

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

October 14, 2020

Called to order: 7:45 p.m.

1. Preliminary items:

- a. Roll Call

2. Auxiliary Reports:

a. Academic Affairs

i. Purinton:

1. Re: Civics exam
 - a. Jessica identified poorly written questions; some have 80% of students missing them
2. Deadline for winter commencement speeches is Friday; will be interviewing candidates
3. Asked Laura about money and receipts, waiting on answer
4. Will be scheduling meeting with Ireti and Joshna to discuss faculty diversification

b. Diversity

i. Montúfar:

1. Lizzie and Shania talked about gender neutral housing with Janna; will create report and meet again in November; will meet with Board of Governors in February
2. Reached out to artist regarding commission for land acknowledgement
3. Talked about showing Awake at Standing Rock as collaboration with Environmental Affairs

c. Environmental

i. Kershaw:

1. Alec finished making social media post about new composting bins; Ryle Hall Commons, MO Hall 1st floor, Kirk Building
2. Recycling spots on campus closed; looking into options, maybe talking with External Affairs; talking with students about reasoning behind decision and ways to reduce waste
 - a. Alexander: We will ask Laura about city recycling tomorrow

d. External

i. MacLeod:

1. Worked on editing resolution based on feedback; still trying to think about Laura's suggestion regarding student workers, but have addressed everything else
2. Talked yesterday with Ashley Young (asst. city manager) about city recycling; might be more on a university level than with the city
3. Scheduled meeting with County Health Department for tomorrow at 2:30 about targeted mask mandate

e. Health, Wellness, and Safety

i. Barker:

1. Helping fund care baskets going to quarantine students
2. Mindfulness event coming up second week of November (Tuesday)

ii. Woods:

1. Received email from Julie Sneddon regarding establishing accessible trail path
 - a. Will StuGov help fundraise?
 - b. Alexander: Let me know what comes from this!
2. Completed outline for wellness brochure
3. Julie Sneddon is getting info about Disability Rights Advocate position out

f. Student Affairs

i. Barge:

1. Focusing on Student Appreciation Week still
 - a. Looking at shirt ideas -- two sided shirts with sponsors?
 - b. Not looking into sponsors until there is a clearer idea of how this might work
 - c. Jesse thought about pushing Student Appreciation Week back so we have a bit more time to figure out shirts, but still trying to stick with November 4-6
 - d. Talked to Sodexo about coupons, seems like an easy process
 - e. Rachel was able to get in contact with Engage professor to support Freshmen projects; still waiting on info about these projects; may also contact individual professors
 - i. Alexander: What are you thinking of in terms of advertising these projects?
 1. Barge: Perhaps social media; still unknowns based on what projects look like/what Engage professor is planning
 - ii. Woods: Posters should be coming out in the next week; everything is a bit behind, but should be coming soon
2. Owen emailed CIS about having representative at meetings; waiting on response
3. Still waiting on response from IT dept about student emails/usernames

g. Purple Friday

i. Myers:

1. Started planning for Halloween Purple Friday; have good poster from Alex and Louisa made a good design for stickers
 - a. Will be spending \$70 for stickers; \$30 for advertising; \$30 for plastic pumpkins; \$15 for candy to put in pumpkins
2. Reached out to Alec about generic purple friday design to post week-by-week
3. Reached out Sunday to get table for Homecoming, not enough time to get a table (need 7-10 business days to process request)
 - a. Hopefully will be doing Homecoming PR table
4. If anybody would like to purchase \$30 worth of stickers for their committee, let Sam know to get Sticker Mule Hot Sauce!
 - a. Alexander: We need to buy new logo stickers...

3. Executive Reports:

a. Speaker:

i. Smith:

1. No report

b. Secretary:

i. Lesch:

1. We can't use Timeclock after end of October; working on getting us set up with Homebase

c. Treasurer:

i. Wren:

1. Homecoming:
 - a. Wrapped up committee planning today!
 - b. Purple Friday will be helping 10/23 from 10-2 tabling
 - c. 24 hr service event, from Friday Oct 23-Saturday Oct 24 (2pm-2pm)
 - d. Only have five volunteers for car parade on Sunday at 3pm; please tell people to register vehicles (\$1 or 3 canned goods)!
2. Be ready for discussion on appropriations standing rules/expectations

d. President and Vice President:

i. Alexander:

1. Met with Dr. Thomas:

a. Safety on campus:

- i.** Have hired additional part-time police officers to be patrolling on outskirts of campus
- ii.** Barker: Have noticed more patrolling, especially in parking lots
- iii.** Tire slashing caused by same teen

b. Student wellness:

- i.** Would like to coordinate tips to send student body -- from UCS or Nancy Daley-Moore
- ii.** Also suggested that administration might reach out to faculty as well
- iii.** Wren: I'm not sure how students would respond to tips; I think a different approach might be more helpful
- iv.** Montúfar: I agree with Jesse; it might be easier if we explained things like absence policies; talking to faculty might be a better/more practical approach
- v.** Wren: Issues with UCS wait times, communication, helping students in crisis...
- vi.** Lesch: Maybe asking students what they need?
- vii.** Barker: I have tried reaching out to UCS, but they are so busy that I can't talk to them; is there anything we can do at this point?
 1. Alexander: Dr. Thomas is looking into UCS issues, and we are also looking at issues in communication with Student Health Center
- viii.** MacLeod: No break system has been difficult for everyone; could it be encouraged for professors to leave one day free of assignments so students have some sort of break?
- ix.** Alexander: We have faculty senate excomm tomorrow; discussing attendance policy for next semester

1. Montúfar: Best practices referenced in resolution passed earlier; regularly asking for feedback, communication/transparency, flexibility...
2. Barker: Why are they wanting to bring back the old attendance policy? Have we heard anything about the results from student survey regarding spring semester schedule?
 - a. Alexander: We will update you on when these results should be released
3. Myers: Lots of professors seemed very flexible with attendance at beginning of semester
4. Wren: Is there anything we can do to support faculty? Also, very concerned about UCS and lack of services (and risks to students because of this)
5. Purinton: I agree that we need to support faculty; talk about faculty as well as students; students cannot be successful if professors are not doing well! Also, the Presidents' Roundtable was a great opportunity to come together as a community; is there another opportunity for us to do something else like this?
6. Alexander: Could we do a faculty appreciation week of some sort?
 - a. Purinton: I think showing student support would be great, but administration should also show support
 - b. Montúfar: Pershing Society usually has a faculty appreciation event
7. Barker: Relationship between faculty and students has been strained somewhat; this decision would worsen this
8. Alexander: I will send updates from meeting to ExComm Slack tomorrow
 - x. Montúfar: I don't think issues with UCS are new
2. Sara Seifert will be at meeting on Sunday to discuss policing on campus -- think of questions relating to this!
3. Theme for ExComm next week?

Adjourned: 8:57 p.m.