



Colorado College Student Government Association

Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2022

Full Council

Block 2 Week 2

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- I. Call to Order
  - II. Roll Call
  - III. Wellbeing Check
  - IV. Distribution of meeting minutes
    - Approved by 22 votes
  - V. Committee updates
    - INCLUSION:
      - Meet your Inclusion Reps Events - Oct. 14, 12:30-1:30 p.m. on the second floor
        - Serving food
      - Next Wednesday - 2-3 p.m. at the ID House
        - Letter to the administration
        - Testimonies from students
        - Plan on action moving forward
    - FINANCE:
      - Money makes sense! Yay!
      - 2 Special Events Funding meetings next year
      - \$15,000 transferred to the Food Pantry
      - Proposal to use extra money for mental health
      - Finalize how Student Grants work - Reign Presentation
        - Maybe vote on how to implement
    - OUTREACH:

- No meeting last week - planning to delegate this week
- Campus Safety - shuttles for grocery stores
- NAMI - collab with Pikes Peak Suicide Prevention
- Email templates to local business to collab
- STUDENT LIFE:
  - Food Advisory Forum - Third Wednesday
  - Form fixed for new clubs - DEI, advisor, constitution
    - Reached out to clubs to finalize their approval
- INTERNAL AFFAIRS:
  - Election for First Years this week - 5 candidates
  - Election Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- PRESIDENTIAL:
  - Met with L. Song Richardson
    - Experiential exchange
    - Mental health
  - Met with Dean Dickey about mental health - very supportive
    - Email without the name - choice on the part of CC Communication + need to attach a person to it
      - Won't happen again
    - Cause of death
      - Coroner had not determined the cause of death at the time the email was sent out - They don't want to send out continuous updates about the death
  - CC Institutional Change Now
    - Mobilizing a version of CCSGA's petition from last spring
      - Added on but people who signed before they changed the petition
      - 300 signatures
  - Faculty coming up with a pledge right now
    - Drawing upon the CCSGA demands for mental health
      - 1 day off per block
      - STEM stipend
    - Mobilizing and talking to students
  - Project 2024 - looking at the student demands and student speakers at their next meeting

## VI. Mental Health Update

- Exec met on Monday and extended the discussion and refined plans

- Financially contributing
  - Koray: Stop-Gap Measure - for students who need things now
  - \$52,000 Student Wellness Fund
    - Called 10 of the counselors - \$130/appt - for 400 appts
    - College would invoice the counselors
  - Doré: Could this be something people could donate to? Dean Dickey said that donors are looking for places to donate
    - Koray: Yes, that would be amazing.
    - Addi: Around \$500,000 in CCSGA Reserve
    - Sam: Can we maybe hire a counselor at CCSGA instead?
      - Koray: Yes, we need more counselors. This proposal can be done within two weeks, whereas the hiring process would take several months. This is for immediate action.
      - Nova: Can we coordinate with Safe Ride?
      - Addi: We are thinking about offering Lyft rides. Safe Ride is understaffed. The difficult thing about this proposal is transportation.
      - Koray: Looked at Better Health - around 4 appt/month \$260 per student. It is another option; I don't know how feasible.
      - Tess: I think Campus Safety can take you out of range if it is for medical reasons. Can we use anything from the Wellness Budget Committee from last year?
      - Nova: We created a proposal last year.
      - Doré: Yeah, it was a grant for \$50,000. It was a proposal, and it might be in the handbook.?
      - Amy: \$180,000 went unspent - club funding and Special Events. \$90,000 was allocated for the sub-committees and wellness was given \$50,000 for a proposal. The money was meant to go to the proposal. That money is probably in the reserve.
      - Nova: It would be great to meet and talk about what we did last year.

- Fargol: Thank you so much for creating this; if you are on insurance, it will cost \$30-40 per appointment.
- Koray: Quick for transportation - Uber Business Account - invoice to the account.
- Addi: Long term goal, maybe have a contract with a telehealth company - lots of other universities have this set up. Have an account through CC - for free.
- Next step: Maybe folks from subcommittee last year and interested this year - to talk
- Fargol: You can partner with NAMI - we can book the appt. Safe Ride is really helpful with making sure people can get rides.
- Doré: Vote and then send out communication
- Addi: We will vote on the funds and the general idea.
- Al: Reminder: if we want this to be a donation based fund, how do we do that?
  - Addi: Set up a special account - clubs have that. Agency Fund.
  - Amy: Courtney Seton would be the contact in the Annual Fund.
  - Vicente: We need to think about the materials used to promote this. I am used in the materials - I worry that if we establish this relationship with the Annual Fund Office students will be exploited (testimonies). I think it would be good to have boundaries - don't want people to have to explain how they are suffering to get more money.
  - Fargol: Parents are looking for a place to donate.
  - Koray: I don't think CC Communications would help - embarrassing for them.

