

**University Council Meeting 2024-2025**

Wednesday, October 23th, 2024

6pm

Student Center Reading Room

## Attendance

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***Non-voting Members in Attendance:***

Schuyler Hooke	
Jeffrey Putman	

## Agenda

**1. Call to Order at 6:07pm****2. Budget Requests**

- a. none

### 3. New Business

- a. Braille in new cafeteria bathrooms needs updating
  - i. Current signage includes printed braille that is not functional. Dr. Putman will follow up with this.
- b. Volunteers for halloween event TOMORROW
  - i. Shiva, Isaac, Elana (4-5), Karina j(4-5), Dan (4:30-5:30)
- c. Letter we sent to campus leadership received no direct response
  - i. We received confirmation that the message was received and read by the president's office
  - ii. A response from the office is in progress.
- d. Dhruti needs the log in credentials to instagram- Joya has reached out to Tobi.
- e. SUNY SA meeting
  - i. Thomas and Erica Strand have been appointed the SUNY SA graduate reps. Congratulations Tom!!
- f. SUNY SA position announcement
  - i. Position should be announced in November. Dan and Tom will draft the email.
- g. SUNY Council/Middle States updates
  - i. Role of SUNY Council: They start the presidential search process and recommend candidates, set traffic regulations for all campus streets, serve as the governmental body that formally approves the disciplinary policy on SUNY campuses
  - ii. Most recent meeting of SUNY Council:
    - 1. The committee that is reviewing the UHB closure was appointed. This is a 9 person committee including our Chair of Family Medicine and the president of UUP. This board will be making a recommendation to the senator by April 1st with regards to the allocation of the 300 million dollars. Several public hearings will be taking place before the final report is written. Dates for these hearings have not been set yet.
    - 2. Impact 2030 Strategic Plan implementation is underway.
  - iii. Middle States: Accreditation lasts 8 years. Downstate got 9yrs in 2006 so our next visit will be in 2025. Next Tuesday the Chair of the committee will be coming to campus to meet with stakeholders and students to discuss what the 2025 visit will look like.
- h. Multicultural fair
  - i. Will take place on the Thursday of transition to clerkship.
- i. Opt in for Email List Serves
  - i. Students have been inquiring about being removed from club list serves
  - ii. Currently, clubs can automatically message all students. Downstate is considering moving away from this system and instead providing the option for students to opt into receiving emails from each club. The logistics for this still need to be worked out.

### 4. Old business

- a. New Budget Submission process-
  - i. A new form has been developed to replace the traditional budget request form
    - 1. This new form is a google form and allows space for up to three events. It also includes UC specific stipulations. We will review this form in the slack and finalize it next meeting.
    - 2. Consideration to transfer this for to Qualtrics for increased security
    - 3. Consider getting IT to do a Qualtrics training. We can follow up with Dr. Putman to set this up.
- b. Kudos and Concerns implementation for other programs

- i. The committee has been established and has had its first meeting. The first order of business is expanding the form to be used by other programs.
- c. Updates on successful addressing of student concerns – biannual email updates
  - i. Consider annual news letter “A Year in Review” that will go out a month before elections
  - ii. Consider posting our accomplishments at the coffee event to provide a quick update
  - iii. Elana will spearhead this project.
- d. Constitution review group
  - i. No movement, Isaac let's get a move on! (Elana will help)
  - ii. A slack channel will be made. Plan to read the constitution by Monday 10/28 and meet after.
- e. Placards for the water fountain
  - i. Madhavi will make a mock up and post in the slack within the next week.
- f. Thanksgiving Dinner
  - i. Final numbers must go to Ernie on the 25th.
  - ii. The last day to get \$5 tickets is Oct 24th
  - iii. Ticket prices go up to \$10 on Oct 25th
- g. Coffee House Event
  - i. **DATE THURSDAY DECEMBER 5TH @ 11am-1pm**
  - ii. In the atrium. Coffee and snacks catered by Ernie. Posterboard of accomplishments will be designed by Elana.
- h. Health Insurance - student health advisory committee to revise this.
  - i. Committee is still in the process of being appointed.
- i. Metrocards
  - i. No new updates

## 5. Program Updates

- a. COM: Brookdale sent students to Interfaith since they are part of the same hospital (One Brooklyn Health). They have been informed by the college that this is not acceptable and not allowed. This should be resolved. The on-boarding process remains difficult. The hospital receives funding for DO and Caribbean students. These students are being prioritized for on-boarding and for participation in procedures. The college has been made aware of this. Students should report these specific incidents to the clerkship directors and student affairs. Consideration for reopening of surgical galleries for preclinical students to observe surgeries. Dr. Putman will bring this to the Dean's cabinet meeting.
- b. CON: 10/22/2024 was the white coat ceremony of the new nursing students. Pinning for 12/17/2024 is underway. Re-accreditation is occurring in two weeks. Elections: there was a problem requiring a reelection. The issue has been resolved. There is a new event for NCLEX/Kahoot/Halloween at the end of October. Issues with Epic access at New York/Presbyterian Methodist- Dr. Putman will speak to Nursing to bring it to their attention.
- c. SOHP: No update available
- d. SPH: Imposter syndrome workshop took place. They are having a paint and potion halloween event. Concern: people are still writing on the walls in the classrooms in the PHAB building despite signage saying this is not allowed. This is no longer permitted.
- e. GS: New student events have poor attendance from new students. Research slam last week, several graduate students participated and two won. Otherwise, everything is going well.
- f. SUNY SA: Thomas and Dan will go to Syracuse in 3 weeks (11/15/2024-11/17/2024). There is a mental health committee that is being formed.

## 6. Open Floor

- a. N/A

## 7. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn by Isaac at 7:42 pm. Seconded by Kunika.**

**Minutes officially submitted by Kelsha Sanchez, Secretary on 10/29/2024.**



Kelsha Sanchez- UC Secretary 2024-2025