

University Council Meeting 2024 – Meeting Minutes

Agenda 3/21/2024

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	N	Tobi Somorin
Freddie Birnbaum	COM 2024	Y	
Tobi Somorin	COM 2025	Y	
Isaac Vingan	SGS	Y	
Jake Britton	Nursing	Y	
Paul Fried	COM 2024	N	Daniel Green
Thomas Sanford	COM 2026 / SUNY SA	Y	
Kelsha Sanchez	COM 2026	Y	
Shivasuryan Vummidi	COM 2026	N	Janille Williams
Lindsay Blank	COM 2026	N	Freddie Birnbaum
Sonja Joshi	SOHP	N	Kelsha Sanchez
Janille Williams	SPH	Y	
Daniel Green	COM 27 / SUNY SA Rep	Y	
Kunika Chahal	COM 2026/College Council	N	Jake Britton

Non-Voting member in attendance:

Jeffrey Putnam

Schuyler Hooke

Kadeen Waldron

1. **Call to Order at 6:12**
2. **Budget Request**
 - a. Budget request from Maker Club

- i. NICU approved giving crochet products to families. Light snacks, teas, cookies to be provided in the event.
 - ii. \$150 was given by Med Council, requesting \$50.
 - iii. Motion to offer new club funding (\$250)
 - 1. Seconded by Tobi, Passed unanimously.
 - 2. Move \$250 from programs and projects (Account 40-70173-016) to Maker club (account number pending)
 - iv. Club is open to everyone
- b. Budget Request from Adam for BATES (Brooklyn Association of Teen Educators) Conference
 - i. BATES is an extension of STAR program. STAR is the co-sponsor of the event. One day sex and medicine event. An opportunity for students to interact with the community.
 - ii. This would count as community service for student organizations that help out.
 - iii. Request for funding for \$500-\$1000 to purchase food from Cafe 101 for the event- SCGB funded \$750, Med Council funded \$1000.
 - iv. Motion to fund the BATES Conference at \$750 using Programs and Projects account
 - 1. Seconded by Dan, passed unanimously
 - 2. Fund \$750
- c. Budget Request from Eve (MS3) for AAMC Spring Meeting
 - i. Conference registration is \$1500
 - ii. After discussion it was determined that this request does not meet the funding guidelines for UC. The student has been encouraged to reach out to Alumni Association

3. Old business

- a. Prepaid metrocards for commuters
 - i. Dean Putman reached out to Alicia Goodrich but received no response.
- b. Dan Green's New Logo Design
 - i. LOGO design was updated
- c. Updates from middle states accreditation
 - i. All students have been appointed. Appointment letters should be coming out momentarily. The self study report will be sent out and is due in December.
- d. Spring Fling (April 1st)
 - i. Speaking with the venue to cut numbers to 260 persons tomorrow.
 - ii. Given the reduction in numbers we may need to rethink spring fling in future years.

- iii. Consideration of a fall/winter ball instead of spring fling given the difficult academic schedules in the spring.
- e. Students reporting to FM&D
 - i. Isaac has been in contact with Mr. Minto regarding the fact that students cannot fill out work orders
 - ii. Past suggestion to have UC collect the work orders and pass them on to an approved faculty member.
 - iii. Mr. Minto is currently working on a centralized email address/ form where students can send their concerns.
 - iv. Signs need to be posted to inform students of how to voice their concerns. **Phone # for emergencies ext 1212. Phone # for University Police ext 2626.**
- f. UC Elections
 - i. Nominations are now open. Deadline is April 3rd.

4. New Business

- a. Multicultural fair! **April 4th**
 - i. UPDATES
 - 1. 12 groups currently signed up for tables
 - ii. 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
 - ii. Haitian creole club has emailed Tobi requesting to perform
 - iii. Three people have shown interest in participating in the fashion show.
 - 4. Set Up
 - a. Daniel Green (after 4pm)
 - 5. Take Down
 - a. Frederick Birnbaum
 - b. Isaac Vingan
 - c. Thomas Sanford
 - 6. Flyer
 - a. Lindsay
- b. Earth Day April 22nd
 - i. We are sponsoring a giveaway

- ii. We could use some hands for help
 - 1. Dan Green
- iii. This is also the day of our blood drive and plants will be given to anyone who donates.
- c. May 6th leadership dinner
 - i. Mark your calendars
 - ii. RSVPs will be required
 - iii. Special awards will be given

5. Council Wide Initiatives

- a. Food Pantry
 - i. Donations will be collected at Earth Day event
- b. Coffee station/event (\$500)
 - i. April 23rd - nursing presentations (will be on campus). This is also Day 2 of the blood drive.
 - 1. Proposed location for table in PHAB as part of the event
 - 2. Space has been reserved
 - a. Isaac needs to follow up with student center staff 1 week before to make sure we have set up arranged
- c. Book store
 - i. Isaac will continue to contact the head of FSA until we know more about the book store closure.
- d. Student Health
 - i. Going well, no recent complaints
- e. Spring Fling - April 1, 2023

6. Suggestion box

- a. No new updates

7. Program Updates

- a. **Reps, you should be attending the council meetings for your program**
- b. SGS:
 - i. The search for the dean continues. There have been two interviews with prospective deans. Annual research day is coming up but the speaker had to drop out due to personal reasons and Carl Zimmer has now been added as the speaker.
- c. SPH:
 - i. Many questions about graduation, several of which have been previously answered in the email. Groups on whatsapp have been created to answer student questions. 3-4 DrPH thesis defenses coming up.
- d. SOHP:
 - i. No updates.

- e. CON:
 - i. Meeting just happened on Monday. Working on events for May. Inquires from Graduate nursing students regarding an influx of new first year professors. They wondered if other programs are experiencing the same hiring situation. Currently this appears to be primarily a nursing issue and will be brought up to the dean.
- f. COM:
 - i. COM 2024 had Match Day, many students in the other COM classes are preparing for step exams. COM 2027 just completed unit 3 finals. COM 2026 initial Step 1 target was March 22nd and they are starting transition to clerkship on April 1st.
- g. SUNY SA:
 - i. Meeting next month. Thomas was nominated to be Doctoral Degree Granting Institutions Graduate Representative
- h. College Council:
 - i. Meeting was on Monday. Most of the meeting was a report given by the hospital CFO on the state of the finances. There was also discussion about DISH funding however this was not enough to fill the current deficit.

Adjournment at 7:53pm by Isaac



Kelsha Sanchez- UC Secretary