

February 4th, 2021 Full Council - Block 5 Week 1 - Held virtually

- I. Call to Order:
 - Meeting started at 5:00 MST
- II. Roll call:

Absent:

Guests: Elliott Williams, Ely Merenstein, Viktor Keleman, and Sam Dogget
- III. Distribution of minutes:

Minutes from the meeting on December 10th, 2020 have been approved as distributed
- IV. Introductions
- V. Application Discussion: Ely Merenstein, Viktor Keleman, and Sam Dogget-- Block 5 block Team Software Project
 - Considering making an app that would be a messaging system between students and CCSGA. They could send a message to CCSGA about any topic and CCSGA can communicate in many ways.
 - Via statuses, messagings, etc
 - Have a home page with useful shortcuts to the CC website and potentially for CCSGA to post public announcements
 - Questions and suggestions:
 - Sophie: It's very exciting!
 - Mary: It would be cool for it to have a club section where clubs can have a description to get kids more involved
 - Sam D: Would this be a list of clubs?
 - Mary: I don't really know
 - Sakina: I think it would be cool if you had all the clubs listed and you could reach out to them through the app
 - Sophie: Is it a general student app or a CC app? We could have the messages directed towards a certain area like student life, finance, etc
 - Sam D: Would you want it to be a general CCSGA thing or would it be one person responding to all the questions ?
 - Tom: Is there a way that this app could help us with elections?
 - Ella: It would be cool for students to add what clubs that they are a part of or a calendar for clubs, events, etc.
 - Sakina: Agreed it would be cool to have a calendar of all events
 - Viktor: To focus our discussion a bit, for reaching out in the messaging system, what are your thoughts?
 - Ella: Is there any moderation aspect involved?
 - Sam D: The plan right now would be a stand alone app for students and for CCSGA there would be an admin website. We were going to have

some type of authentication. The user can be anonymous. We are thinking of having a way for admin to break that policy potentially and block users.

- Elliott: Why is this easier than emailing CCSGA?
- Ely: The anonymous aspect, students can get lost in email, and that there is a certain formality to emails that this wouldn't have
- Fer: I think that it is harder to send an email to people you don't know so this could be easier
- Elliott: I think especially for first years who don't know who to go to that would be huge. I think it would be cool if there was an admin who decides who that message goes to
- Fer: What about read receipts, etc
- Ely: What do we think of read receipts? Should that be a part of the status update?
- Fer: I think so, it would be cool to decide if it is read or not, or unread.
- Al: I love all these ideas, I have a question about the technologies aspects of it. How accessible will it be? Can you go through the email? And what about bugs?
- Viktor: We were wondering what you thought about platforms? Currently our position is an app with a website that covers enough of our bases. Also concerning maintenance; this is a block project but we are happy to lend our time till the end of the year. Hopefully by the end of the year most bugs will be worked out. But there will still need to be maintenance, and there will need to be one person to do so.
- Fer: I wanted to gauge everyone's interest -- if this becomes an app, we would have to pay for it. Is this something that will be worth it to fund it?
- Sally: I think this is really great, but for CC specifically, a very large amount of school doesn't care about CCSGA. Even with elections, if people aren't going to use their emails, why would they use the app?
- Sam D: It would be both a website and an app. But that is a good point. Would you prefer this to not be an app and solely be a website with extra features or is the app better for push notifications?
- Sakina; I think it would be cool if it could go through the existing website.
- Fargol: Would you guys be interested in making a department of one person to answer the questions?
- Sophie: I think additionally, the questions would go to whatever committee its for and they could decide
- Ade: I think an app provides a more casual way to interact with CCSGA. Hopefully we can facilitate a line of communication that makes that more open. Fargol, I know that it seems complicated to send it to multiple people, in my time as parliamentarian there was a lot of redirecting

