

College Council Minutes

Monday, December 03, 2018

JMB 128

Council Member Attendees: Anton Amaratunge, Mac Witt, Jeffrey Campbell, Christine (?), Jen Mills, Hobac Tran, James Kendall, Lawrence Cushnie, Seth Roback

Guest Speakers: Joyce Allen, Ward Ryder

Secretary: Christa Zinke

Begin: 1:00pm

End: 2:30pm

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 05, 2018 – No quorum to approve minutes

3. REGULAR BUSINESS

- Appoint new PT faculty representative
 - Online vote to be conducted to appoint the PT faculty representative
- Follow up discussion about the graffiti outside Olympic Hall
 - Facilities does try to paint over the graffiti periodically.
 - Rosie is interested in putting together a mural and requested that James Lewis put together a task force around the mural. We would need to make sure that the task force is representative of the college community as whole
 - There is also the possibility of pursuing art grants. There are possible neighborhood grants, partnership with art classes, neighborhood schools. Pursuing grants would take more time and the cost would be up to the artist. An alternative would be do this in-house by students, etc.
 - Louisa Motten, through Continuing Education, may have an instructor who might want to lead that as a continuing education-campus engagement course. It would be good idea to involve them since they are located in that building.
 - Every year North Seattle puts together a project to do installations, this may be something South wants to look into implementing.

- Follow up discussion about the transportation forum
 - Idea was to come up with some sort of idea of an alternate solution out of this meeting. Beyond ZimRide, there was not a lot of solutions brought through King County/Seattle Metro.
 - Route 120 is a high volume route. Bellevue is using Ride2 as a Lyft/Uber to get people to Park and Rides. Could we partner with Uber and Lyft so that we can pick students up from the bus stop at 120 and Morgan or could we have a van that cycles and picks students/faculty up from that spot?
 - We had looked into getting a 3rd party van services from Rainier Beach to pick students up and it looked like about \$1,200 a day. While this may not be feasible long term, for a short period of time it may be more doable.
 - Because we are on a block schedule, it would mean less time that we need to be shuttling students.
 - If we can show that these options would be utilized, it may be something to show the city that we have the volume so that when they revamp the bus routes we may be able to petition for more bus service.

Questions:

- Jeffrey: How do we prevent people from abusing this?
 - Joyce: It will only be a short period of time and we can do a post-mortem afterward. We don't know the impact of the closure. If we do the first three weeks and it's successful, we may be able to extend the service. The biggest worry is putting it together and then people don't use the service.
 - Anton: Metro is aware of how difficult it is to get to South by bus. There is a lane open to re-adjust their schedules. Asked Chris at Metro if there was a possibility to do a survey to get information about bus ridership and the possibility. However, Chris said that there was not enough buses or drivers in order to fund additional bus service.
- Mac: What is the end goal?
 - Anton: Increase the 125 service from 30 minutes to 10-15 minutes.
 - Joyce: We should invite Chris back for a small, intimate meeting and basically say thank you for coming and how do we work with you to put the things in place to work this up. You are positive towards this goal, but in terms of capacity to get you to act what do we need to do. In addition to driving up ridership, what are the other things that we can demonstrate to get to that goal. Just have a more intimate conversation so that we can have a more goal-oriented conversation.
 - James: Doing a survey may not work, since we only had 16% response rate to the last survey that we did.
 - Mac: I think students are a little surveyed out, so maybe we wait on the survey results from the survey District is sending out.
- Lawrence: If we can mobilize some school vans, maybe we do a bus voucher give away just to incentivize students to use the service.
- Follow up discussion about the budget forum
 - We had a good turnout. There were 30-40 people in the room, 30 people watching on Zoom. We got a lot of feedback from in person attendance and Zoom.
 - Fantastic to have student government, student, staff, faculty, a campus-wide unified effort. There was good engagement, collaborative effort to put something together for the campus community.

- We received about 10-12 budget priorities, in addition to the ones from last year. Sent out a survey asking for more priorities.
- Budget priorities should be done before the end of the quarter because with the upcoming accreditation and the results of the mock accreditation debrief, there is a lot of work that we need to do over the next six weeks and the budget forum is a big milestone for the accreditation.
- It is important to involve the faculty senate since many faculty do not feel like budget priorities have a lot to do with faculty issues.

Questions

Mac: Has there been discussion regarding Georgetown priorities?

