

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
October 28, 2020**

**Called to order: 7:48 p.m.**

**1) Preliminary Items**

**a) Roll Call**

**2) Auxiliary Reports**

**a) Speaker of the Student Senate**

i) E. Smith:

(1) Need to look at amendments to the standing rules; if you have anything else you want to look at, let Emily know

**b) Academic Affairs Committee Chair**

i) Purinton:

(1) Picked winter commencement speakers, will have two speakers!

(2) Met with Dr. Gooch yesterday; has been some concern with faculty about attendance and students not meeting their ends of the agreement in terms of participation in class (ex: choosing Zoom over in-person)

(3) Met with Bertha Thomas; learned about Diversity Day, which will include readings, curriculum, video, student panel, and discussion questions; also discussed SOAN190 requirement, agreed that it should not be a graduation requirement without it being its own mode, but also concerned with lack of funds to sociology department -- discussed including something with this in Self and Society instead

ii) Wren: So, faculty senate approved attendance policy last week. Is this being rescinded?

(1) Purinton: I think this is a compliment to that. Will be brought to general body in the next couple of weeks, has a couple more channels to pass through

iii) Alexander: At faculty senate on Thursday, these concerns were brought up. Discussed faculty having strategies for dealing with attendance issues, alternative assignments, etc.

(1) Purinton: If anyone has any strategy suggestions, contact Sutton!

**c) Diversity Committee Chair**

i) Montúfar:

(1) Still waiting to hear back from Laura about details for Land Acknowledgement artwork

(2) Talked to director of financial aid about emergency funds for students; decided on case-by-case basis; ultimately, doesn't sound like Truman has an "emergency fund" in place; let Shania if you have any thoughts about this

(3) Kiren and Shania thinking about working on letter writing campaign together after the election

ii) Purinton:

(1) Read interesting article about how covid has widened gaps in socioeconomic class; would be interested in helping with establishing emergency funds

- d) Environmental Affairs Committee Chair**
  - i) Kershaw:
    - (1) Working towards showing of Awake next Friday, Nov. 6th; getting slideshow and discussion questions ready
  - ii) Myers: How are bird houses going?
    - (1) Kershaw: Exploring partnership with Beta Beta Beta, need to address issue of not having female trees on campus to attract more birds
- e) External Affairs Committee Chair**
  - i) MacLeod:
    - (1) Bridget Thomas has been notarizing ballots
    - (2) Reached out to county clerk about positive covid tests and voting; no response
    - (3) Hoping to get individual members set up with passion projects
  - ii) Alexander: What projects are you looking to get started after election day?
    - (1) MacLeod:
      - (a) Newsletter for alumni
      - (b) Biking information with Emma Rollings
      - (c) Still reaching out to diversity groups
- f) Health, Wellness, and Safety Co-Chairs**
  - i) Barker:
    - (1) Got in touch with RHA advisor; talking about dorm access
    - (2) Got covid tip sheets done yesterday
    - (3) Have had to move wellness event back a week
    - (4) Contacted Dr. Nancy Daley-Moore to do next faculty wellness spotlight
    - (5) Setting up meeting with Brad Turnbull to discuss diversity issues and mental health
  - ii) Woods:
    - (1) Communicating with Beta Theta Pi; donations for accessible path to Thousand Hills from Osteopathy
      - (a) Hoping to donate around \$100
    - (2) Sott Alberts is trying to put on some kind of covid panel; Tori has been invited to be on the panel, will keep everyone posted on the progress
  - iii) Alexander: Ethan, would you be interested in donating to the trail?
  - iv) E. Smith: Can StuGov donate? Because the U&I cannot donate since it is state funding
  - v) Wren: Could Beta apply for appropriations?
- g) Purple Friday Committee Chair**
  - i) Myers:
    - (1) Made decorations yesterday
    - (2) Didn't manage to get posters approved because of copyright issues; will be trying to get some advertisements out online
    - (3) Sign-up page for Halloween tabling is in Important channel
- h) Student Affairs Committee Chair**
  - i) Barge:
    - (1) Owen had discussion with Nursing faculty; assistance would need to go to all students, which is not in the budget right now

