Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/29/2024

Chair: Alaina Hirsch

Voting Members Present: Krystan Andreason, Mariam Mohd

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**

Whatcom Community College is situated on the land of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the Lummi, Nooksack, Semiahmoo, and Samish. The land was stolen through broken treaties. We honor the peoples who cared and continue to care for the land, water, air, and more since time immemorial, and we recognize our responsibility in giving back and beginning to repair and rebuild relationships in our work. This is one small statement, but we hope our impact will be greater.

We share our pronouns to strengthen our human connection, to show respect to aspects of identity, and as an invitation for community.  We understand the fluidity of identity and expression; therefore, we share pronouns in all introductions to create a supportive environment for learning and leading.

**Approval:**

* **Meeting Minutes**
1. **Minutes were not voted on, as there was no quorum.**
* **Agenda**
1. **The agenda was unofficially approved, although there was no quorum.**

**Old Business:**

**Engagement: Organizing events and programming to engage students and foster a sense of community while they pursue education and personal development.**

* **Club Report**

**The V.P. for Clubs was not present to give this report.**

* **Student of Color Conference Report**
* A total of 14 people went
	+ 2 advisors
	+ 12 students
* 3 days long
* Theme: A joyful reunion
	+ This is the 34th conference, but the first after Covid 19. The them joyful reunion encompasses community and family coming back together.
* There was a focus on identity development, and there were many breakout sessions specific to different aspects of identity, such as cultural heritage.
* 3 keynote speakers
* Many ideas and students will be presenting at SLCC.

**Advocacy: Amplify student voices as we represent their interests through the lens of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access. (IDEA)**

* **Social Justice Committee Report – Krystan Andreason**
* Right now, the ASWCC Social Justice Committee is focusing on the Students Leading Change Conference, which is currently set for May 11th.
	+ There are QR Codes to register around campus.
	+ We are looking for volunteers, we also have a QR code to register to volunteer.
		- Lunch will be provided.
* If you, or someone you know on this campus is interested in working with us on executing the Students Leading Change Conference, please register to volunteer!
* The next ASWCC Social Justice Committee Meeting will be on Monday, May 6th, at 1:00 PM in Syre 212.
	+ This will be our last meeting before the Students Leading Change Conference. We will be discussing and finalizing our plans.
* Met with the head of Safety and Security on the 25th to address some issues on campus.
	+ Pushing for change to the cross walk between the bus station and campus to be enhanced in preparation for the new Community Transitions building and the students who will be attending.
		- The students are going to be of varying ability, and the cross walk is not very safe as it is for neurotypical and able-bodied students.
	+ They discussed the curb cut situation in the Syre Parking lot near the SRC and how we have a lack of accessibility parking near the two curb cuts near the bookstore.
		- With this issue is also the issue of parking itself, she saw an aerial view of the parking and it is clear that the parking space sizes are inconsistent which may push individuals with mobility difficulties further out into the parking lot where they may be able to fully open their car doors, and also where there are no curb cuts and students with certain issues are unable to use the sidewalk due to the lack of curb cuts.
	+ She also made a request to put up the campus safety and security contact information up in the bathroom stalls like the News on the Go pages.
		- Many students on campus don’t know how to get a hold of safety and security, and don’t even know where to find them or who they are. She thinks it is a good idea to spread that information across our campus.
		- This request has been denied in the past. A large barrier to this was that it was not requested by students, and that nothing was allowed to go up in the stalls before, but now it is, so she’s hoping we will be successful.
* **Health and Wellness Committee Report – Krystan Andreason**
* The Sexual Assault Awareness Month event that happened on April 24th went well.
	+ They had tabling before and after the panel, and our panelists were a BPD sergeant from the Special Victims Unit, a Lieutenant from the Whatcom County Sheriff’s Office, a forensic nurse coordinator from the PeaceHealth, an attorney from the Lummi Victims of Crime, a support service manager from DVSAS, and our own director for community standards & residence life.
	+ There were good questions from the audience, and the answers were packed full of helpful information. This event was recorded, and we will find out soon where the video will be posted.
* The next event will be for Mental Health Awareness Month, which is on May 22nd. More details to come.
* She still have not heard from the Sustainably Oriented Students Club so she will be putting the documents I do have into a legacy file for next year.
* They are tossing around the idea of another food drive and another dodging hunger tournament.
* Our next meeting will be on Monday, 5/12, at 1 pm in Syre 216.

**Legacy: Create and maintain sustainable programming and procedural infrastructure while honoring the work of past student leaders and constituents.**

* **Bylaws Review Committee Report**

The VP for Operations was not present.

* **President’s Report – Alaina Hirsch**
1. S&A Committee

The S&A Committee has approved a proposed budget, which Alaina will present to the President’s Cabinet on 4/30 and the Board of Trustees on 5/8.

1. Campus Child Policy

The President’s Cabinet sent back a draft version of the proposed Campus Child Policy, which was discussed in an expanded Cabinet meeting. The version of the policy that was provided by the President’s Cabinet was not exactly what Alaina and other staff members had in mind, so they’ll be reviewing it and responding with suggested revisions.

* **Advisory Report**
* **Public Comment**
* **Adjournment**