Hobac: Not a lot of discussion. Will talk with Laura Kingston about it.

Action Items:

- Mac - Send out another list of priorities to faculty and staff and ask them to rank the priorities by importance before presenting recommendations to Cabinet.
- Lawrence will request budget priorities at the faculty meeting on Friday

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 1.45 - 2.15pm: Clean Air Task Force presentation and discussion with Jeffrey Campbell & Ward Ryder
 - Purpose of Task Force: Promote safe/healthy educational and work environment for students/faculty, staff and visitors by becoming tobacco and smoke free campus (or in designated areas).
 - Provide recommendations to President
 - Current policy open to a few different interpretations. Campus is not currently in compliance with state law.
 - Background: Smoking is the leading preventable cause of death and disease in U.S. Smokeless Tobacco and Nicotine delivery products also cause adverse health effects.
 - Topic has been around South for at least 15 years.
 - USA gains momentum in the beginning of each year and then lose momentum at the end of the year as cabinet members change. This is why we created a task force, as directed by Interim President Lortz.
 - College Council has been dealing with the issue of smoking shelters since 2001.
 - College Council 2012 - sent letter to president asking for compliance with current rules in order to move towards being a smoke-free campus (or strictly enforcing the designated smoking areas).
 - Student filed complaint with King County Dept of Health due to smoke flowing towards pre-school in Rainier Health.
 - King County recommendations were to remove smoking shelter and potentially creating a smoke free campus.
 - USA had a forum in 2015. The forum had 80-100 people in attendance.
 - North Seattle found through internal surveys that 71% recommending going towards a smoke-free campus. Their president sent a letter to their campus announcing a smoke-free campus as of 2015-16 academic year.
 - Found that students became hostile and verbally combative.

Action Items:

- Send out pre-implementation survey end of fall 2018.
- Winter 2019: Present data to college and president; campus forums
- Spring 2019: Recommendation to President; President and Trustees make decisions

Questions:

- Mac: Would this go into effect with New Holly and Georgetown?
 - Jeffrey: It is my understanding that no.
 - Hobac: At Georgetown, most of our students smoke and even some of our faculty. We have about 4 buildings and construction students typically smoke.
- Jeffrey: There is a portion of the survey that ask students which campus they attend. Should we ask this task force to cover the Georgetown campus, as well. We would want to make sure that members of the Georgetown campus would be on the campus as well.
- Mac: The survey can be accessed in different languages as well, right? I know that many of our international students are smokers - it is a cultural thing.
 - Jeffrey: I do not know. I don't know if this is something to ask Greg or if students' computers will auto translate. We have been working to get someone on CIE back on the task force since they may be the biggest population hit.
 - Other potential populations: visitors on campus to events or WorkSource.
 - James: Is there a way to discuss this with international students when we on-board students onto campus?
 - This is already in place, but something tells me that this isn't something that is being made very clear upfront.
- Anton: Goal was to vote on continuing the Clean Air Task Force as a part of College Council. Since we do not have quorum, I will put out a vote via e-mail asking for an official vote. This has to be an open-minded approach. So, if we get a survey we need to go forward with whatever results the survey comes through. The enforcement piece is not a part of our recommendation. That is up to President and Cabinet. It is not our job as College Council Members to be enforcement of this policy.
 - Jen: What we would like is to develop a culture of non-smoking, so how do we develop that. That starts with everyone enforcing and educating people about where it WOULD be okay.
 - Jeffrey: North has been pretty successful with this once they put signage and enforcement into place. There are grants available but I do not have the time. Smoke-free would be all tobacco products, including vaping, chewing tobacco.
 - Jeffrey: James and security can technically issue tickets.
- Hobac: In terms of student enrollment, if we try to make smoke-free campus it may reduce enrollment because students do not feel uncomfortable.
 - Recommendation plan would include a gradual implementation plan. This would ultimately be up to the President and Cabinet to look at enrollment.
- Jen: Is there anybody who is a part of the smoking community who could be part of the solution?
 - Yes, there are. There are ultimately going to be a number of questions. Of all the CTC's in WA State, 1/3 are currently smoke-free and there is indications that in 5 years all CTC's will be smoke-free.

5. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

- Gather campus community input and prepare the cabinet recommendation about budget priorities for the year

- Anton will send out another doodle poll trying to determine a more convenient meeting time for winter 2019.

NEXT MEETING:

- January 9, 2019 at 1PM, RSB 128