SEATTLE CENTRAL COLLEGE

COLLEGE COUNCIL

January 22nd, 2025, | 2pm- 4pm | BE4180A/Zoom

Minutes

Committee Members Present: Seth Taylor, Evan Franulovich, Diane Coleman, Chantae Recasner, Chris Sullivan, Johnny Woods Jr, Mbaire Monica, Sekou Cisse, Sophia Dang, Truce Montoya, Rahail Alem, Dino Kladouris,
Zoom: Rachel Kolman, Adrianna Martinez, Tyler Saunders, Olivia Riggs, Liese Rajesh, Jasmine Nguyen
Committee Members Absent: James Robinson, Ed Messerly, Naila Farah

Agenda Items:
Calling the meeting to order at 2:04pm

I.   **Land Acknowledgement - Indigenous Education, Connection Brainstorm for Tribal Relations Director**
- Chisa's Upate: "There will be Public forum sessions for the New Tribal Relations Director
  - I like the idea of the brainstorming ideas, as the Director will be in space of listening and learning.
  - It might be helpful not to lead with an ask, but rather what can we offer about our campus and our story around the work.
  - What makes Central unique, what is our legacy or connection to Indigenous Issues.

- Ask: Council to create a statement or list of ideas to share with the new Tribal Relations Director
- Conversations with the Dean, incorporating history into curriculum.
- Charge to council to come up with ways to change the acknowledgement, other service projects.

II.   **Ice breaker:** What impacts would you like College Council to make in your immediate work / school experience?

III.   **Liese raises a Question around classroom reservation space.**
- Reports that SCIE Faculty may have to move around to have a space.
- Would appreciate if College Council could create a transparent process to improve clarity.

IV.   **Approval of meeting minutes**
V.   **Rahail makes a motion and Mbaire approves. Minutes are approved.**

VI.   **ASC Report Out**
- **SC Updates and Events**

- Welcome Week – ASC CAB, Free popcorn and coffee as well as SCC merch
    - o QTC, Rock climbing club were there to support morale.
- Open House last week.
- Jan 30th Legislative Day
    - o Preparing pitches to lobby representatives
        - ▪ Contacted 2 of 3 representatives
    - o Truce/Tyler to send a list of ASC who are attending.
    - o Question from Chantae:
        - ▪ What information does ASC need?
        - ▪ They've collected a lot of information from Seattle Promise
    - o Could use more information around:
        - ▪ Housing Affordability
        - ▪ Textbook Affordability
            - • Average spend $90 per quarter.
            - • In the survey, where there questions about textbook affordability by discipline
        - ▪ Trying to find personal stories, testimonies.
- Student Involvement Fair
    - o Next Tuesday
    - o Clubs will tabling and recruiting
        - ