

University Council Meeting 2024 – Meeting Minutes

Agenda 03/07/2024

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Student Center Reading Room

Members:

Member	School	In Attendance (Y/N)	Proxy (if Absent)
Tim Morello	COM 2024/College Council	Y	
Freddie Birnbaum	COM 2024	Y	
Tobi Somorin	COM 2025	Y	
Isaac Vingan	SGS	Y	
Jake Britton	Nursing	N	Isaac Vingan
Paul Fried	COM 2024	N	Janille Williams
Thomas Sanford	COM 2026 / SUNY SA	Y	
Kelsha Sanchez	COM 2026	N	Tobi Somorin
Shivasuryan Vummidi	COM 2026	N	Fredie Birnbaum
Lindsay Blank	COM 2026	N	Thomas Sanford
Sonja Joshi	SOHP	N	Daniel Green
Janille Williams	SPH	Y	
Daniel Green	COM 27 / SUNY SA Rep	Y	
Kunika Chahal	COM 2026/College Council	N	Timothy Morello

Non-Voting member in attendance:

1. Call to Order at 6:12, seconded by Tobi

2. Budget Request

a. SUNY SA Transfer

- i. \$1000 from programs and projects (Account 40-70173-016) to SUNY SA for Spring Meeting

b. Global Health Emory Conference Competition

- i. Alumni Association to fund. Motion approved to give \$200 for 3 people each if needed.

- c. Planetary Health Spring Events
 - i. Request \$960 from UC only (3 events each costing \$320), they have not outlined in detail why they need \$920. They only stated they need it for food.
 - ii. Motion approved to **transfer \$250 from programs and projects (Account 40-70173-016) to Planetary Health as a start up.**

3. Old business

- a. Free Narcan and Discounted First Aid/BLS training?
 - i. Schuyler with the update for Narcan training
 - ii. unlikely status of BLS
- b. Prepaid metrocards for commuters
 - i. Dean Putnam brought it up to Alicia, no response
- c. Elevator stalling for 4 graduate students
 - i. No report was made by the students so nothing further can be done
 - ii. Elevator was checked and it was fine - will reach out again to students to see if it is still happening
- d. Dan Green's New Logo Design!
 - i. Declined
 - 1. Per director of communications: no individual element from the Downstate logo can be used.
 - 2. Dan to make a new logo following new guidelines
 - ii. Isaac has the update
- e. Book store is currently shut down
 - i. Isaac reached out to Richard Bentley.
 - 1. Conversations ongoing about online store
 - 2. Every 2 weeks Isaac to follow up about updates
- f. Updates from middle states accreditation
 - i. Adam has updates from Dr. Putman
- g. Spring Fling (April 1st)
 - i. Tickets still available, get the message out!
 - 1. Especially SOHP
 - a. Dean of SOHP reached out

4. New Business

- a. Multicultural fair! **April 4th**
 - i. UPDATES
 - ii. We need clear confirmation of trajectory no later than March 21st
 - 1. otherwise we will have to call of the event
 - iii. Commitment from LMSA, MSA, likely CAMS
 - 1. Tobin to send out email tomorrow

- iv. Team assignments for student tabling, entertainment and/or COTAD fashion show
 - 1. Local Brooklyn DJ confirmed
 - 2. Food, Receipts
 - a. Tobi, Shiva, Kelsha, & Freddie
 - 3. Entertainment
 - a. Sonja taking over
 - i. The email went out yesterday
 - 4. Set Up
 - 5. Take Down
 - 6. Flyer
 - a. Lindsay
- b. NYC Department of Transportation is looking to install public bike racks around campus
 - i. Adam told DOT students would greatly appreciate them.
 - ii. DOT will be around for Earth Day, to follow up
- c. Open discussion of students reporting to FM&D
 - i. Many students would like to report on the status of water filters and bathroom sanitary product disposal
 - ii. FM&D is **not** permitted to receive work orders from students
 - iii. FM&D's solution is to have Adam submit a work order every time there should be a work order submission
 - iv. 5-10 min brainstorm for a better idea that satisfies both 4.c.i and 4.c.ii
 - 1. Plan to arrange a meeting with the Head of FM&D to discuss one specific avenue to address water filter status to put it on the FM&D radar
- d. Vote: College Council as a separate appointment or as a responsibility of the E-board
 - i. The position was established under the assumption that CC would meet monthly
 - ii. They have met twice this year (second meeting is today)
 - iii. Possibility to merge College Council
 - iv. Motion approved to consolidate College Council responsibilities for UC President and VP only as a trial (president + vp)
- e. Vote: Eboard position elections in the general election
 - i. This is how we did it last year
 - ii. We never updated the constitution, so it must be brought to a vote for approval again
 - 1. Vote was approved to maintain the past election method as the standard method ongoing.

5. Council Wide Initiatives

- a. Food Pantry
 - i. Grant money for fresh food subscription
 - b. Coffee station/event (\$500)
 - i. April 23rd - nursing presentations (will be on campus)
 - 1. Table in PHAB as part of the event
 - c. Student Health
 - i. Going well, no recent complaints
 - d. Spring Fling - April 1, 2023
6. Suggestion box
- a. Isaac noticed now that there are 2 suggestion box forms going around
 - i. Isaac noticed (albeit too late) a bombardment of the UC suggestion box with copy-text in support of the medical crisis in gaza event from
 - 1. Which has happened in the time between those comments being levied and now
 - 2. Isaac will work to consolidate them

7. Program Updates

- a. **Reps, you should be attending the council meetings for your program**
- b. SGS:
 - i. Annual research day coming up (Apr 17th). New org chart has been created and confirmed for SGS office. Faculty members who have left their lab materials there, SGS VP of research got rid of all the materials. Isaac and SGS council to meet with SGS VP.
- c. SPH:
 - i. Apex and ILE grades have not been uploaded. Issue with registrar's office. DrPH students are tired of not getting faculty support. Some DrPH students have been here for 9-10 years. Public Health Day events to be managed by SPH students. Resume writing workshops on the way.
- d. SOHP:
 - i. No updates
- e. CON:
 - i. No updates
- f. COM:
 - i. Match Day is next week!! MS2s taking Step 1. Missing clerkship grades.
- g. SUNY SA:
 - i. Spring conference: April 19th
- h. College Council:
 - i. No updates

Adjournment at 8:00pm

Isaac Vingan, University Council President
Tobi Somorin, University Council Vice President