

# College Council Agenda

Monday, Dec. 9, 2019

## RSB 30

**Attendees:** Mac Witt, Moonku Ju, Hobac Tran, Rosemary Darrough, Larry Cushnie, Rose Kolovrat, Dieny Aras, Jane Harness, Jen Mills

**Guests:** Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap

**Secretary:** Christa Zinke

**Begin:** 1:30pm

**End:** 3pm

### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Welcome new members & guests
  - New member: Moonku Jun

### 2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 4, 2019

### 3. REGULAR BUSINESS

- Discuss Budget Forum held on Monday, Dec. 2, 2019 & Discussion with Rosie
  - Rosie: This is our second year with quarterly budget forums. We are seeing the shifts across campus about the types of questions that are being asked. This year it was more about prioritizing needs across campus that can inform our decision making. I felt that the budget forum went well and it will be nice to have the recommendations in hand when we go into the process of developing next year's budget.

Mac: How do you see the role of College Council on our college and do you think there is anything that we haven't tackled that we need to address?

Rosie: College Council is a place where anything that crosses divisions can go. This has functioned well as a place that can receive issues like concerns for undocumented students. This started in student services but quickly evolved into an issue concerning instruction and so College Council building recommendations is the perfect avenue. We are now using that recommendation as a guide for what we can do moving forward.

Mac: Do you think that College Council will be involved in implementing the smoking ban?

Rosie: I think that we will see how this shapes up. At this point, it looks like it will be somebody's job but we may involve the College Council with regards to things like signs on campus etc.

Mac: Is there anything personally on campus that you think we should look at?

Rosie: One of the things that is developing organically, is the South Men of Color. They have made some recommendations over, and I don't know that they need to go through College Council, but it is an interesting group that spans functions, but I really like this process of good idea – vetting it with people in different areas. It spreads it out and generates better ideas. The work that they are doing is very grass roots and over time it has gotten more sophisticated and so I think that is an area to keep an eye on support. I don't know what that would look like.

Due to the recommendation that we got in accreditation about out of date policies, the district office has been doing a good job about reviewing out of date processes, so I might send them out to you to look at and bring up any questions or concerns so that I can bring that to District to use when they are updating policies. Some of the policies I won't send forward, I.e. when a word or two is updated to reflect new department name, but when there are any sent forward like “children on campus” policy, I would send that forward to you to get feedback on.

Dieny: Did the accrediting body put forward specific policies?

Rosie: No, they did not get that specific. They wanted us to put forth a process for regularly updating policies that are district-wide.

Another thing that would be interesting to address is the college community responsibilities that were created about 15 years ago. I feel that we are in an environment where socially civil discourse is strained and with the election the values may get challenged on campus and so while the college council had previously established the college community responsibilities, these may need to be readdressed in order to ready our campus for developing resiliency skills in what may likely be a challenging environment for civil discourse.

Jane: One thing that I have been talking with other faculty about is trauma and how do we as faculty work with students who have experienced a lot of trauma. We have also talked about workshops for students who have experienced trauma and how do identify triggers and help students develop resiliency skills around trauma.

Larry: There are PD things that we can do about teaching with a trauma- informed lens etc.

Dieny: there is a lot of work that is being done on different councils or groups, like we know that there has been a formed undocumented student support committee and we know that there will be an EDI Advisory Council. How do we prevent the work being done there to prevent it from being siloed from College Council. I think that College Council has a good pulse on somethings, but its addressed how guided pathways intersects with other issues on campus etc.

Rosie: We have tried to form a home for things. They had been formed and we had a recommendation. I asked that they come up through College Council. I think that is a good point. We have a few different councils around campus that report to different entities. It is a healthy sign that people feel empowered to form groups around things that they are passionate about. I think that it is important that we

loosely connect things but not prevent things from developing organically. We have to walk our way through it and figure out how that looks and feels as we go.

Larry: Can I make a suggestion that we have someone in College Council who gathers all of these agendas as they are sent out so that we can see what other people are talking about.