- (2) Student Appreciation Week will be pushed back to accommodate sponsors; CDI, ResLife, RHA, and Laura talked to U&I and Greek Life (will have around \$600 in sponsorship for more t-shirts)
- (3) Met with president of RHA: discussed electric car chargers on campus and making changing gender identity easier on TruView; also said that RHA could help with advertising for Student Appreciation Week
- (4) Josh and Warren met with Stephanie from CIS: Stephanie will be attending StuGov meetings to give updates on CIS; also discussing displaying international instruments from World Music course
- ii) Montúfar:
  - (1) Did a focus group with international students; talking about issues over the summer, and students had a lot of commentary about the lack of university response, feel that there still hasn't been a show of support from administration

### 3) Executive Reports

#### a) Treasurer

- i) No report

#### b) Secretary

- i) Lesch:

- (1) Working on shared calendar for meetings and events on Google Sheets; please Slack Caroline your committee meetings days and times, in addition to any upcoming events!

#### c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association

- i) Alexander:

- (1) Business project is still rolling, have now contacted 11 businesses; would like to have more people in the body help out with this
- (2) Ran into some administrative delays with all school email, but hopefully this will be resolved soon
- (3) Update on university testing from Dr. Thomas; county is receiving fewer rapid tests from the state, which means the University will also receive fewer, and may run out of rapid tests. We still have PCR tests and are about to start receiving saliva tests from the federal government
- (4) Also learned of concerning trends from contact tracing; for every positive case, seeing a lot more close contacts that at the beginning of the semester; students may be letting up a little on safe practices, need to try our best to encourage best practices so we can stay on campus!
  - (a) Josh and Katie reached out to Dr. Daley-Moore and got more information on suggestions for safe practices, hoping to share these with campus organizations
  - (b) Montúfar: What are your ideas on organizations sharing this information with members? Infographic? Would also be a good idea to talk about trends
  - (c) MacLeod: I'm not sure it's that students are being less careful, but that there are simply new options; need to keep this in mind when considering communication
    - (i) E. Smith: I don't think this is the case. I think it's getting into circles where it wasn't before

- (ii) Montúfar: Read a few articles that smaller gatherings are the biggest transmitters right now; should have guidance about small events as well
- ii) Discussion on quarantine and isolation documents:
  - (1) Montúfar:
    - (a) Had to pack up very quickly; a bit sad and lonely, comfort items might be nice
    - (b) Food is an issue; bad about accommodating vegetarian diets, food in general is not healthy or complete meals; if someone is more informally quarantined, there didn't seem to be an option for food delivery at first
    - (c) Just a bad mental health situation; don't get to go outside or talk to others, very isolating
  - (2) Kershaw: Doesn't say anywhere on sheets that your meals will be used with the food delivery
    - (a) Lesch: What about students who live on campus but don't have large meal plans?
    - (b) Wren: Can you choose how to spend your meals?
  - (3) Barker: Based on information from students, has there been any issue with professor/advisor support?
  - (4) Myers: I've heard of people renting out rooms at the hotel instead of utilizing University rooms. Any guidance on this?
    - (a) Montúfar: They do say that you can go home/other places
  - (5) Wren: Including pre-chosen wall art or other decor -- checking out art prints from the library?
    - (a) Kershaw: Also general comfort items like extra blankets, etc.
    - (b) MacLeod: Or even delivery of items they forgot from their rooms
  - (6) Alexander: Total isolation, not being able to go outside? Is there any way for people to be able to go outside?
    - (a) E. Smith: Things are also very different for people quarantines at Chall vs. in places where they aren't closely monitored
  - (7) Barker: Would it be possible to set up some kind of weekly Zoom meditation or mindfulness session for quarantined students?
    - (a) Alexander: What about giving out small crafts for activities?
    - (b) Purinton: Oriental Trading Co. has good crafts for fairly cheap
  - (8) Lesch: Clarify what students should do who live in singles?
  - (9) E. Smith: Heard of three people quarantining together in Chall, two being roommates who they moved to Chall?

**Adjourned: 8:55 p.m.**