- Glorie: If we set it up for a place to donate, will CC keep the momentum going if it's not part of the system?
- Doré: I think this is a small step in a pool of lots of solutions. I think this shows the pain and need for change. I hope we can come from many angles.
- Al: Main concern is placing the pressure on students to thank the donors. In the music dept, if you have a music lesson and get financial aid, you might have to write a thank you letter. How do we make sure students don't feel obligated to say thank you and be retraumatized?
- Koray: I think it was student-run rather than CC-run, we can make sure this doesn't happen. We can veto thank yous, and we don't need to know the details right now.
- Misbah: We are agreeing that this is not the only thing that we are doing. This is only going to last 400 appointments.
- Addi: Yes, this is a crisis response.
- Misbah: I do agree that no one should have testimonies and thank you letters, and then we can move on to another conversation about other things that we do. Yes, we should respond to crisis, but we shouldn't bog down on these details, we won't get to other things./
- Nova: Last year, this was what we wanted to focus on: outside therapists. Who are we going to allot the therapy sessions to? Will there be an application process? I think we need to decide how to allot. Is there going to be a cap? Are

we going to ask why they need the therapy sessions?

- Koray: I wasn't thinking about those because this is a top-level proposal. I don't think we should ask those kinds of questions.
- Misbah: I want this to happen. In my experience with mutual aid, full pay students were getting money for half a year. If we care about the most marginalized people, we need to make sure we do that - financial aid and campus not meeting needs. Are we okay with people who are not marginalized getting the money? Is this going to be for whoever wants it? I want everyone's opinion on it. Are we going to prioritize?
- Nova: I think it's too black and white to think about application and no application.
- Sam: I don't think there should be an application - it is an invoice to therapy. There should not be merit based or financial aid based. Mental health is so taboo and there are stigmas beyond financial barriers. I don't think proof will help. I think it should be first come first serve and maybe we need to cap it. If we look at the people who have passed, it is not about financial aid.
- Koray: I think this needs to be done immediately. We need to minimize the steps. This is not supposed to be long term - hopefully the institution picks up the slack.
- Vicente: I want to respect the points raised, but I want to recognize those who

hold certain identities in the room who need to see counselors that align with those identities. I worry that with how overworked our counselors are, especially the BIPOC counselors, I think certain positionalities on campus should be given priority.

- Doré: I am against qualification. We are providing 400 appointments, and we don't know what the donations will look like.

- Vote on the proposal:

- Approved 21 voters
- Subcommittee: Sam, Glorie, Vicente, Koray, MJ, Tess, Surakchya, Maddi, Fargol, Misbah, Nova

- Doré: Send things you want brought to the admin

## VII. Open Floor for Comment

- Student Grant Committee presentation - Reign

- \$10,000/semester - distributed to student projects
- Over \$500 - present to CCSGA
- 5% Full Council to approve the grant
- Applications open on Oct. 11
- Need DEI, Inclusion, Outreach
  - Sam, Claire, Al, Khyr, Surakchya
- Misbah: Make sure they are not funding themselves - illegal.
- Khyr: Is this a part of traveling to conferences?
  - Addi: I think they can apply for this money
  - Sam: Funding students going off campus - Are you requiring the money to be used on campus?
  - Addi: As long as they come back and benefit the community
  - Misbah: Pay attention to who is applying. No to white students going to Aspen. Decolonizing the outdoors.
  - Emma: I think the committee can approve on a case by case basis
  - Sam: There should be stipulations. Benefiting campus - we should have set guidelines beyond vague "positive impact"

- Reign: We want them to have full range; we have topics that help guide them. Can make sure we account for that in the way we word it.
- Sam: I think there is a difference between campus and individual impact. I think it should be a little more specific - there might be places around campus
- Misbah: Maybe add a category - have you looked around campus for other funding?
- Vicente: Do we want them to present? What if it was a group of Black folks that went to a Black conference, I feel like they shouldn't have to tell me about that experience.
- Doré: We can make it case by case.
- Misbah: They can just send us a selfie.
- Emma: Reflection based feedback form - what did you learn about yourself? How will it benefit campus?
- Doré: I think the funding should be explicitly mentioned on the form.
- Sam: Is there a question on the form asking how it will benefit CC campus?
  - Reign:
    - Voting on creating the subcommittee and approving the money for this initiative: 21 approved
    - Advertisement: Passion Projects is the name
      - Posted on CC Digest

## VIII. Adjournment

### Mentioned Resources:

- Deploying CCSGA Funds for Mental Health
- Student Grant Fund Presentation

^See Google Drive!