

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 14th, 2020
Called to Order: 5:00 P.M.**

1) Preliminary Items

- a) Roll Call

2) Auxiliary Reports

- a) Speaker of the Student Senate

i) The presidential report is this Thursday.

- b) Student Representative to the Board of Governors

i) N.A.

- c) Food Pantry Committee Student Government Designee

i) N.A.

- d) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee

i) N.A.

- e) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee

i) N.A.

- f) Academic Affairs Co-Committee

i) Last week I had several students reach out to me and ask on how to drop out of the semester.

(1) Discussion:

(a) Schmidt: Laura has been in meetings all day, so she will get back to you ASAP. One thing we talked about was prompting students for more specifics on what Truman could have been providing that could help.

(i) Meyer: For the most part, students just seemed to have had a lot on their plate.

(ii) Schmidt: Another thing we talked about was advertising what changes have already been made as well as some of the services we do offer. Some things some students don't know about are the pass/fail policy.

(iii) Montúfar: I think it would be a good idea to centralize all of our tips and information for students.

(iv) Rollings: Every department has a different policy when it constitutes pass/fail, but I haven't heard anything from the econ. department myself. Maybe we send something that prompts departments to reach out to their students.

ii) We decided on winners for educator of the year.

- g) Diversity Committee

i) We first read the land acknowledgment resolution and we are hoping to finish that up this weekend.

ii) The resolution we would like to first read is earmarking Diversity Week for next Fall. It currently suggests using materials we had already ordered and allocating money to posters and a Unity Dinner. We are thinking around \$1000, should we be more vague?

(1) Discussion:

(a) Holt: I think writing a resolution explicitly stating deadlines would be good. For setting aside money, we will have a lot of rollover and while next year's budget will be smaller, that \$1000 for one big event wouldn't be totally unreasonable.

(b) Schmidt: I would specify how many people rsvp'd to the Unity Dinner to show their interest in it.

iii) We have been working for weeks now to get the Bias Reporting team to get to a meeting, and they can really only come this coming week. It doesn't need much feedback and will

be more about presenting information; however, I could just include that in the end of the year report.

(1) Discussion:

- (a) Schmidt: I'm struggling with wanting them to come, but since there's not a resolution coming before the end of the semester and there are many coming up in the last two weeks. It may be better for that to be discussed in the end of the year report.

h) Environmental Affairs Committee

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i) External Affairs Committee

i) No report.

j) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee

i) We are trying to figure out classroom attendance; how may we better connect it to mental health and assure professors are doing a better job of caring about mental health?

- (1) Our original plan was to implement a mental health day, but looking at other universities we couldn't find anything along those lines which maybe means it might be difficult to implement. Our new direction is to write a resolution that promotes a philosophy that balances mental health and positive education.

(2) Discussion:

- (a) Montúfar: Is this more of a cultural thing or addressing the attendance policy? It sounds like you're addressing more of the cultural aspects of professors. I think if that's the case, then you should share examples of professors who are doing things correctly. If you just say professors should be aware of mental wellness, it might not be specific enough.
- (b) Alexander: I was wondering if you can order your resolution more? I got a little lost within it due to information overload.
- (c) White: I wanted an idea of where you were going with the attendance policy. I wasn't too happy about professors having the ability to create their own attendance policy until I had Dr. Rickell. Maybe talk to her about her policy.
- (d) Meyer: I do think this is an important statement, especially if there's a strict attendance policy. If attendance sheets are passed around, and I'm already having a bad mental health day, then it's a question of what are we placing more value on.
- (e) Holt: I think that even if this doesn't suggest a policy change, right now it's important to document the student opinion as a body.
- (f) Alexander: We paid thousands of dollars for the classes and we should be able to decide if we attend or not.
- (g) Rollings: We should not be encouraging students to put off their well being. Some professors are not receptive.
- (h) Barker : I can add more specific examples. It can be difficult to reach out in times of stress.
- (i) Holt: professors adopt the default one and move on which is not okay

k) Student Affairs Committee

i) The maps were updated on the website.

ii) There will be a resolution coming to Sunday's meeting.

l) Purple Friday Subcommittee

i) Our Snapchat theme will be self-care.

m) Select Committee on Parking Appeals

i) N.A.

n) Vision Doc Ad Hoc Committee

i) The posters should be resolved soon and finishing up the end of the year report.

o) Women's Leadership Conference Ad Hoc Committee

i) N.A.

- p) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - i) I want to make programming as easy for everyone else with this coming around elections. I don't know what that would look like and I wanted input for it.
 - (1) Discussion:
 - (a) German: Is this going to be an event or just social media?
 - (i) C.Smith: After thinking about it and talking to Laura, I think it will just be a graphic that gives resources and information on being supporting yourself and others. Dr. Millot also wanted to do the live interview. It will probably just be social media things.
 - (ii) Rollings: I'm curious about the issue of it being drowned out, but if it is important for sharing resources - I think something should happen but I just don't know what is most important.
 - (iii) C.Smith: Laura and Dr. Millot want to go in two directions and I don't know what is the best route. I want to get resources out there
 - (iv) Schmidt: While you should consider information and ideas, this event is still yours. It should look like whatever you want it to.
 - q) IT Director
 - i) N.A.
 - r) Public Relations Director
 - i) N.A.
- 3) **Executive Reports**
- a) Treasurer
 - i) No report.
 - b) Secretary
 - i) No report.
 - c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i) If you have anything to give to us, give it to us by this Thursday at noon.

Adjourned: 6:09 P.M.