

SSC Meeting

October 8th, 2020– 7:00PM

Location: Zoom University



- 1) **Call to Order**
 - a) Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm
- 2) **Land Recognition**
- 3) **Roll Call**
- 4) **Adoption of the Agenda**
 - a) Mahakur/Barkhouse
- 5) **Ratification of Minutes (Appendix I)**
 - a) Mahakur/Barkhouse
- 6) **Western Song**
- 7) **Presentations to Council**
 - a) No presentations to the council
- 8) **Council Business**
 - a) Motion 1: Motion to Hire a Director of First Year Initiatives (Appendix II)
 - a. Beneficial for somebody who is responsible and their skillset can support the first year representatives
 - b. It would be like a commissioner position who has event planner experience and can help with initiatives online/in person
 - c. They would be apart of the Governance portfolio
 - d. Individual would be a crucial liaison with the residences and they would guide the first year representatives in networking
 - e. Would regularly meet with first year representatives to discuss initiatives and progress
 - b) Question period
 - a. Shanika to Teo: How would this be different from an events commissioner?
 - i. Teo to Shanika: This would be different from an events commissioner because then they would act as a liaison for the first year representatives and their residences
 - b. Kenisha to Teo: Would this position be supporting the first year representatives or act as a director
 - i. Teo to Kenisha: They would act as both, and they would help the first year representatives in networking and coming up with initiatives
 - c) Debate period
 - a. Ethan (Amending to the motion): Considering, lateness into the year this position be elected internally, moving to an external hiring process effective in the 2021-2022 year. Having this position is valuable to council as a whole and could be considered that we externally hire in the future.
 - i. Friendly amendment
 - ii. No questions to the amendment
 - iii. Amendment passed
 - d) Motion passed unanimously
- 9) **Executive Reports**

a) **VP Finance**

- i) Today we got approval for the student group grants from the dean

b) **VP Student Support**

- i) EDI modules are up
- ii) All council members must have it done by November 1st
- iii) Western perspective project will now be year long and not just the month of January
 - (1) If you guys have a story to share on how COVID-19 affected you, please submit it in to the form that will come out
- iv) Share the mentee app with any international students you know
- v) There will be a resume/linkedin workshop for international students

c) **VP Communications**

- i) We got all your photos!
- ii) Senators and dep reps please make your talk to account!
- iii) Deputy speaker applications come out tomorrow
- iv) Committee applications closed last Friday and the offers are coming out
- v) You must put in your purchase order by October 23rd

d) **VP Programming**

- i) We are going to have our networking event coming out on October 19th

e) **VP Academic**

- i) Working with advocacy commissioner
- ii) Going to talk with the deans

f) **President**

- i) Hiring a deputy speaker under president portfolio
- ii) We are allowed to run in person events with certain restrictions
- iii) Talked to the dean about proctortrack
 - (1) They are meeting often to talk about it, did not sound like there is much that we could do
 - (2) Coming up with a survey to give them numbers about our concerns regarding proctortrack

10) **Commissioner Reports**

- a) No commissioner reports

11) **Department Representative Reports**

a) **First year reps**

- i) Many students in general do not know much about proctortrack
 - (1) They would appreciate alternatives and they are concerned about proctortrack

12) **USC Report**

- a) USC passed motions to make an anti-oppression working group and environmental sustainability working group
 - i) Working on the USC's internal policy
- b) Testing guidelines for COVID is restricted to people who have symptoms, taking it due to travel reasons, have been recently exposed potentially, or if a physician has referred you to get it
- c) Flu shot is available

13) Senate Reports

- a) Thanks for all the feedback

14) Governance Announcements

- a) Get people to apply to deputy speaker role!

15) Members' Announcements

- a) No members' announcements

16) For Discussion

17) New Business

- a) No new business

18) Adjournment

- a) Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm
- b) Mahakur/Lee

Appendix I:

SSC Meeting

October 1st, 2020– 7:00PM

Location: Zoom University

19) Call to Order

- a) Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

20) Land Recognition

21) Roll Call



22) Adoption of the Agenda

- a) Change the order of VP Academic Election and Epidemiology and Biostatistics Rep Election
- b) Barkhouse/Illori

23) Ratification of Minutes (Appendix I)

- a) Mahakul/Barkhouse

24) Western Song

25) Executive Reports

a) VP Finance

- i) Starting with \$4.5k less this year
- ii) Student support cost about \$2k more
- iii) Paid for sci soph team fees

b) VP Programming

- i) This year a lot of the events crowded the end of the year
 - (1) This year, there is a sign-up sheet for when dep reps want their events
- ii) Focusing on more career-related events

c) VP Communications

- i) If you're taking your headshot, email it to Mingwei by tomorrow
- ii) Make an account on tawk.to (if applicable) account
- iii) Try to tell comms about promos you want much earlier!

d) President

- i) Sci in the cloud was on Monday – Tuesday
- ii) Meeting with the Dean and is going to bring up proctortrack concerns
 - (1) If you have any concerns, please message Teo and tell her about them!

26) Commissioner Reports

a) Communications commissioner

- i) Click interested/going on events when Lahari invites you to events because it helps spread the word
- ii) 2 weeks in advance when submitting promo requests

b) The current commissioner

- i) New publication tomorrow
 - (1) They want ideas for tomorrow
 - (a) They have some about first year reps
 - (2) If you want events spotlighted on the current, message Alex Lee to discuss

c) Photographer

- i) Message Mingwei if you need help with photos

27) Department Representative Reports

- a) No dep rep reports

28) USC Report

- a) Talked about budget stuff
- b) Restored transit to 90% capacity
- c) Reaffirmed their commitment to implement a green bin program
- d) Reallocated funds for COVID-19 support

- e) Nominated OUSA delegates
- f) 4 counsellors were elected
- g) \$300,000 will be used to create bursaries and grants
- h) \$150,000 will be used to support students with online courses

29) Senate Reports

- a) Proctortrack issue was brought up on senate
 - i) Was told that there would be an alternative for students who did not want to use proctortrack – turns out its not the case
 - (1) Reality is that they already paid for proctortrack and they are going to use it
 - (2) USC will continue to advocate for alternatives
 - ii) If you have concerns with proctortrack, message Mark Garabedian
 - (1) Make a group chat with Teo and the senators to express your concerns

30) Governance Announcements

- a) For motions, press the “Yes” option on zoom or press the “No” option on zoom
- b) For elections, refrain from using the zoom chat until they are done with their presentation

31) Members’ Announcements

32) Council Business

- a) Epidemiology and Biostatistics Rep Election
 - a. Adrian Sammy
- b) VP Academic Election
 - a. Babafemi Adewusi
- c) SSDAC Election
- d) SGG Election

33) For Discussion

34) New Business

35) Adjournment

- a) Biswurm/Mahakul
- b) Meeting adjourned 11:23 pm

Appendix II:

Motion I: Motion to Hire a Director of First Year Initiatives

Whereas, first year students make up a significant portion of total students in the Faculty of Science as well as of department representatives on the Science Students’ Council;

Whereas, first year students are a crucial and diverse demographic of students that live on-campus, off-campus, and virtually (during the COVID-19 pandemic) and efforts should be dedicated to targeting this demographic;

Whereas, other faculty councils have an externally hired position for leading initiatives and events for this group of students, both online and in residences;

Whereas, the current first year representatives on council are under the purview of the President, whose skillset and available time does not necessarily reflect the needs of these representatives;

Be it resolved that the Science Students' Council add a new position called the Director of First Year Initiatives.

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