoria Cagle	SOHP	Y	
Shazia Peters-Steele	Nursing	Y	
Paul Fried	COM 2024	Y	
Thomas Sanford	COM 2026	Y	
Kurt Moskovitz	COM 2024	Y	

**Non-Voting member in attendance**

Adam Burgman  
 Jeffrey Putman  
 Elaine Kvens  
 Sonja Joshi  
 Alissa Belizie  
 Schuyler Hooke  
 Monica Sawflung

1. Call to Order

- a. I. Vingan called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM

2. Budget Requests

- a. \$500 set aside for sex in medicine will come out of programs and projects
- i. Motion initiated by Isaac, Seconded by Freddie. Passed unanimously
- b. Haitian Creole Club (Alissa B- President) [NO ACCOUNT YET] UC programs and projects (40-70173-016)
- i. Previously at Downstate but wasn't active. Wants to use \$300 for haitian cuisine.
    1. One small event was approx \$200
    2. Wants to do events once a month
    3. Goal is to have 5 each year
    4. Attendance
      - a. 50-60 sign ups, hasn't had its first major event yet. Hopeful for half the signups to
      - b. Publicized around all the schools, not just COM.
      - c. Historically, language clubs only have food at 1 startup event.
  - ii. Motion by Isaac to give \$250, seconded by Tobi. Passed unanimously (**FSA create account**)
- c. Brooklyn Stories
- i. Will have have a launch party to give out copies, need money for pizza and soda
  - ii. \$187.50 request from Medical Artists Guild/Brooklyn Stories (Box#: 40-70256-016) from UC programs and projects (40-70173-016)
  - iii. Motion initiated by Isaac, Seconded by Freddie. Passed unanimously. **Old Business**
- d. Potential new logo design
- i. UC name change idea to be postponed.
  - ii. UC can't use Downstate Logo, we need to come up with another one.
  - iii. Begin advertisement for SUNY SA spot for the end of this semester
    1. Election set till November
    2. Have peter send a blurb to Isaac about his SA experience
      - a. Peter attended Fall SUNY Leadership conference, met Kate Dame and she's on board to assist in getting Downstate recognized within the SUNY system.

- e. Event Recaps
  - i. No UC sponsored events in the past month.
- f. Thanksgiving dinner
  - Schulyer states we have sold 30 tickets so far. Most deans, faculty, and Admin are attending to serve.
- g. Spring Fling March 27th, 2023
  - i. Schuyler states we are back upstairs in Bose Art Lounge
  - ii. 400 tickets will go up after MLK weekend.

### 3. New Business

- a. SOHP students have requested that bathroom stalls have single use seat covers. How do we proceed?
  - i. Dean Putnam is unsure if we even buy seat covers, and notes that it would be unlikely that this would get funded. Says he can ask a question.
  - ii. Would go to the Director of Facilities, Schuyler notes that it should be brought up
- b. Developing a resource outlining which faculty/staff/organizations to ask different questions to

### 4. Council Wide Initiatives

- a. Water Bottle Refill Stations
  - i. Attempts to be resolved, fix near Lenox entrance are slowed again. But was worked on today
- b. Food Pantry
  - i. We're looping other clubs in it
  - ii. Bring QR code
- c. Bringing back a coffee station- Putman to follow up.
  - i. Dean Putnam says Richard Bentley (Head of FSA) is the person to reach out to about this. Isaac to follow up.
- d. Addressing the issues of student health
- e. Dr. Pervil-Ulysse is in attendance
  - i. Used to have 1 venue to care for students and employees
    - 1. Was very difficult to manage
  - ii. Dean Brunicardi wanted these separate, and so did Dr. PU.
  - iii. Feb 2022 student-only health service was launched.
    - 1. Medicat is supposed to improve communication between students and providers (text-option for student feasibility)
      - a. Employees weren't using the communication aspects of it. Letting messages go unnoticed.
    - 2. Upload documentation in Medicat

- a. Dr. PU says it will take a couple months to get this going. Once the document is authenticated, students should be able to retrieve it. She states she's working on obtaining health clearance directly through the system, potentially in the upcoming months.
- iv. What causes a delay in student health services?
  - 1. Isaac states he will add a student health service option to get more polling across campus.
  - 2. Amayrra states it's only held by Dr. Grace Akpan, if there were more than one person to assist in clearance. Says it would be beneficial to have more
    - a. Goal is to have the system running smoothly in a few months
  - 3. Schulyer asks if incoming students registered are automatically entered into Medicat, or on the old system?
    - a. Dean Putnam states intention is that it goes straight to Medicat, for those who started Aug 2022+ that there have been difficulties merging old systems as they begin
      - i. Attention is to print health clearance from (Kings will accept, goal is to have other affiliations to also accept)
    - b. Medicat has the date your lab expirations, will email you 60, 30, and 15 days before to get that lab done.
    - c. Growing Pains: still operating in 2 systems (one is paper in folders) New students over the summer weren't able to log in over bc they technically weren't students. Was fixed 1 month later.
    - d. Goal is for us to be all integrated in Medicat in a few months.
  - 4. Issac: What do you anticipate the timing to get all students in Medicat and what are the roadblocks stopping that?
    - a. Lack of people-power
      - i. Dean Putnam says a temp will input the data only, and not see students like how it was previously.
    - b. In the past, there has been push back from students having access to other students' health info.
    - c. Zach & Kurt state that lack of communication and man-power is the main problem.

- d. Paul states that separate emails to sort out the types of documents so it's easier for Desk Clerk to handle.
- e. MedicaT also has a scheduling feature, which seems to not work.
- f. Thomas states that other schools use students for student health and it has worked great.
- g. Freddie notes we should keep students in the loop to use the new features.
- 5. Isaac asks what ways do you think we can help you?
  - a. Dr. PU needs more time to think on this
  - b. Isaac's idea: establishing a campus wide suggestion on student health.
    - i. Have contacts that are similar to student health to help collectively increase
    - ii. Advertising existence of MedicaT framed at UC's approach to make student health better, explain how we assisted to make it better.
      - 1. Drop in class GCs, use word of mouth
- 6. New students also suffering from lack of communication.
- 7. Having a student clerk will take a major load off of the clinicians who are also doing clerical work.
- v. Bikes
  - 1. Bike racks
    - a. Biggest bike has been removed, other ones are motorcycles.
    - b. Addressed moving up to the spring.
  - 2. Citi bikes
    - a. Alishia Goodridge will bring it to the Pres Office, they are on board to have this in the community. Adam to follow up
- f. Shuttle Questions
  - i. Chief Maldonado, will address shuttle questions
- g. Ongoing council goal of expanding awareness and community outreach
  - i. FAQ list on UC website,
    - 1. All budget questions etc, in student club powerpoint.
    - 2. Absence policy
  - ii. ~~Suggestion Box for student health concerns~~

## 5. Suggestions

- a. Suggestion box back up and running
  - i. No suggestions this month

## 6. Program Updates

- a. SGS:
- b. SPH:
- c. SOHP:
- d. CN:
  - i. New president of nursing, welcome Amayrra Choudhury!!
  - ii. Meeting next week (Oct 25) for pinning ceremony
  - iii. White coat ceremony problems
- e. COM:
  - i. Healthbridge Problems
  - ii. Unreported absences with students with COVID
    - 1. Dean Putnam states if people are on the list of unreported absences to email student affairs to get it sorted out
    - 2. Student tracers have been less employed as most areas are not tracing anymore.
- f. SUNY SA:
- g. College Council: were there any meetings?

7. Adjournment 8:18pm

Secretary of University Council:



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