

January 23, 2020 Full Council Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Previous Meeting Minutes Approved as distributed
- III. Committee Updates

Outreach:

- CSGC will continue talking about Education Resources in the next meeting
- We have a new contact at Colorado Sun who has so far not responded to our emails.
Working on getting in contact with him so we can move forward

Inclusion:

- Working with student activists on campus about the recent events on campus.
- Doing our best to be there and be supportive.
- If there are pressing concerns, please let the Inclusion Committee know

Student life:

- Committee meet up to touch base
- Started on editing the new student organization application google form to make it more specific

Internal affairs:

- Student trustee application are out. The position election will be done at the same time
 - Lily Weissgold: I am the current Student Trustee, which is the only student voice on the board. Anyone is welcome to apply, the board will evaluate applications and put up to three candidates for open elections.
- Encourage friends to follow the instagram (@realCCSGA) and facebook
- Stipends will soon be sent out.

Finance:

- We are going through student groups operating budget
- Met with and funded Students in Palestine who will be having a guest speaker coming

Presidential:

- C appointed eleven students and they are moving forward with that
- Bustang: We are essentially finalized to buy a bulk order of 50 tickets and a window to buy as many more we need. They will be available to pick up at Worner desk.
- Over half block executive sent a letter to the FEC asking them for their support for having a student voice on the committee. Received an email today that said it was still undecided.

IV. Finance Presentation:

Snow Day Presentation

- Snow day would be a large ski day for those who haven't had the opportunity in the past
- Why: Perception of the outdoors is misconstrued at CC → being at the outdoors doesn't have to be elite, it can just be being outdoors.
 - Barriers to entry: gear, tickets, transport

- The previous Jail Jam and current WinterFest do not represent the right image for the outdoors.
- Demands from diversity groups for more accessibility to the outdoors.
 - This event would be directed to students who haven't had the opportunity
- Free event with a 15 dollar refundable deposit. Gear, food, and drink provided.
- 5 student leaders and 75 students (1 to 5 ratio) and full on slope and activities guidance.
- Partnered with Office of Sustainability, Butler Center, Outdoor Education Department, FreeRiders Union.
- They have started collecting secondhand gear, have got cheapest price from Ski Cooper
- Budgetary needs: Transportation to/from ski coopers, gear rentals, food/drinks, second hand winter wear
 - Lift tickets → 3,690
 - Gear rental → 2250
 - Helmets → 900
 - Second hand wear → 500
 - FreeRides union supplying two 45 person vans, and food/drink
 - Total: \$7,340
- Considerations of rhetoric and inclusive marketing scheme
- Ian: Is there a selection process?
- Sophia: It is based on the sign up
- Ian: Is outdoor ed or office of sustainability participating
- Cody: No, but I did ask.
- Sophia: They did help us set up with Ski Cooper
- Nicolette: What about health and safety concerns?
- Sophia: Most of it is already in place in the resort/CC
- Fer: Say it is a successful event? What happens next? Is this sustainable?
- Cody: We would love to expand, and what has stopped us from doing that in the past is a lack of student interest. We are hoping this peaks student interest so it can continue

Finance Committee (Deksyos, Lily, Hugh, Dani, Remy)

- Difficult meeting→ a lot of recommendations and discussing alternatives
- Concerns:
 - 4th most expensive event (comes down to ~80\$ per person).
 - This could be taking away from other potential events
 - Contradictions to what special events funding is for, which is suppose to be campus wide
 - No way to prevent people who are experienced/not the target audience from not signing up
 - Most of the funding would be going to renting equipment which is costly. The fixed cost nature of most of these allocations causes problems
 - A lot of money from special funds already goes towards Outdoor ed

- When it was first pitched, it was proposed as recurring however, it is questionable how it will continue with the loss leadership next year
- All or nothing nature of it → If we cut it in half (30), the cost would still be rather high which also would not address the overall cost per person
- Finance committees recommendation is to not fund this event

Discussion:

