



Colorado College Student Government Association

MEETING MINUTES

April 8th, 2021

Full Council

Block 7 Week 2

Held Over Video Conference due to COVID-19

- I. Call to Order:
 - Meeting started at 5:00 MST
- II. Roll call:

Absent: Gaby, Fargol, Ella, Nova, Laila
- III. Distribution of minutes
 - Meeting minutes from April 4th, 2021 have been approved as distributed
- IV. Committee Updates:
 - Finance:
 - Recently funded a student artist showcase that is in-person !
 - More events soon
 - Student Life:
 - Executive council had a demo of Presence, and it went well so we are moving forward with that system.
 - Just approved the first club, tennis club
 - Inclusion:
 - We will be meeting with the Anti-Racist Oversight Committee
 - Preparing for transition
 - Internal Affairs:
 - Changing the election schedule up— extended applications till Wednesday. Ballots will be in the first week of 8th block
 - Outreach:

- Working on securing spots for students on all college committees and increasing the number of committees that will have students on them(from 14 committees to 20)
 - Presidential:
 - Vaccine clinic on campus with 1,300 doses of Johnson & Johnson. You have to sign up for an appointment and that will be closing soon. See the email sent out yesterday. They are likely to have another one but they want students to get vaccines ASAP.
 - Open to faculty, staff, students, and family members that are 16+

V. Student Mental Health Discussion:

- Sakina: Do you guys think it would be a good idea for CCSGA to promote having students all take a day and take it off. We have not heard positive feedback from the faculty. I was thinking maybe next Friday?
- Dore: I think that should be a blocky thing
- Sakina: I think if we do it once, we may encourage faculty to do it on their own
- Sophie: My concern is that without any institutional support then we get into the shame culture of taking time off. For me, it would be more stressful to not go to class than it would to go to class
- Tom: I agree with Sophie. I think it will be hard to convince students to do it without the support of the school
- Sakina: Those are fair points. If we as students aren't doing anything to advocate that and make it happen and faculty won't support us, I think we need to do something
- Sophie: Can anyone take on that responsibility, does someone have the bandwidth?
- Sakina: I was thinking of pushing out an email this weekend and on social media and everything
- Anusha K: I don't think it takes a lot of effort to send an email or put it out on social media
- Fer: I think it's a good idea, although I don't think it's a good idea for now. Without institutional support, it is going to be not as effective. Given the number of interactions we have, I am not very confident that will be enough to reach all students
- Sakina: That's valid. Maybe a different month or block?
- Tom: I think there are at least a few faculty that could get on board with this and could help us. If we push it back to 8th block, we may be able to organize, promote, and get support
- Anusha K: I was going to suggest reaching out to faculty or giving a heads up to faculty. I am frustrated with faculties response— we are asking for everyone to take a break— student, staff, and faculty. Would you take the day off?

- Paul: I don't know the pulse of the faculty is on it at the moment. I think that a lot of faculty don't understand your feelings on this. I think it would be difficult to do without the support of the dean and faculty executive council. I would contact the dean and alert them to the ideas. That may take time.
- Sakina: Right, if we met with faculty it would be 4th Monday and students would have already gone through the whole block
- Paul: Communication would be in your favor
- Dore: I just wanted to add, that I do think student self-care is urgent. A lot of students took a J-Block and we didn't have a spring break. It's not like we haven't had any breaks but I think one day isn't bad. I think this year is unique
- Sakina: How about this: I draft a letter, send it to the group chat, and send it to the dean of faculty tonight and get their response.
- Anusha K: I know that some professors have given some days off in the block— if some professors have done that then it's not impossible that other professors can do it.
- Sophie: I think with a little bit of institutional support we can find a way to accommodate all the needs of the student.
- Fer: I was going to echo Sophie. I think having that form of communication is super important and allows everything to be muted for a day.
- Sakina: Admin wasn't anti-our-idea but recognizes it's hard to get faculty on board with it. A letter to the dean of faculty could help with that.
- Fer: I think having it formalized will be good because that could create unnecessary tension between students and faculty.
- Mary: I would like to echo Fers concerns, I think if we as students don't show up there might be some faculty members who might be a little disrespected especially if they still end up teaching classes
- Paul: If you send a letter, you should make sure you mention the details such as breaks, J block, work over block break, etc.
- Anusha K: Sunderland said that he took a block off in the chat because of how hard it was. International students are not allowed to take blocks off. International Students have been stuck here and not able to travel or go home for a year. I am very frustrated. To the point of having other things to go to, taking time a day off from class definitely can help— maybe it can do that for you guys too. Not everyone has the privilege of taking a block off
- Sophie: I do want to point out that we haven't asked— we are assuming they are not supportive. We should wait for their response to Sakina's letter. I am hoping that sometime during the 4th week we get a day off— I don't want it to be pushed over to the 8th block.
- Fer: I think it would be helpful to put together a working group:
 - Tom, Sophie, John, Dore, Alanna, Lilly, Nicolette, James, Maddi

VI. Open Floor for Comment:

VII. Adjournment