

# Colorado College Student Government Association

# MEETING MINUTES April 15th, 2021 Full Council Block 7 Week 3 Held Over Video Conference due to COVID-19

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

Absent:

- III. Distribution of minutes
  - Meeting minutes from April 8th, 2021 have been approved as distributed
- IV. Committee Updates:
  - Internal Affairs:
    - Received 24 candidates for the upcoming election—only unfilled position is DEI representative
  - Outreach:
    - Alanna and I are working on getting committee appointments approved waiting for faculty members. If you are on a committee, please let us know if you want to continue serving on that
    - Sam: Last week I met with the alumni office with Elliott to discuss ways we can build a more engaged and intentional alumni network in the springs, especially young alumni. We as an outreach committee want to find ways to build these relationships up. We are going to determine the number of alumni in the springs next year to see who would be interested in helping us and will be reaching out to the Facebook page. Build community in some type of way by bringing back the Table of 8 (alumni host a dinner with 8 people).

- Student Life:
  - Working on Give-leave
  - Moving forward with Presence
- Inclusion (Misbah):
  - Anti-racist committee meeting tomorrow.
- Presidential:
  - Deksyos had a meeting with Dean Garcia and Chairs of the Department and they essentially shut down our proposal for the mental health day
  - Working with the student from 9th Block
    - Amy: It will still have to be approved by SAG
- Fer: In terms of the election— we have three people running for DEI, 5 spots for finance, 4 for inclusion, 6 for sophomore, 3 for junior, 2 for senior.
- Oeksyos: I am working on putting out a survey for the mental health day to gauge student opinion. I heard that some faculty members discuss mental health days in their classes. Has anyone heard anything else?
  - Sophie: My professors heard that students were stressed and dropped the big final. I have heard other professors are doing similar things
  - Sakina: I know that other professors and mine give students a day to take off in the block
- Finance:
  - Laila: We are retroactively 1000\$ for Passover and 3000\$ that will bring in an artist for a student group
- Sakina: the Stoles convo that Sophie brings up for CCSGA— other clubs don't get that opportunity. And there are a bunch of questions as to who gets them?
  - Amy: For awhile people were talking about doing a lending library of stoles— CCSGA could be a good pilot for that. They are not cheap and there are a bunch of other discussions about that. Stoles are highly political. I do not think it's fair for CCSGA to not help clubs fund stoles but fund their own.
  - Sophie: Why do I remember us buying stoles and putting them in the office?
  - Amy: Ya that was two years ago.
  - Sakina: Maybe for CCSGA, we could have a lending library of stoles
  - Amy: I feel like there's extra money in our budget
  - Fran: I feel like it makes sense for us to lend them out.
  - Sophie: Maybe, it makes sense to make a one-time stole purchase for other student groups, and then the library could be run by CCSGA. But that would take a lot of coordinating.

- Amy: For seniors, there are systems that will help us with that. Once we have a system for storage it will be easier (once the arena is done, there may be more space)
- Ade: So where we do stand today? Will the graduating class this year have stoles?
- Sakina: I assume that since we have them, then we can use them.
- Fran: I feel like it wouldn't be that hard to have them returned and cleaned for the class of 2020
- Ade: I mentioned in that chat about how we talked about the money that has rolled over, I am wondering if stoles is something we could budget for all student groups?
- Amy: Or let student groups build it into their operating budget
- Sakina: I think an amendment to our bylaws could allow us to do that.

### V. Open floor for comment:

- Amy: Advancement and alumni reached out to me and asked if we would be willing to open the food pantry to donations. It went live last Thursday, by Sunday we had raised 3,000\$. On Tuesday we had 23,000\$. It is still open and that will take some pressure off of CCSGA to fund it. We are hoping to get alumni to endow the program. They assumed it would be only 5,000\$
  - Fargol: Will it be here this summer?
  - Amy: Yes
  - Sakina: I have been really impressed by CC this year. Especially with CC Mutual Aid and initiatives like that
  - Misbah: I am pretty sure CC Mutual Aid is second in the nation.

    Inclusion-wise, I was hoping to do a basic needs center— we need money, transportation, and clothing. I was thinking what if we do a clothing rack that will be near the food pantry.
  - Amy: Some schools have done trips for basic needs—a trip to the outlet mall and a 50\$ gift card.
  - Sakina: I know the butler center does a deal with JCPenny
  - Sophie: Does anyone know if the Swap space still exists?
  - Sakina: It does but I do not think they are doing it this year cause of COVID.
  - Amy: I think with new research, there is less worry about transmission via clothes, etc. So I think we might be able to start it up again.
  - Tom: This reminds me about reusing textbooks. Wondering if there would be a possibility for doing a textbook exchange
  - Sakina: Yes we have been talking about it for a while.
  - Tom: I would love to talk to folks about it

- Misbah: That was one of my goals with inclusion. If no one would mind, I would love to lead that.
- Sakina: We started the groundwork for it, and then it gets lost. Nothing really ends up happening but I think next year is a great time for this all to start happening.
- Amy: I just wanted to share that a lot of staff members have been super burned out and low energy. If there are staff or faculty or admin, please send them a note thanking them, etc. Maybe CCSGA could create a gratitude program.
- Amy: Mary, Antonio, and Jennifer, and I were talking about doing a similar thing that we did for Black-owned businesses for black history month, we could do the same for Asain Heritage month in May
  - Jennifer: We applied for more things on campus that will raise more awareness for the month
  - Amy: If anyone has any favorite locally-owned Asian restaurants, please shoot Antonio and me a message
- Sakina: Also getting more people to come to the CCSGA office
- Fer: How do we access the office?
- Sakina: There is a code.
- Sophie: I would really love it if we could switch the office to a gold card swipe so that we can all have access to it.
- o Sakina: We can ask ITS about that
- Fer: It may be facilities. I can ask about that

## VI. Election Commission:

- o Fer, Jane, Ade, Deksyos, Tia (honor council), Tom, Amy, Ely, Nicollete
- Vote on the election commission:
  - Passes unanimously

#### VII. Open Floor for Comment reopened:

- Ade: Do we have any updates on a new office manager?
- Fer: Yes, Ely is looking for someone. Ely, we will nominate them, and then we will look through them and see what happens.

#### VIII. Adjournment