EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 1st, 2020, CST 8:00 am
Online Via Microsoft Teams

I. Call to Order – 8:02 am

II. Roll Call (P = Present, E = Excused, A = Absent)

1) 
   a. Connor Mathias (President) - P
   b. Clarence Kinnard (VP of Student Affairs) - P
   c. Liz Sunday (Secretary) - P
   d. Conal McNamara (CCPD) - P
   e. Katie Malek (VP of Academic Affairs) - P
   f. Stefan Rudel (Treasurer) - P
   g. Sam Wisneski (MPD) - P
   h. Nathan Anderson (SOAD) - P

III. Reports

Connor Mathias

- Has had a lot of meetings for the week so far following up on a lot of things this week, crisis management team meeting about health impacts on the community. Has two meetings today, meeting with someone from Norris and one with Adam Jussel. Reminds that elections are coming, keep reminding people. Mentions keeping an eye on entities that are not paying student workers at the moment and how that effects budget.

Clarence Kinnard

- Continuing virtual one on ones with senators, working on materials for future senators, reaching out to cultural centers as would have been meeting with them if the campus was not shut down.

Liz Sunday

- Was looking at the website and it is almost full, wanted to bring up a list of recommendations to take off the website.

Conal McNamara

- Mostly transition materials and on the report for listening tour; what went well what did not go well. Answering people who are reaching out with questions on stuff. Suggests to Liz about pictures that are large and possibly shrink the photo as a smaller file for size.

Katie Malek

- Is disappointed that April fools could not take place, but nothing new to report.
Stefan Rudel
- Working at the food pantry and says that will take work if anyone needs help on anything.

Sam Wisneski
- Newsletter was finalized and sent out to the appropriate people and working on social media stuff.

Nathan Anderson
- SAC hearings are this weekend, agenda is up for the first meeting.

Professional Staff
- Liz, can connect with Barry about the website to how to free up space. Needs a signed copy of the referendum to put on the ballot, the IEC will meet to make the executive summary. Trying to work on the Canvas site. The debate went well, it is up on Facebook still, there were a lot of views which was great turnout. Things to learn for the future, a lot of participation averaging 45 people throughout the debate. Exec positions are posted. Heard an update on seg fees, none of this is official. They are looking at everyone’s budget. So officially seg fees won’t be returned as the chancellor’s email said, people are still working, and services are still being offered. There is planning for next year still taking place. A lot of bigger units bring in revenue not just seg fees, like Children’s learning center really operates on revenue, also athletics. Also do not know what will happen with summer seg fees. Is about 4000 in SA budget, which is the smallest budget, will have to figure this out. Trying to keep costs low and balance budgets. This will affect summer as well and need to balance their budget now. Will likely be more announcements coming up.

IV. Open Forum

Zen Johnston, Non-Traditional student advocate senator. wishes to speak on the constitutional the amendment and their concerns with the document. Firstly, the document has mistakes in it, this was discussed, yet was passed unamended. The main issue is program reps are not allowed to do anything else in SA, per amendment, but this is concerning, because anyone who would want to be a program rep, would likely want to be on a committee. This was stated to be expanded as a policy, but as it is outlined in the document this is not possible. It is a massive restructure but there were only 4 people speaking on the piece during the meeting, there were also only 12 senators and 4 of whom were opposed. They don’t believe this is just not enough people in favor for legitimacy. Last academic year there were 30 program reps the previous year, but the legislation states implicitly states that this restructure is due to lack of participation, while they believe that this is not correct given the unprecedented participation last year. There are alternative steps to restructure to take with recruitment, retention, and marketing instead of adding a fourth branch. This amendment establishes without bylaws. The resolution that was passed writes a blank check for the bylaws that were not seen by the senate. While the bylaws could be voted down at a later date there is not a lot of time for this, opening up possibility for abuse given the low senate participation that will likely be seen. The current draft does not contain ability to amend the bylaws. While as a fourth branch they do not have the same checks and balances as the rest of the branches in the SA. As a fourth branch, should not be allowed to amend during the lame duck period, as it passed without amendment and little discussion outside of the specific issues addressed. Zen thinks this resolution should not have passed, does not discount the hard work of the writers. The resolution that passed has to many issues to responsibly be passed or not be vetoed.

V. Approval of Agenda
   a. Motion by Stefan to approve the Agenda. Motion to approve agenda passes unanimously.

VI. Special Orders
   I. Old Business
      a. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes 03-25-20 by Stefan. Motion passes unanimously.
II. New Business
   a. COVID-19 Update
Connor speaks on his item, only piece of business is to update about what has been going on during this situation. He has been working on emails and such about seg fees, a lot of asking about whether they will be refunded. A lot of misinformation is being sent to him, but he believes they need to be very deliberate about where we are putting seg fees. All understand that cannot refund seg fees but need to really look at where the money will be reallocated to and what the money is being used for. What will benefit students most with how the money will be used. Keeping track of how the money is being used, are student workers being payed or not out of certain budgets. Most important is that students are getting the services they need. Services being the most important and money to the student workers. Meeting with Norris to meet about how they will be expanding their services online for students.
Stefan has forgotten the question he wished to ask.
Conal says that he feels that there should be an update via social media, so that they know what is going on, since so many people have expressed concerns about it. Should have what is happening with why it is happening and explain everything. Explain what we are doing and how we are looking to protect their seg fees. Connor agrees with this, but would like to wait, because essentially no one knows what will happen. There are plans and know what want to do, but just don’t want to be wrong. Can put out that we will continue to advocate for students and such. There is nothing concrete enough, don’t want to post opinions. Wishes to consult Sam about putting a statement about them continuing to advocate and such about seg fees. Sam agrees that this would be good, but they need to navigate this carefully. Because on one hand wish could give seg fees back, but understand it is not possible.
Connor will update more on meeting with Norris and with Adam Jussel. Adam has already provided a lot of information about what they are doing and resources for students.
Stefan speaks up about the mood for everyone is very low and everything with online classes are spotty. Conal, on a personal note, is finding this difficult to navigate. Sarah would like to add, that this is hard for everyone, that the staff and administration are also having a really difficult time. Sarah wants to say that she is proud of everyone with how they have worked hard and transition to online. She wants to reiterate that we are all in this together and to give grace to everyone, because no one knows how to navigate this.
Connor wants to remind everyone that they should continue advocating for students but be kind and give grace. Should keep administration accountable but be understanding with all this. Be compassionate with teachers.
   b. Senate Agenda
Liz mentions that the tabled legislation will automatically appear on the agenda, HAWC.
Connor wants to mention that SAC is filled, this is great and unexpected. Sarah asks if any other legislation has been added. Liz has not received any other legislation or items for the meeting at this point. Sarah mentions that SAC is meeting all weekend and Greenfund will be meeting as well. These should produce some legislation for not this meeting but the next. There is some jesting about the corona virus with substance abuse jokes, that Liz has no desire to add.
Liz asks if there needs to be a motion to set the agenda, despite being no items that the committee would add. They decide to make a motion anyway.
Connor entertains a motion to set the agenda as discussed. Nathan motions. Motion passes.

III. Questions and Concerns

There are no questions or concerns
IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 am.