

## REPORT

**To:** Board of Trustees

**From:** Quynh Nguyen, United Student Association (USA) President, South Seattle College

**Meeting Date:** January 11, 2024

**Subject:** Report – January Board of Trustees Meeting

### USA AND CLUB CENTER

During fall quarter, USA officially endorsed the establishment of four new student clubs at South:

- The Southeast Asian Student Association
- Pottery/Ceramics Club
- Tabletop Games Lounge
- Musician's Club

To actively engage and better support the student body on campus, we worked on special invitations for club officers to present their club proposal at our weekly meetings and USA officers participated in club meetings. This winter quarter, our focus will be on fostering more student organizations and expanding opportunities for those interested in leadership roles or volunteering activities. USA plans to attend the South Club Fair on January 10, aiming to amplify student voices on campus and promote USA resources and services to all student body.

### USA UPCOMING PROGRAMS FOR WINTER QUARTER:

USA will host an Open House event on January 17<sup>th</sup>, welcoming students back from the winter break. Teaming up with various departments in the Jerry M. Brockey Student Center (JMB), USA will spearhead a scavenger hunt with the purpose of easing students into the quarter by providing more engaging approach to discovering resources, student service support and specific campus location.

Moving into February, Esther Djamba, our Vice President and Voter Educator will organize USA's Legislative Advocacy Day in Olympia. Esther will make appointments with state legislators so our student leaders can share their community college students. We will also collaborate with our sister colleges at North and Central to strengthen bonds and common interests in our advocacy efforts.

Furthermore, in coordination with administrators, USA will continue facilitating both in-person and webinars for winter quarter listening sessions. It will serve as an opportunity for the student body to interact with acting President Dr. Sayumi Irey and provide more student input to the college. Although

the focus in February will primarily be on legislative work, USA encourages students to propose any questions, concerns, or issues on campus.

To enhance collaboration, USA will also invite the new Financial Aid Director to join one of our weekly meetings, fostering more comprehensive communication and updates. Additionally, plans are underway to host a financial aid workshop to inform students about the new Financial Aid department structure and application at our Seattle Colleges district, providing further assistance to those navigating FAFSA and WAFSA applications.

#### **USA NEW WINTER QUARTER MEETING TIME:**

USA's weekly meetings will be scheduled every Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:30pm and will be held in the Jerry M. Brockey Student Center conference room, JMB 128. All students are welcome.

**Quynh Nguyen**

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