



## Colorado College Student Government Association

### MEETING MINUTES

February 18th, 2021

Full Council

Block 5 Week 3

Held Over Video Conference due to COVID-19

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

Absent: Laila, Anusha V, Gaby

Guests:
  - III. Inclusion Committee and DEI lead the discussion:
    - Anusha: We all met as a big group, one of the things we talked about the internal review of CCSGA -- just to see what we need to work on
      - One of the things that we discussed was Robert's Rules of Order and professionalism in CCSGA and how accessible it is.
      - There are a lot of things to talk about CCSGA, maybe it would be worthwhile for us to talk about it every block or pretty frequently
    - Sakina: So inclusion wants to have space to talk about it once a block?
    - Anusha; Yes, and for today we are thinking about Robert's Rules. Why do we have these lines defined by these
    - Fer: Robert's rules of order- I don't know why we use his name--as for how it works in student government is because it gives structures to what we do. I like the idea of evaluating what they are and why we do that
    - Sophie: I just want to bring up the thoughts on this when I first started on SGA-- we have looked into other options but we choose this so that there is some structure

- Mika: Last week when we talked about this there was a lot of emphasis on professionalism and what that means for a predominantly white institution
- Al: One of the other things we talked about is how this year's CCSGA is the most diverse. I think it feels like some members are afraid to speak up and how do we do that so that it doesn't limit our own.
- Anusha; Do we need to have a Roberts Rules of Order or can we come up with our own CCSGA ideas of how this happens.
- Ade: I was just thinking that we could pinpoint the aspects of Robert's Rules of Order that we dislike so that we can continue onward. I would like to hear the concrete issues so that we can have a basis to build off of.
- Dore: I think it comes down to how much we want to prioritize and what needs to be changed in this system so we can identify the problems
- Fer: I agree and I want to reiterate the point that Ade makes and look at what we have in the bylaws right now because that has stuff in it as well.
- Sally: I just wanted to say that it's important that we pay attention to the impact our language has in terms of professionalism.
- Ella: For the Roberts rules, I feel like it might be a little bit much and I don't think we have to re-write. I feel like we shouldn't have to have Robert's Rules to do CCSGA meetings. I haven't looked over the rules yet and I guess my problem is with the concepts of professionalism.

#### IV. Finance presentation on club budgeting:

- CCSGA manages student activity fee which goes to various things including club budgets
- A group of students is trying to donate a large portion of their extra budget funds can be donated
- 10 - 20 thousand range and could be more
- Finance proposes allowing clubs to donate their funding budgets around the number: 89,585\$
  - Vote passes unanimously

#### V. Relevant committee Updates:

- Student Life:
  - Food advisory meeting -- please reach out to me if you have more questions. I advocated for re-opening Rastall and they were not very open to that idea. I suggested that they have bigger portions and they were not very responsive to that either. There will be a follow-up meeting on March 10th
  - Committee met about ways to support black history month. We thought of vouchers for black businesses to encourage students to support the business and to stay on campus for block break
- Internal Affairs:

- The student government app is underway and right now it is on the website
  - 6th block executive council elections are coming up so please start promoting it. We have extended the campaign time.
- Finance:
  - Talked to Felix Sanchez and got a walkthrough on the Canva subscription
    - We will allow students to sign-on via the same account. I am hoping it won't cause too many problems.
- President:
  - Spoke with admin on the issues the RA's are having with an RLC
    - Nicolette: Yesterday there was an open forum that was held between RA's and admin about some specific things about a certain RLC. We drafted an open letter and the RLC has been suspended.
      - Meeting went okay but there is a long way to go.
      - Hopefully, we are getting a DEI person in the department
  - Been speaking a lot with the admin about how student employees are treated on campus and this is a conversation that has been going on for a long time. It has been exacerbated by COVID.

VI. Open Floor for Comment:

- Sally: The voucher-- how many are there and which businesses? Is it for all students?
  - Mary: It's for all students and there will be about 30 vouchers for Spice Grill, Four by Brother Luck, Bonefish grill
    - They are for 20\$
  - Ella: Are they first come first serve?
  - Mary: Yes
- Lilly: Mary mentioned the problems we are having with Rastalls being closed, and I just want to plug the food bank on campus. What are people's thoughts on expanding that on campus?
  - Ella: Were you asking to redistribute some of the extra money we have towards the foodbank.
  - Lilly: So right now CCSGA hosts a foodbank through campus activities. I was just wondering if people would be in favor of increasing the amount we give them.
  - Dore: I just wanted to add that we should be giving more funding but I also think we should be increasing awareness of it. I think there is a lot more stuff we could be doing to make it more accessible to people.
  - Ella: For the food bank, I am wondering about students off-campus. How far is our reach for that? What about out-of-state folks experiencing hardship?

- Lilly: It does reach off-campus student but we do not have any out of the Colorado Springs area
- Amy: There is an emergency fund and other funds that people can apply to from out of state.
- Sophie: Not a lot of people use the emergency funds, so we can reach out to a lot of those out of state students in need
- Sakina: Please feel free to reach out to the Solidarity Coalition if you need help with that.

## VII. Adjournment