

SUNY Student Assembly Community College Committee Meeting

August 7th,2017

Meeting Chairs/Vice Chair

Rosemary N. Guerra

Richard Caldicott

Attendees:

All committee members

- Call to Order - 9:50PM
- Roll call - 9:51
 - Present
 - Richard
 - Rosemary
 - Thomas
 - Imran
 - Jacquan
 - Bredan
 - William
- Approval of the Agenda - 9:51
 - Will motions
 - Richard Seconds the motion
 - Agenda Approved
- Old Business - 9:52
 - MOE signatures for Connor (petition)
 - Rosemary will forward the link if you need it again
 - Currently trying to get the links out to every Community College Campus to sign the petition
- New Business - 9:55
 - What communication has occurred since our last meeting.
 - Thomas
 - Haven't heard anything back from their campuses, Rey has reached out and they are now getting help
 - Duchess had trouble with disability accessibility, opinions weren't heard throughout the college.
 - Brendan

- All schools are fine, spotty connection in the woods
- o Jac'quan
 - July 25th-26th at their community college for the SGA retreat
 - Lack of advocacy and information about SUNY Student Assembly
 - Conference call with Geneseo Community College on July 19th, have been inactive in SUNY SA for the past 4 years
- o Richard
 - TC3 is unresponsive,, other colleges have been excellent to work with
 - Some campuses are just MIA, Rosemary reached out to Robert, but they were unresponsive
 - If advisors are advising their campuses not to be involved, then there is very little we can do.
 - Reach out to Nina ____, and higher ups regarding getting in contact with Community Colleges
- o Imran
 - Due to the summer, campuses haven't responded due to many people being on break, has sent everything to them and they are still not responding.
- o Thomas
 - Besides Duchess, no large updates
- o Rosemary
 - Orange and Mohawk Valley have not reached back yet
- o Who will be attending the executive meeting this upcoming weekend?
 - o Brendan will be absent, has already been excused
 - o Imran will be present however there is an employee in the emergency room, might not be able to sleep at the conference
 - o Everyone else should be present
- o A resolution to start working on within our Committee
 - o Most goals are to increase advocacy and awareness for the SUNY System
 - Community colleges have issues with their budgets and SGA control
 - In order to fix something to give Students more control without giving more control to SUNY

- Many schools can't really afford to go to conference
 - Being able to send people to conferences on a larger scale would be nice
 - Presidential summit is being covered by SUNY Voices
- o Will
 - On FLCC's campus they are working on making sure students have access to all areas of campus
 - 3rd and 4th floor of their library does not have the same accessibility on their campus
 - If we can get our schools to have greater access within their community, it could increase enrolment
 - Make efforts to ensure that students have greater access to every part has a school
 - Presidential Summit before coming up with resolution ideas
- o Brendan
 - Issues with community colleges being governed by individual boards
 - Resolution to form committee or council of community college trustees
 - Puts more weight on community colleges, and SUNY SA has very little influence over community colleges
 - Board of trustees members would be seen a little differently
 - Due to the issue of the direct impact of SUNY SA
 - o Could get colleges to work together to pass legislation
 - Student trustee at community college is a state mandate
 - All a resolution is is a document to get the conversation started
 - o A resolution shows we are advocating for them at the end of the day

- Imran wants to work with Evan to get mentorships going, set them up to transfer to a 4 year school, a 4 year student mentoring them, preparing
 - New meeting Day and Time. - 10:22
 - Meeting every 2 weeks in the school year
 - Tuesday night @ 10:00 - 10:15PM
 - Brendan has board of education meetings on tuesdays once a month
 - `1st and 3rd tuesday of the month @10:15
 - Works for everyone as of now
 - Contacting county based representatives for advocacy of community college funding - 10:26
 - Funding for community colleges comes from States and Community and Counties
 - State has been cutting back
 - Counties has been bearing most of the burden
 - Could increase SUNY SA's standing with community colleges
- Open discussion - 10:32
- Adjournment
 - Motion to adjourn - Thomas
 - Imran seconds
 - Meeting adjourned