



Colorado College Student Government Association

Minutes

September 29, 2022

Full Council

Block 2 Week 1

TW: Mentions of suicide

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- I. Call to Order
 - II. Roll Call
 - III. Ice Breaker
 - “I’m not putting acrylics over cheese.” - Doré
 - IV. Distribution of meeting minutes
 - Meeting minutes approved - 16 votes
 - V. Committee updates
 - FINANCE:
 - Approved two budgets
 - Talked about the Student Grant Fund - Reign in charge last year
 - \$10K - with \$5K semester
 - Get going if people are interested
 - Reign: Give grants to students who are interested in better the campus, application, last year the goal was to send it out this Friday, so we are a bit behind
 - If we want to approve it, we can vote on it. Will hare out to members to vote
 - Doré: Conference Fund - no fund for students to go to conferences that are not academic - Can this be included in the Student Grant Fund?

- Addi: Sounds like it might turn into something separate because this is a little over \$5K per semester, so we don't know how much
 - Misbah: Maybe we can figure out another budget. It would be nice for Reign to present again during the next meeting so we can vote.
 - Addi: Misbah and I are meeting tomorrow to go through the budget
 - OUTREACH:
 - Some of the All-Campus Committees do not have leaders/chairs so some of the committees haven't met yet - reaching out to staff
 - Talking to Campus Safety to have more shuttles to grocery stores
 - Collaborate with resources in C Springs for mental health + therapy resources to be part of our community
 - STUDENT LIFE:
 - Went over the new club forms
 - Issue discussed with Campus Activities: New club (constitution and DEI form) + new advisor (form) - forms deleted; need to review and reach out to the club leaders - ensure that they have the forms
 - Fixing the form
 - Approved German Club - existing organization, Element - Femme+ Acapella
 - INCLUSION:
 - Moment of silence for students who passed
 - INTERNAL AFFAIRS:
 - Running elections for First Years - last day to apply is tomorrow, applications due at midnight tomorrow, look over this weekend and approve, election next Thursday
- VI. Special Events Funding Presentation - The Sounds of Colorado College (SOCC)
- Charlie Burg: [Wonderland Magazine Article](#)
 - Sun. Nov. 6th
 - \$4.5K - gas, lodging, transport, artist fees
 - TOTAL: \$5346.00
 - Questions:
 - Fargol: Can you pay the sign language interpreter?
 - Emma: It will be covered in a different way.

- Fargol: Different Venue? Robson?
 - Amy: It is around \$3K and takes 6 hours to convert. Hard to do during hockey season.
 - Addi: We go through this with our Event Summit. A lot of the logistics are decided then.
- Glorie: R&B paved by Black and brown people. SOCC is run by white people, and this feels like having POC are on the back burner. How are you going to ensure that you have more artists of color?
 - Emma: Miko Marks is in the works for the spring. Also, executive board elections - more students of color. We were trying to get Charlie for Llama - pushed to SoCC for this semester. If you have artists you want to pitch, please reach out to our events managers
 - Vicente: I am the DEI leader of the committee who brought this presentation forward. No club is doing enough - In the future, we need to SOCC accountable. I feel as though SOCC is being intentional, especially last year with the jazz concert. I believe they will continue to make strives towards more inclusion.
- Misbah: It is not just artists of color but also genres of color. White people doing R&B is a touchy subject. People who listen to R&B and rap - bring them. I don't engage with SOCC bc it's just white people arranging all of the genres. I don't just want indie.
 - Doré: I like country, and I see that country is not always the favorite.
- Finance: Presentation about SOCC Event
- Discussion:
- Voting: 11 approved , 1 against, 3 abstain - passes, fully funded the event
 - Addi: We provide suggestions in the email.
 - Misbah: Not just artists of color but also genres of color
 - Glorie: Not have white artists who do genres that belong to Black and brown artists
 - Al: Think about other alternate venues in the future

VII. Election logistics + Vote on Election Commission

- Election Commission: Approved by all voting members - 16 votes
- Election next Thursday - approve after Full Council

