



Colorado College Student Government Association

Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2022
Full Council
Block 3 Week 2

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- I. Dinner, Intro, Conversations
 - II. Call to order
 - III. Expectations - President
 - Be present
 - Do what you say you're going to do
 - Discussion guidelines - listen to everyone, respect everyone, actively listen, share the space, stay on topic, be respectful of time
 - Discuss with care
 - Misbah: Listening to everyone equally may not be a realistic expectation - may need to listen to some folks more and it doesn't need to be a brown person always talking. Need to think about the context of the conversation (men for mental health); not equality but equity
 - Vicente: Open Floor - feels like we don't have time to take a moment; it feels like we have five seconds on Open Floor rather than taking the time to talk about what's going on in our classes - time to talk about and reflect on our positionality. I would like to see that time utilized more - say "Open Floor," give a moment for folks to think and talk.
 - Doré: We talked about this in exec - we are changing the calendar invites to 5 to 6:30 pm to block out more time to

allow for more Open Floor time. People leave when they need to leave - need to change the expectation to be leaving at 6:30 pm, but there's the possibility to end at 6 pm

- Al: If there's something you want to share and don't feel comfortable sharing, you can always talk to your VP. They can help take on that responsibility as well and bring your voice forward.
 - Doré: When we did Zoom, there was a chat function which helped. Your opinion and input is important and helpful, and we want to make space for people's voices to be heard and not leave conversation points in the dust.
- Please take care of yourself <3 CCSGA doesn't have to be your life - if that means missing a meeting, then you can do that. You can reach out to folks in CCSGA for support.
- Follow community standards. Treat people with respect on campus, watch out for your friends, be kind to others, and do not engage in behavior that concerns the office for Civil Rights + Title IX. You are representing CCSGA and treating people with respect are important human things, and campus would be better if we were more respectful.
 - Pumehana: When was today decided? I wasn't aware of it until today. I thought everything was going to be this Wednesday.
 - Doré: I sent out an email on Wednesday; we decided on Exec on Monday. Reading emails can be hard; I have a hard time with that too.

IV. What all do we fund - Finance

- \$500K in reserve
- \$85K from Endowment of each year (2.2 million currently in endowment)
- Funding:
 - \$205K to Campus Activities
 - \$81K to Llama
 - \$10K to project fund
 - Larger budget: \$128K to club budgets
 - \$80K to Special Events
 - \$50K to Butler Center
 - \$10K to Dance Workshop
 - \$116K to Cutler Publication
 - \$21K to IM Sports
 - \$70K to Outdoor Ed

- \$12K to New York Times Subscriptions
- \$5K to Summer Session
- \$6K to Bemis School of Art
- \$45K to Contingency - pay CCSGA
- \$15K to Food Pantry
- \$20K to Passion Project
- \$20K to Inclusion Fund
- \$52K to emergency wellness fund - new this year
- Arts and Crafts, sports,
 - Veronica: How much is in the emergency fund?
 - Addi: \$52K; that's from the reserve.
 - Vicente: That's for the emergency wellness fund, not the emergency fund
 - Fargol: What's the endowment?
 - Addi: It is another fund that we can draw from as it generates \$85K each year so that we keep the amount in the endowment
- Joy Fund - Internal Affairs
 - Doré: It is to provide and foster joy for CCSGA
 - Addi: \$25K Administration - for team bonding or buy dinner.

V. Limitations of CCSGA (legal, CC) - Internal Affairs

- Doré:
 - 501(c)3 nonprofit - we can't make money - legal issues around it - running into problems around the mental health emergency fund
 - Misbah: Need to make sure we can get governmental funding - must follow government guidelines - IRS will sue us
 - Financial limitations - not necessarily easy to use; we can only sign off on so much money - goes to Amy then Dean Dickey then Robert Moore then President Richardson
 - Koray: Because as students, we are not able to take on the financial liability.
 - Student leaders - limitations on ourselves, block plan, time, and scheduling - lots of work to do and everyone is busy
 - Addi: No established connections with the administration
 - Misbah: They are strained - they are more concerned by losing their own jobs - may want to align with us but don't know how effective the lines of communication are
 - Koray: No power in the administration - no direct influence