Rosie: Not all of the agendas are sent publicly,

Rosemary: I wrote down a couple of things and issues – is there a formal way that issues are brought to College Council? I thought that as a council we could send out an email describing the purpose of College Council and soliciting for people to bring up issues that they need additional assistance with. I don't ever remember seeing an e-mail that describes the purpose of College Council and who to contact regarding the issues.

Mac: I did send out an e-mail at the beginning of the year with an attachment that people could print out and send in but that may need to be addressed with an online form because I got no feedback from that.

Dieny: I think that Rosemary is hitting on a point, for employees when they are doing professional development and employees want to participate in a certain council but there is not a list available to look at all the different councils available.

Rosemary: There is a page on the website where there are a list of committees. It does not look like it is up to date, but this is a place where we could update all of our committees and councils on-campus.

- Budget Meeting Feedback & improvements

Mac: I want to find out your feedback since I felt like it was super awkward.

Rosemary: It always seems super awkward.

Mac: Was anyone watching on Zoom and know how it worked out?

Rose: I looked at it afterwards and it seemed like it worked well.

Mac: I was worried about using the owl

Dieny: The owl would sort of turn towards where it thought the person talking was but you couldn't quite tell who was talking.

- Discuss Budget Priorities and budget development questions received from campus community

Mac: I already grouped the Welcome Center priorities here up at the top. If you see ones that are similar, I can write down the numbers and try to combine them into one succinct priority or if there are ones on here that may be an ask that would not be likely to be funded or out of our scope.

Dieny: Food insecurity and housing are basic needs that a lot of our students identify as being in need of.

Mac: How do we identify students as being in need of these basic

needs?

Dieny: Workforce, Benefits Hub, in my experience prof-tech students are more willing to disclose these issues.

Anna: I can interject here: I work for Benefits Hub that connects students on campus with resources on and off-campus. We have a whole range of different services that we can assist students with. Our main issue is that students don't know that we exist. We are trying to get the information out about Benefits Hub so that people know that we exist and so that faculty and staff don't have to feel powerless about how they can help students facing these insecurities. As far as the council specifically, as far as budget priorities, one of the issues is that students have limited access to computer labs due to their outside responsibilities. On the topic of building campus, building housing is out of reach but the CIE has an amazing book where they partner with different homeowners in this area to actually host students. It would be nice to expand that to all students and not just international students. The bus service is another huge issue that our students face due to an inconsistent schedule. There are some resources that are available to staff and faculty.

Rosemary: Are you currently presenting at the New Student Orientation?

Anna: I am not currently, but I would love to.

Dieny: I feel like there was an effort to develop a resource guide for faculty and staff about all of the resources so that we have the same consistent messages about the resource guide. We are privileged in student services because I already knew about that information but faculty should be informed so that they can give that information as well instead of sending students to multiple places on campus.

Jane: We have talked about for the last few years about creating a resource page but it is a lot of work and people change and we can't keep it up to date.

Rose: Would there be a way that we could add this into the supplemental questions that are there when students enroll.

Jane: There are programs that do not register/enroll through those processes that would need another process.

- Update on establishing a “mural course” at South
  - Mac recently updated the recommendation, review before sending to President's Cabinet
  - Motion Approved to forward recommendation to President's Cabinet

#### **4 NEW BUSINESS**

- Discuss/approve anti-racism statement for distribution
- Review of College Council's anti-racist statement

Rosemary: Can edit the last sentence or two so that it is clear what we are pursuing and edit so that it is clear that this is an anti-racist frame.

Jen: There is also a lot of “we’s”. Can we edit that to clarify that it is the College Council who has the responsibility.

Motion approved to approve the anti-racist statement for distribution

## **5 ACTION ITEMS**

- Ask campus community for MORE CC project recommendations
- Email to campus community asking to rank Budget Priorities
- West Seattle Transportation Coalition Meeting, Jan. 23, 2020

## **NEXT MEETING:**

- TBD, scheduling email to CC coming late December