- Jacqueline: Can you specify exactly what the special events fund means?
- Remy: It is open for all students access because it comes from the student activity fee which everyone pays for in tuition.
- Lily: Also the selection process causes issues because it is not first-come-first-serve
- Halle: I want to clarify that they did not specify it had to be a certain type of people
- Sally: They also did not say that it would be an evaluation
- Lily: It's may not be an evaluation but it is still not first-come-first-serve.
- Lily: We want to emphasize that we do not disagree with the idea of the event, we just find issues and conflicts with the finances of it
- Remy: A major concern is that the goal of the event is to expose people to the outdoors but the problem is what happens after? It is not sustainable because we don't have the leadership, the gear, etc.
- Danny: It is still a step forward from a place like RailJam which was exclusive
- Hugh: It's not the idea, it's about the long term. If we spent that money on buying gear, we would be able to use that same gear in the future
- Danni: We are also concerned about the precedence it will set. We have to consider why the by-laws are the way that they are.
- Nicollete: Could there be anyway of letting the student body vote on if we could fund the event?
- Ethan: No, the bylaws are set for the year
- Jacqueline: Thinking about longevity are we prioritizing older events/recurring events/ over new events?
- Fer: I want to know what conversations have been had between CCSGA with the various offices that are supporting this event
- Deksyos: We also were considering that us funding this would go against their mission. Reducing the price thus limiting the amount of people who could go would take away from the purpose
- Danni: Thus limiting would go even more against what special events fund is for
- Saluja: I am trying to think of a way where more clubs could contribute as well. If this is an issue of longevity, what are the options?
- Hugh: There are a variety of ways clubs could allocate money in their budget for it.
- Deksyos: We wanted to make sure the longevity of it was secure because it's working on solving an equity issue

- Ian: I am feeling uncomfortable funding an event that goes against the bylaws. I really like the event, I want it to happen but I don't think it's fair to bend our rules
- Danni: This is not something I am saying as someone on the finance committee, I want to find a way where we can make this a thing that could be perpetuated and could more sustainably carry out the mission
- Max: Could it be open to everyone but marketed in a certain way?
- Hugh: It seems possible to me.
- Liam: Ian, referring to previous question, what is your issue with the bylaws?
- Ian: My issue is that it would not be a first-come-first-serve event. We have historically not funded events with that selective of a process.
- Sakina: There is nothing in the bylaws against having an event that is open to all but directed towards others. I think CC students wouldn't apply out of respect.
- Fer: What types of things are cut as a result of funding this event?
- Remy: Examples is like Cesar Chavez March, Psychedelic Bowling, Passover. This past week we funded Students in Palestine which was an unplanned addition.
- Sakina: Even if we run out of money, is there still money?
- Ethan: Yes, there is a reserve fund but we should not dip in it.
- Deksyso: We can re-state requirement if that is what we decide

Vote on Finance Committee's recommendation to not fund Snow Day

Approve: 0

Oppose: 18

Abstaining: 6

Finance Committee's recommendation to not fund Snow Day did not pass

Vote on raising or lowering the amount to be funded for SnowDay

In favor of raising : 18

In favor of lowering: : 0

Abstaining: 6

Council has ruled in favor of raising the amount

Vote to fully fund Snow day to the amount 7,340\$

Approve: 16

Oppose : 8

Abstaining: 0

The recommendation to fund 7,340\$ to Snow Day has passed.

V. Resolution: Open Educational Resources

- There are textbooks that are online and not copyrighted → professors are allowed to download and use them
- Colorado Student Government Coalition is leading this charge.

- We have come out with an action plan to create a petition for students and encouraging professors to use these resources
- We are looking for students who can do on the ground work, please let Max know if you are interested
- Footnotes that were taken out from original resolution by accident

Amendment to re-add the footnotes:

Approve: 24

Oppose: 0

Abstaining: 0

Amendment to re-add the footnotes passes

Vote on the resolution in support of open educational resources

Approve: 24

Oppose: 0

Abstaining: 0

The resolution in support of open educational resources has passed

VI. Discussion about Open Letter/Anti Racism Implementation

- Letter went out that is signed by over 500 people that calls for a variety of different things. Such things include an apologetic, a meeting, and an action plan
- Sakina: The administration did respond via an email from the VP of communications to Shane that basically said they stand by what they said. They later said that they would be open to an open forum if the writers of the letter meet with them separately. We find that problematic to ask that
- Shane: One of our intentions was to bring a proposal to SGA to facilitate that discussion. We are meeting tonight about that additional support or should it be a community exercise.
- Ethan: We will wait for this meeting discuss this next week.

VII. Open Floor for Comment

VIII. Adjournment