VIII. CCSGA Office Update

IX. Discussion: Grieving and mental health

- Doré: In my discussions with people, people are not happy with how the administration handle the death of a student this week. Things happening
 - People have been reaching out to me and I have been reaching out to folks on campus and student body presidents at other universities - want to talk to NAMI
 - Emily - co-chair of NAMI - handling a lot and holding a lot of discussions. Creating something like CC Mutual Aid to get folks off campus to receive resources. Parents want to donate right now - legal issues but want to work forward. She is working with people to compile a doc with resources - on and off campus, free and not free. NAMI, Heather Horton, Mary Duggan - might meet with them or might gain access to the document.
 - Sam: What would be our place in that? Matching donations?
 - Doré: We would need to see how that is set up
 - Misbah: They will have to go through Annual Giving - can set up GoFundMe. Need a meeting with Annual Giving. I like the matching donation idea - We are also the institution, and we have been quiet. I have questions about what to do as CCSGA bc we are also the institution.
 - Doré: Group that has been emailing and meeting. There are notes from the meeting - This isn't a CCSGA thing. That doesn't mean we can't support, but this is not our place. We can develop different initiatives.
 - When we feel like we are in a place to send something out, I will send a resource
 - Meeting last night
 - Vicente: Certain members of the institution, like Heather Horton, are ignorant to what people are going through and causing harm. If we as CCSGA are so affiliated with the institution, need to think of people we involve and how they interact with marginalized people on campus - don't want to do more harm
 - Donation Fund
 - Glorie: Can we also send an email with the context?
 - Three deaths in six months

- Need to show parents that this is a consistent pattern. Not an isolated event. Is a concern for future and current students.
- Doré: None of the causes of the deaths are confirmed. We are talking about the responses to the death not how they were caused.
- Glorie: Yes, but also students are constantly going through grief.
- Doré: Yes, I agree we need the context. The school doesn't talk about it beyond an email. Not honored at graduation.
- Sam: I understand that we can't say "three people have killed themselves" but everyone knows that and we need to communicate how frustrated. We didn't know how to respond - no name, what was in the email was not true. Generic buzzwords. Need to talk to their friends. Copy and pasted the resources and not increased. NSO - Heather Horton - shut down every student about the resources and what we have "is enough." We can't even talk about suicide. It perpetuates the stigma.
- Glorie: I think it is ridiculous that the school doesn't give you a day off to grief. My friends were not okay. Professors did not address it. No meetings off unless you ask for it. We don't need to allot money to that.
- Fargol: I think the problem with the school addressing it too much is (according to NAMI) that the school doesn't want to glamorize. It is tricky because study say that a generic email gets a good reaction. Suicides come in clusters, and that's what they are worried about. My main concern is the resources put in the email. People are not doing okay. No one is doing okay. People who were suicidal last year - told to do virtual appointments. If it is an emergency, call 911. All the resources are deadends.

- Doré: Article last year - Counseling Center seeing over half of the student body, which is over twice the average of other college counseling centers.
- Mahnoor: Staff and faculty don't know what's happening or how to help us. The school does not communicate with them. Heather is the center of the WRC - she should not be the advisor for START and NAMI. She did not let us speak and is not accessible. We need to hold her accountable.
- Doré: We need to hold other folks accountable. Chaplain using what we said about Hank in the grieving space - used what we said against us
- Glorie: Multiple people do not want Heather there - not just mental health but also sexual safety
- Pume: If we have a response from CCSGA, cannot be tied to the institution. We are students, we are people. We are hogs in a business. If we talk about doing something, it can't be held behind by notions of the structures of the institution. It hasn't been working.
- Glorie: I agree, and if are representing the students, we need to put up a bit of a bite. We are the closest the institution has with students.
- Al: I talked to my professor - pre-tenure faculty had a meeting about the situation. We feel disconnected from students. It feels like there is a huge disconnect. It is hard to confide in faculty and staff. We need to look into this as a way to build community with not just students, but all of campus.
- Doré: We can talk in exec to decide what we want to do for action. This is part of the broader narrative on campus. Will send a form out to see if people have other ideas.

- X. Open Floor for Comment
- XI. Adjournment