

## ***EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING***

6:00pm

Microsoft Teams



***I. Call to Order - 6:01pm***

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

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- a. Mia Heredia (President) - P***
- b. Keyiona Johnson (VP of Student Affairs) - P***
- c. Daniel Dyer (VP of Academic Affairs) - A (Excused)***
- d. Syd Vinyard (Secretary) - P***
- e. Mariona Suggs (CCPD) - P***
- f. VACANT (Treasurer) - N/A***
- g. Lilith Lenz (DID) - P***
- h. Bailey Kissack (MPD) - P***
- i. Wesley Hines (SOAD) - P***

### **III. Reports**

#### ***Mia Heredia***

- Mia has had a quiet week and states that she doesn't have much to report.

#### ***Keyiona***

- Keyiona explains that she had to cancel most of her meetings because she has shifted her work schedule for the fall as she will be on campus because she found an apartment in the city.

#### ***Daniel Dyer***

- ***Absent***

#### ***Syd Vinyard***

- Syd explains that they don't have much to report, but they did however, meet Mike Budenholzer, the coach for the Milwaukee Bucks while they were at work.

#### ***Mariona Suggs***

- It has also been a quiet week for Mariona. However, she has been trying to find avenues of where we can promote SA to fill vacant Senate seats

#### **VACANT**

- N/A

#### ***Lilith Lenz***

- Lilith is still working on the color event with Bailey. It will be an SA event and it will be taking place on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

#### ***Bailey Kissack***

- Bailey has been helping with the colors event with marketing and event services following soon. Bailey reminds every one of the emails that she sent to us all for the Exec member spotlight and to get that to her sooner rather than later. Bailey also says that she will be reaching out to Wesley.

#### ***Wesley Hines***

- Wesley says that all the grants for student organizations have been approved and he has been keeping up with the mailbox for the student organizations asking about summer grants.

#### ***Professional Staff***

- Quincy: Quincy begins with some bittersweet news as she explains that this will be her last ever Exec meeting because she has accepted a new role. She is leaving UWM and her last day is next Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. She proceeds to thank everyone for the last three years and hopes that we have learned something from her as well. If anyone has meetings scheduled, she will be there for the next week and a half.
- Sarah: Considering Quincy's news Sarah follows it. She says that for those who are typically advised by Quincy, she will now be taking over in the meantime until someone new is hired. She then congratulates Quincy for moving on to her new role. Sarah says that she will make a point to meet

with us semiregularly but do be patient as she has a lot to take care of. She says that some of us will serve on the search committee and there will also be a session with all of us when it comes time for that point in the hiring process. To transition from that Sarah proceeds to tell us all about the Fall Welcome and shares the sign-up link in the Teams chat. All of the different programs have volunteers to staff them. She encourages all to see if there is a place for us to fill in at. Sarah then adds that typically SA has always staffed the Target trip. She encourages us all to sign-up for that because it is both fun and a great way to connect with students. She then adds that if it is still happening this year, SA also gets to collect the coins in the fountain on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Sarah is hopeful that fall Welcome will be a good thing this year because it is the first time everyone is back on campus in a while because we were virtual for so long.

#### **IV. Open Forum**

**No members from the public wishing to speak.**

#### **V. Approval of Agenda**

- a. Motion made by Wesley. Seconded by Bailey. No discussion. Motion to approve the agenda passes unanimously.

#### **VI. Special Orders**

##### **I. Old Business**

Motion to approve the previous meeting minutes of 05-05-2021 and 06-30-2021. So moved by Wesley. Seconded by Lilith. No Discussion. Motion to approve the meeting minutes passes unanimously.

##### **II. New Business**

- i. Viewpoint Neutrality Training

Viewpoint Neutrality Training is then turned over to Quincy. The Exec board is then told that this will be a presentation. Quincy begins with a few quick disclaimers. The first is that the Viewpoint Neutrality training offers only general tips and information. The second is that Quincy is not a lawyer meaning this is not legal advice. And all scenarios are hypothetical in nature. Quincy then walks the Exec board through their Viewpoint Neutrality Training.

In summary: SA is a governing body, and thus has a responsibility to uphold governing documents—including the U.S. Constitution. Some rights are too valuable to vote away (like the Bill of Rights). Student Activities are important to life on campus and therefore the mechanisms that fund them should be protected. Do not discriminate on the basis of espoused viewpoints. Viewpoint Neutrality is about the process not the outcome. Respect the rights of the minority as much as the majority.

If the presentation needs to be referred to it can be found on SharePoint.

ii. Senate meeting format for the fall

Mia entertains a motion to discuss Senate meeting format for the fall. So moved by Wesley.

Seconded by Bailey. Passes unanimously.

Sarah begins the discussion with her thoughts on this. She starts with a few things to consider. One of the first is accessibility, not just from an advocacy and needs, but what is most accessible to the student body that we all represent. She thinks that technology concerns is one of the main points of contention because access can be unstable with a lot of people on a meeting thus making it hard to hear and for people to be engaged. She leaves us with something to think about, with classes being back on campus it is up to Exec to decide if the Senate meetings should go along with that.

Mia says that when she heard that things were still going to be in person, she automatically assumed that would be the only option which then led her to want to make things more accessible.

Keyiona adds that some people may not be comfortable with being fully back in person and Mia agrees.

Lilith is fine with being on campus. But she thinks what could be tricky is that with class in person she can see issues with adjusting to being in person because it became much easier to just log on from a computer.

Mia thanks Lilith for her viewpoint and then emphasizes that Senate meetings take place every other Sunday at 5:00pm. And asks for other thoughts and concerns. She also adds that finding a space to accommodate all senators and those alike.

Lilith then adds that she is fully in person with what she is doing so it looks like social distancing guidelines are no longer being implemented. Keyiona then adds on to agree with that.

Wesley adds that there was a university email that went out elaborating that social distancing will no longer be enforced, but instead encouraged.

Sarah adds that though most of us don't know what a normal set up looked like before Covid, they were looking in on how to meet when guidelines were still being enforced and it is possible. And says that masks are required for those who are unvaccinated, but that is more on the honor system. Sarah said that doing a hybrid model is something to consider, but we would need to contact events services and OAC based on their interpretation of opening meeting laws.

Mia agrees that a hybrid model sounds like an option and then asks if anyone has any objections for being in person at any capacity. No one had anything to say. Considering again, she asks Sarah if committee meetings could match that of the Senate meetings. Sarah says that is a good question

ask and given the factors there could be a lot of cost to consider because for committee meetings there is generally no AV support and she kind of envisions an either all on Teams or all in person kind of choice to be made by the various committees. But SAC and SFC have a bit more complexities.

Mia thanks Sarah for adding in the Technology and Money side of committee meetings. And she says that it seems like we are all leaning towards a hybrid model for Senate meetings.

Sarah adds that she has already reached out to event services for Senate meetings because space fills.

Wesley adds a thought that timing can be a crucial factor and attendance could be better when online.

Mia moves to a vote to ask those in favor of a hybrid Senate format to say aye. Passes unanimously and Senate meetings for fall 2021 will be hybrid.

### ***III. Questions and Concerns***

Sarah asks if Tuesdays at 6:00pm will be the regular meeting time for summer exec meetings. After some deliberation from those who do have a few conflicts the time and day of the week does accommodate most of us on Exec most of the time.

### ***IV. Adjournment***

Mia moves to adjourn the meeting.

***Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm***

