

University Council Meeting 2023 – Meeting Minutes

Agenda 5/18/2023

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	Joya Ahmad
Isaac Vingan	SGS	Y	
Zach Olmsted	COM 2023	N	
Sai Bhumanapalli	SPH	N	
Joshua Barnes	SPH	Y	
Joya Ahmad	College Council	N	
Victoria Cagle	SOHP	N	
Amayra Choudhury	Nursing	Y	
Paul Fried	COM 2024	N	Kurt Moskovitz
Thomas Sanford	COM 2026	Y	
Kurt Moskovitz	COM 2024	Y	
Kelsha Sanchez	COM 2026	Y	
Shivasuryan Vummidi	COM 2026	Y	
Lindsay Blank	COM 2026	Y	
Sonja Joshi	SOHP	N	
Janille Williams	SPH	N	

Non-Voting member in attendance

Johnny _____

Kelsha Sanchez

Shivasuryan Vummidi

Lindsay Blank

1. Call to Order

- a. Isaac called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM.

2. Welcome New Members

3. Suny SA Speakers

- a. Updates from Josh
 - i. Resolutions such as new SUNY SA budget, stipends for SUNY SA, making election day a holiday, free menstrual hygiene products for all SUNY students, edits to create a smoother transition between SUNY SA terms
 - ii. Joshua to run for graduate board position.
- b. Thomas Sanford
 - i. Unique experiences - has been a member of UC, student senate representative at Stony Brook, worked as a manager for contact tracing
 - ii. Persistent
 - iii. Initiatives: mental health days/more days off for students to attend doctors visits, take breaks etc.

c. Voting after they leave

4. Budget Request

- a. Badminton club represented by Johnny, used funds that they thought they had, currently in debt, requesting \$75.60 for past events.
- b. Motion by Isaac to transfer \$75.60 from Programs and Projects (70173-016) to Badminton Club (70022-016). Seconded by Tim. Passes unanimously.

5. Old business

- a. Multicultural Fair
 - i. Fantastic event, fashion was a great addition, unanimous dance was also great
- b. Graduation
 - i. great weather, everything went smoothly
- c. Dragon Boat Event
 - i. Over 200 students came, leftover food, also was great.

6. New Business

- a. Student Health Insurance Renewal
 - i. 5-year contract with United (bought as a group for institution program) has come to an end. Looking for a 1 year United contract extension.
 - ii. 25% increase in group contract cost (unsure the total amount - current amount for United student health care is \$7000/year)
 - 1. 90% in mental health services
 - iii. Do we take the United contract, or look for other insurance programs?
 - 1. Aetna 5% more

- 2. Sticking with United, Dean Putnam to
- iv. Student advisory board for health insurance was dissolved due to COVID
 - 1. Dean Putnam handling the renewal of the student advisory board
- b. Follow-up student health long intake waiting period
 - i. New counselor recently hired
- c. Purchasing a social media device for the student center
 - i. Used by student governments for social media purposes
 - 1. SCGB covering 70%
 - ii. Would be used for music, Student Center/UC Instagram
 - iii. Motion by Isaac, seconded by Fred. Passed unanimously.

7. Council Wide Initiatives

- a. New logo—no updates
- b. Food Pantry—thank you to Farrah Burnett Director of Financial Aid, Kelsha's family for big donation and raised \$300 from Earth Day donations.
 - i. Working with hospital administration to assist in Food Pantry
- c. Coffee station—no updates
- d. Student Health—no updates
 - i. QR code for sign in, easy for everyone
 - ii. Kings County has continued to cause onboarding problems,
- e. Bikes
 - i. Update from Adam
 - 1. Ms. Goodridge likes the idea, will run it by her bosses (Dr. Gwinn and Dr. Riley) and will set up meeting with UC to discuss next steps
 - ii. No response from University Police
 - iii. Actively working with Ms. Goodridge for Citi bikes on campus
 - iv. Remove occupied bikes on lenox and clarkson after sending out an email fo
- f. Expanding awareness
- g. Parking—look into reason for no available monthly parking
- h. Suggestion box—no updates
- i. Budget
 - i. Less in rollover than last year, which is good it means we are having more campus events
 - ii. Motion by Kurt to vote and approve UC 2023-2024 budget, seconded by Tobi. Passed unanimously.
 - iii. **The spring student activity fee has not been dispersed by FSA to the various councils**
 - 1. All councils had to predict how how much activity fee they were receiving in the spring to create next years budget

8. Program Updates

- a. SGS: annual research day last month, went very well. Isaac believes it should be compiled into an annual research week. Dean of grad studies disagrees. Graduated 6-7 PhD students this year
- b. SPH: paint and sip, finished accreditation process,
 - l. SOHP:
- d. CON: graduation went well, convocation ceremony coming up, working on academic integrity sheet
- e. COM: donor memorial biggest turnout for students in a long time, MS1s taking unit 4 exams soon, MS2s taking shelf tomorrow
- f. SUNY SA: conference went well
- g. College Council: meeting in June

9. Adjournment—Motion to adjourn by Isaac, seconded by Tobi. Unanimous yet

President of University Council:

Isaac Vingan



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