

February 20th, 2020 Full Council

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Absent: Dani Zamudio, Dani Richardson, Ethan Greenberg, Fran Grandonico, Grace Gitell, Ian Roberson, Saluja Siwakoti, Sierra Romero

II. Previous Meeting Minutes approved as distributed

III. Vice Provost Pedro de Araujo on Course Registration Systems

- Approached by a few students following the faculty meeting on Monday about the faculty's proposal to change pre registration for classes from a semester system back to a year long system.
- Vice Provost Araujo wants to be clear that he is not advocating for a certain system just giving us information
- Historically, the college would have students register for the entire year in the spring semester. Rationale behind the change to the current system was that students were adding and dropping lots of classes and to ensure that points were properly distributed when working with variables such as students going abroad for a single block.
- When this change was proposed a survey went out to faculty and only 10% of faculty were strongly against the switch. The same survey was sent to the students and 70% of the students thought it was a good idea. They decided to pilot it for 3-4 years.
- A proposal from the faculty to go back to the year long system came to the Provost's office this block. From Vice Provost Araujo point of view whatever system is chosen will not affect him from an administrative standpoint.
- Hugh: Can you share the rationale behind the proposal from faculty?
- Provost Aruajo: Yes, I did not get permission to share the proposal with you but here is the gist of why they are asking for this.
  - Time commitment for advisors → having to meet with students twice rather than once.
  - This system is very transactional, students only asking advisors questions about the point system.
  - Why change it if it was working in the first place?
  - Concerns about study abroad blocks
  - Doesn't allow departments to budget/plan courses appropriately → especially planning abroad courses

- Esther: It is very easy to add and drop so in some ways we don't really need a registration period at all. However, it makes it very hard for faculty to plan without advance notice, especially concerning study abroad. Another reason to switch back is because of prerequisites. It makes it easier to determine if we need to offer the prerequisite of a class if we know how many people have signed up for the course in advance.
- Vice Provost Araujo: This year, students will register in the summer which is what most other institutions do. One reason behind that is to make it more equitable for winter start or transfer students--before you would only be able to register for classes that have availability.
- Vice Provost Araujo: A survey that was sent out in the spring to both students and faculty is currently being analysed (however they got minimal feedback from students). I should also say that regardless of whatever registration process we go with, 85% of student bodies will get the class they want. Ideally, all students will get the class they want but that is not realistic. So we are trying to find the best system that maximizes the amount of students who get the class they want
- Max: What does the process look like from here?
- Provost: It is a decision made by the administration. The faculty can vote on it, that doesn't mean the administration has to do what is proposed. They are just going on record with their support. Technologically we can't change it this year, therefore it would most likely happen starting with incoming class in 2021-2022.
- Max: If we have classmates/friends that have strong opinions, what should we do?
- Provost: That is up to you as student leaders. I am happy to answer questions about the process but not about my opinion.

#### IV. Committee Updates

##### Inclusion:

- Sakina met with Ryan from Outdoor Ed who didn't know that our money was suppose to be going into specific things (efforts to make the outdoors more inclusive) but we had a productive meeting about how to go from there
- Student appointments to the various search committees.
- Nicolette is planning the sex ed/health ed panel as well as a lot of EQUAL events.

##### Student Life:

- Two senior RA's have agreed to be on the search committee for the Assistant Vice President for the Resident Experience.
- Updating the student organization handbook with Amy Hill to specify the rules around clubs bringing people to CC to talk about politics
- Collecting input about alternatives to Winter Ball

##### Finance:

- Ethan and Remy met with dance workshop co-chairs about budgetary needs during the last block. They mainly have two budgetary needs: compensation for co-chairs and overall budget concerns. While CCSGA is not the people who should be paying co-chairs, there is a bigger issue of paying people on campus for hard work that needs to be addressed. It is also an issue of exclusivity: for people who need to work shouldn't have to make the choice to work instead of doing dance workshop because they don't have the time to do both. The second concern is the under funding of dance workshop.

Outreach:

- Fourth Colorado Student Government Coalition meeting! It will be exciting to be with DOE members. Reach out to Max if you would like to come
- Finally got information from Colorado Sun who thought SGA had not paid them for the subscriptions when we had. Roll out will be tomorrow
- Sierra and Danny currently at local high school working on scholarship

Internal Affairs:

- Executive elections are coming on Thursday. Applications went live on Monday. Encourage people to apply
- Student Trustee interviews today and will soon find out who the final three candidates are.

Presidential:

- Got Bustang tickets in the mail today and by tomorrow at noon they will be available at Worner desk and promoted in an email tomorrow
- Ethan will be giving report to board of trustees on Saturday
- We got a student on the Faculty Dean search committee!
- Anti-racist oversight committee will be meeting irregularly to make sure the Anti-racist Implementation Plan is going well. When the plan went out, we sent out a request to have this committee. Halle will be automatically on it, but we sent out an email asking for nominations
- Ethan and Max sent a proposal for having a voting center on campus
- Tronik: Students who want to be part of this committee are concerned about being seen as a token and not having any real input. What can we do about this?
- Remy: I think the unfortunate truth is that all these committees are only allowed to give a recommendation. That is true universally across campus with any committee. It is really up to the student to make sure they are being heard, but overall the recommendation is just part of the system.
- Tronik: Also with the Student Trustee there is a big push for students to not have to be vetted by the Board of Trustee. Is there interest in pushing to stop that?
- Sakina: I think that would end up making the election a popularity competition when it is a serious role and commitment

- Sophie: I don't know how much control we have, however it is weird that it's the only position with a vetting process
- Max: Perhaps it can be put on the agenda for the next full council

## V. Election Commission

Vote to pass the election commission:

Passes unanimously

## VI. Open Floor for Comments

Further discussion on information given by Vice Provost Araujo

- Remy: I just want to go back to pre registration. I think maybe we should try and see what would work best for all students and try to put together a plan of action.
- Fer: If what you are saying is trying to get the students position, if what he's saying about it not really having effect is true, then is there really a strong student opinion?
- Melanie: I think some people have strong opinions about it and it does have an impact on certain people
- Remy: In my experience, I didn't really know what I wanted my major to be so when I decided to change it, I had to switch all my classes mid-semester to classes that were all full. I am also confused about study abroad because I still had to register a year early when I went abroad
- John Capers: With my experience, my professor said his struggle was finding the amount of students and that it wasn't done through Summit. Maybe not all professors use Summit? That could have been the reason. Probably just logistics food, housing, other fees, etc.
- Liam: When would this go into effect?
- Deksyos: I think it depends on the Faculty Vote. I think it is very unpredictable
- Fer: I don't think it would go into effect till 2021
- Liam: I guess my point is it might be worth a more formal process down the line
- Max: What if we all went and talked to our friends and discussed the next full council?  
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- Deksyos: Next Thursday at 5pm in the WES room speech debate will be having an event and we feel strongly about having student voices present

## VII. Adjournment