- Ella: Could you add some features to the Colorado College app? I am just not sure how many people would download it.
- Sally: Does what we say matter whether or not this goes through? This doesn't affect your grade?
- Sam D: Most students don't reach a phase of completion in these block projects and no.
- Elliott: Sally, as seniors we are jaded, but freshmen are looking to get involved. I think it would be a cool thing to integrate into the existing CC apps. If it's possible to do that, it would be cool. You could get students who are already using the CC app for COVID checks to use your work.
- Anusha K: I think CCSGA can do a lot in being accessible to students. I know that you are in the pilot phase, perhaps someone could take over where you left off. I think CCSGA having an app is a good thing for CCSGA's reputation.
- Anusha V: Do you guys have a plan for advertising to students?
- Fer: To a couple of points, I think that there are parts of the CC's app that are just not great-- some things are just blank. I do think that we could have a link to the website itself. We can advertise via our social media and through programs like NSO. I do think that once people are shown it, people will get it
- Dore: I do think Freshman and Sophomores are trying to get involved. But at the same time, like Ella said we could just add a google form to the website. But I love the idea
- Ella: I like the idea of an SGA app and it would need to be more developed and it would take significantly more time. Do people submit that many questions? I think we could start sending out more surveys, could you add that into the functionality?
- Fer: Are you saying that the idea of having that venue to ask questions but we should be able to ask questions back to the students?
- Ella: Yes-- why would they reach out to us if we don't reach out to them first.
- Nicolette: I think I agree there is potential for an app but I think integrating with the CC app is kinda a good idea. I do think the app would be really cool but I think for now it would be cool to integrate with the existing app. I feel like if there were to be submissions for questions, I think there would need to be a clear explanation of how CCSGA works.
- Sakina: Is it even possible to integrate?
- Sam D: It is not clear to us. We have to reach out about it and see what language they use.
- Sakina: You definitely have our support

- Tom: I think this project seems really great but I think it would be great for it to be coupled with a greater effort to make CCSGA more accessible.
- Fer: Do you guys have any more questions?
- Viktor: I think we are good. We will probably be back at some point.

VI. Relevant committee updates:

○ Finance:

- Committee decided to automatic spring roll over-- clubs won't have to apply to have fall budgets roll over to spring
- There is a group of students who are trying to have unused budgets to go to financial aid.
- We have been working on getting canva subscriptions for students.
- Gaby is working and talking about the Adobe suite subscription
 - Gaby: I spoke to people from Adobe and the art department and IT- it seems very expensive. For 2,000 people it would be 250\$ per person. I will keep everyone updated. I would love to know if there are other subscriptions people think would be useful.
 - Elliott: I think funding wise it makes sense to be on a request basis. When I requested one it was for a single purpose.
 - Gaby: I think we are planning on sending out a survey about subscriptions

○ Outreach:

- We are going to work with CC Dems and CC Votes for a forum for the city council election
- We launched family groups and would like some some feedback
 - Brooke: We wanted to brainstorm some things family groups can do?
 - Sam P: If you signed up, please lead these groups and help initiate that
 - Brooke: The groups that don't have SGA members, how should we approach those groups?
 - Elliott: Will it be an allotted budget or is it like here is an event and here is the cost?
 - Sophie: That is one of our questions. Maybe more a question for finance committee
 - Sakina: I think it would be cool for it to be like a community fund thing
 - Lilly: Ya, I think we need to put that into the bylaws first.
 - Fer: It might be worth it to make a tutorial video

○ Inclusion:

- I have been working on figuring out department textbooks' costs. I have been looking into costs and creating a spreadsheet and model so that I can convince departments to help fund this effort. Hopefully we can persuade departments by the end of the semester.
 - Elliott: I think seniors could pass down books in the grad fair. I think donations could be useful
 - Anusha: I like that idea
- Ella: I think we could reach out to different clubs. We should be reaching out to BSU specifically because it's black history month. I would love for us to reach out to clubs and see how SGA can get involved. Perhaps we could do something for black faculty as well. I think it's important for SGA to be supportive, especially during black history month.
- Anusha K: We should push out some things of solidarity and community to the whole school.
- Internal affairs:
 - We are looking for some fun social media videos so if you have any idea let me know

VII. Open Floor for Comment:

VIII. Adjournment