

April 30th, 2020 Full Council: Informal meeting with no voting held virtually

I. Call to Order:

Present: Halle, Ethan, Fer, Professor Esther, Deksios, Dean Mason, Shane, Sakina, Sophie, Jay, Maddi, Saluja, Max, Liam

II. Committee Updates:

○ Outreach:

- Continuing to work with student government groups around the country and are hoping to send the letter about the stimulus packet excluding students who are claimed as dependents.

○ Inclusion:

- Working on getting bylaw amendment ready

○ Student Life:

- Approved the 75 clubs that applied. For those clubs that didn't apply, we are going to extend our support to them.
- Speaking to Amy and Antonino, a survey said a big concern of students is missing out on extracurriculars. So we are thinking about ideas to keep the momentum going for clubs if the fall is remote. Organizing a zoom call/some type of meeting with clubheads to gauge interest.

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○ Update on contingency planning for the next academic year :

- Sakina and Ethan met with the academic calendar committee today to talk about plans for next year and how we can use the flexibility of the block plan next year
 - The email went out last Friday with all working groups
 - VP of finance is now on the budget working group. Reaching out to other groups about having students on it
 - It is important to note that no decision has been made
 - The main plan was to extend the half block by a week so that there could be a block in January so that there would be a full block. In addition to 2 extra blocks over the summer.
 - There is also a proposal to not change half block but essentially make A and B apart of the year so that the year is 10 blocks.
 - What are potential problems/issues/hiccups we are foreseeing:
 - Halle: My main concern is people working over the summer and having the ability to maintain a job and a schedule
 - Ethan: I think the hope is that students who value the summer for work will opt to take online classes.
 - Fer: How would the tuition work?

- Sakina: If you didn't want to take 1 and 2 online and take the summer blocks, and that money would be put towards that
- Max: Could you take 9 or 10 blocks
- Sakina: Yes
- Ethan: Essentially, under that 10 block model is you would be allowed to take 8 blocks whenever. If it was the extended half block, you can 9 blocks whenever as well as A and B, the distinction is at the end of the academic calendar
- Max: So it wouldn't count as your wild card
- Sakina: You could take either half-block classes or full classes
- Fer: What classes would be offer?
- Sakina: Hard to say
- Jay: I think to make mandatory as not great
- Ethan: I don't think they want it to be mandatory. I think they are just trying to plan for people having to drop blocks because of COVID so this is a way where they work with that
- Saluja: How does that work with seniors?
- Ethan: If they want to be done in May, then they can be if they take those online classes. If the seniors didn't want to do that, they could still walk in May at graduation.
- Ethan: They are giving you either 8 or 9 blocks to take whenever
- Fer: What about the point system
- Ethan: I think they would have to do a whole new thing
- Fer: Is there a chance this will lap over into two years from now
- Ethan: I think its possible, but that wasn't covered in our meeting
- Deksyos: Is there a timeline for this decision to be made?
- Sakina: The calendar by the end of May and the decision of 1st block going online by the end of June
- Nicolette: Has there been talk about what's going to happen with Bridge and NSO

- Ethan: They have not made any decision but i think that is a big question. Do you let a first year take a class before NSO? They are trying to not do a virtual NSO.
- Nicolette: If you did the 10 block system than you could have NSO/let them start at 3rd block
- Sakina: Another idea is letting First years be the only ones on campus
- Deksyos: From being on the CEC, I think something that could be detrimental to freshmen is having them enter into classes with upperclassmen right away. I also think some type of mentor system for first years.
- Fer: I think there is a real value in having a first-year only block. But I think one block is probably sufficient.
- Deksyos: The mentorship would have to happen over the summer and would depend on the decision.
- Saluja: Did they mention anything about ISO?
- Ethan: This is probably going to be the biggest barrier. The main thing we talked about in terms of International students is how this will affect student visas. The financial aid is concerned with how we report international students enrolment. Lots of complications around how the college does the first two blocks around international students. The federal government has only allowed a hybrid exception for a semester. So next year, either ISO students have to be completed online or completely on campus. There have been talking about having classes held in their country and in their time zones.
- Sakina: There is also talk about having students coming into the US quarantine in a hotel
- Deksyos: Is there any coordination with other colleges?
- Ethan: In this meeting, it was briefly mentioned. CC has a huge advantage by being on the block. But there wasn't a plan for coordination around an opening date

- Sakina: Searches for new positions

III. Move-out:

- Ethan: Encourage students who need financial assistance to email the school if you need help. If we start to get lots of emails from students about being denied then we can go from there but as of right now we have no sense of scale

- Sakina: I just received an email from Dean Edmonds that they are comfortable with moving out of the deadline.

IV. All-College Committees

- Max: Ethan, Sophie, sakina and I were in a meeting to talk about voting for the fall elections. One of the issues that came out is that all CC mailboxes are set up to forward mail however ballots are not legally allowed to be forwarded. That ballot that was trying to be forwarded will be returned and the person will not receive a ballot in the next election. We are going to reach out to the secretary of state to see if we can let the CC mail room sit on the ballots or let them legally forward ballots. It wouldn't be ideal for students not to vote in the primary but better than not voting in November. You can switch it in.

V. Open Floor

- Jay: Has everyone seen the petition going around to extend move out period
- Ethan: Yes, Sakina and I just got an email that they will be moving the deadline to July 6
- Deksyos: Were there a lot of emails to the CCSGA email before the petition?
- Ethan: There were a few but in my email, I pointed to that petition

VI. Adjournment

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