- Doré: We are not a member of cabinet
- Addi: President Richardson isn't required to meet with us. I guess there is the President's Council - who is she listening to?
- Doré: Limited by President Richardson's, Amy's, Dean Dickey's limitations
 - Koray: They maybe do not see us as having influence.
 - Vicente: I think this is an opportunity to radicalize. We do not have to align with the institution - I don't know if we are on the same page. If they don't want to come here, we can go there.
 - Jack: Alliance with the student body - increased. We will have more influence
 - Misbah: If we want to radicalize, we have money and if we refuse to fund, then we can leverage that. We do have power.
 - Claire: I think we need to do better about internalized the idea that we don't have power. We need to move away from appeasing the administration - nothing meaningful will get done.
 - Misbah: I have problems with Presidents meeting together. I think we all should be in the room. Also, if you can't meet with Song, then that's a problem. That means you don't give a fuck.
 - Pumehana: It is very damage control than active
 - Misbah: I don't know if it is her thing or it is imposed. We can talk to her.
- Pumehana: We don't know each other. Unless I have a meaningful interaction with you, I won't know your name.
 - Tess: We also run into the problem of ice breakers taking a lot of time.
 - Pumehana: Yes, those are fun. But if I don't actually know people, then how can I work with people, even across committees, to create change? Need to know why people are here. I think we need to go away from a mission statement and go towards a community.
 - Ben: We could have name tags.

- Misbah: I think the names need to be linked to an actual person and experiences.
- Emma: I think that just comes from committees collabing together - need to have lunch together. I joined to get shit done and that starts with belonging and relationships.
- Veronica: I think it all starts with saying hi.
- Doré: Exec talked about changing up seats. Also, having dinner together every block. I am going to try to make icebreakers more diverse.

VI. Recap:

- Mental Health Action - Inclusion
 - Pumehana: We are working on a form for the Inclusion Fund. We are going to plan another event - Meet Inclusion Council (last one was successful).
 - Misbah: First meeting of the year - we wanted to focus on mental health. After that, we had another student death - Perkins. Third student to die in the past six months. We recognized this need, but we are now burnout. We are facing other things in CCSGA - not being listened to as brown students. We have an agenda document for a townhall to hold space for grief and highlight student voices. We have been stagnant since then, so now we want to focus on BIPOC healing - only 15 people show up to the BIPOC support group. Two of my friends back home died; we need to think about grief and how to be in community as BIPOC students.
- Food - Bon App, FAC - Student Life
 - Al:
 - Food Advisory Committee - student on Student Life attend those meetings; open to all students - food safety and food security. Brought forth notes to Bon App staff from Full Council - working to implement the changes. Every Third Wednesday 2 p.m.
 - Menstrual Products - working on this project to increase access - will continue after Al's term
- Passion Projects - Finance
 - Tess:
 - We had our first set of presentation - \$10K total; everyone who requested above \$500 present - 4 so far, 3 on Monday. A

few are straight up disapproval. In the next few weeks, we will have the funds allocated.

- Committee recaps of the semester
 - Outreach (Maddi):
 - Election! Get out the vote table in Worner, asking questions, vans to the polls, tell people to not put it in the mail - need to put in a drop box.
 - Tess: Is that just for Colorado Springs?
 - Maddi: No, if it is a Colorado County, you can drop it there.
 - NAMI - how to incorporate wellness/mental health
 - Finance (Addi):
 - Funded six special; events
 - Vicente: Finance is known as one of the whitest committees. I think we need to hold ourselves accountable as a body and as a committee. We wanted to get feedback from clubs - how are we doing, are people attending, how did the event support DEI (thinking about the space you are fostering and if people feel safe and included). The form holds them and us accountable.

- VII. Open floor + Goal setting
- VIII. Games!
- IX. Adjournment