

University Council Meeting 2024 – Meeting Minutes

Agenda 4/18/2024

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

Non-Voting member in attendance:

Godstime Nwatu Ugwu, Schuyler, Adam

- 1. Call to Order at 6:10 PM seconded by Tobi**
2. Welcome!
3. Congratulations!
 - a. To new members
 - b. And to Dr. Morello (Chancellor's Award) and Dr. Williams (defended dissertation)
 - c. And to Dr. Birnbaum for getting married

4. Budget Request

- a. Eid Banquet requested \$500, will be billed from Multicultural Account
- b. Brooklyn Stories Launch Party (May 14th)
 - i. Launching the 23rd edition of Brooklyn Stories, last year had 100 people and budget was similar
 - ii. Request for \$600
 - iii. **Motion to transfer \$600 to Brooklyn Stories from Programs and Projects (Account 40-70173-016) seconded by Thomas. Passed unanimously.**
- c. Pride club- requested \$500 for Drag Queen Bingo and Brunch
 - i. **Motion to co-sponsor the event with \$500 from the diversity account. Seconded by Tobi. Passed unanimously.**

5. Old business

- a. Prepaid metrocards for commuters
 - i. Sent multiple emails - still no response. She is working on UHB business.
- b. Updates from middle states accreditation?
 - i. No middle states updates
- c. Spring Fling (April 1st)
 - i. Was a success!
- d. UC Elections
- e. Multicultural fair! **April 4th**
 - i. Was a success!
 - 1. Next year have a specific person responsible for picking decorations

6. New Business

- a. Earth Day April 22nd
 - i. Fun giveaways, raffling off 1 year citi bike membership.
- b. May 6th leadership dinner
 - i. 20+ nominations for awards
 - ii. Each nominated club can select two members to attend the event
- c. Wider access to journals
 - i. Limited access is a point of concern across all programs
 - ii. Program reps will create a list of requested journals and whether they have inter library loan or not.
 - iii. Isaac will Email Mohamed Husain to discuss further options
- d. SUNY SA this weekend
 - i. One resolution on the docket- update to the current by laws

- ii. Update on Mental Health day -currently progressing well. Tobi will be meeting with other interested (and influential) parties in two weeks.
- iii. SUNY SA elections- call for nominations will be sent out
- e. UC Budget Allocations
 - i. Several clubs are not using their UC budgets leading to large roll over every year. Clubs are forgetting that they have UC funding
 - ii. We're at risk of losing Student Activities Fee funding if we continuously have too much rollover.
 - iii. Proposal to make any clubs that haven't spent any UC \$\$ in 2 years would lose their funding for next year and can always request UC funding for campus-wide events.
 - 1. This way, we can co-sponsor this event.
 - 2. We also need to be mindful of what we spend.
 - 3. Joya, Isaac, Shiva work together on the budget for the budget meeting on 4/25/2024.

7. Council Wide Initiatives

- a. Food Pantry
 - i. Expecting donations on the 22nd at Earth Day
 - ii. Work study position is being created for the food pantry
- b. Coffee station/event (\$500)- 11:30-1:30
 - i. April 23rd - nursing presentations (will be on campus).
 - 1. Who can be there?
 - a. Jake (after 12)
 - b. Freddie (noon- 1pm)
 - c. Joya
 - d. Isaac
 - e. Sonja (12:30- 1:30)
 - 2. This is also Day 2 of the blood drive.
 - 3. Joya will bring oat milk as a non dairy option (thanks Joya!)
- c. Book store
 - i. Possibility of a part time book store and online store supplement.
 - ii. UC will continue to poke the bear on this issue
- d. Student Health
 - i. Going well, no recent complaints
 - ii. Isaac will email student health with praises and ask for metrics on how many students were cleared to date
- e. Spring Fling
 - i. Surveys were sent out to attendees and the data will be reviewed
- f. New logo purchases
 - i. Banner?

1. Temporary poster print out for the coffee house event next week
- g. Students reporting to FM&D
 - i. Adam will follow up with James Minto
8. Suggestion box
 - a. No new updates
9. **Program Updates**
 - a. **Reps, you should be attending the council meetings for your program**
 - b. SGS: Annual research day was yesterday. Graduate school only mini symposium went well. Carl Zimmer gave a wonderful talk and there was a dinner for students afterwards in Sunset park.
 - c. SPH: working with Ernie to organize a graduation celebration party. School is working on a look book. Students have been asking for SWAG and are not able to access this given the book store closure. Trying to do an awards ceremony for faculty. Lots of requests for conference funding and support however the budget has already been spent. Elections for council are coming up soon. Questions of lack of recycle bins on the campus (FM&D has a contract with an offsite company that sorts the trash).
 - d. SOHP: Research day is coming up on May 2nd. OT department is having their white coat ceremony and masters projects presentation tomorrow. Elections will be taking place on May 3rd.
 - e. CON: Research day is coming up next week.
 - f. COM: COM24 has Transition to Residency starting next week. Schedules were sent out 9 days before the start date and there are full days of events in person on Passover. Students are experiencing travel conflicts due to late dispensing of schedule.
 - g. SUNY SA: coming up this weekend
 - h. College Council: no new updates

Adjournment at 7:42pm by Isaac Thomas seconded



Kelsha Sanchez

Secretary

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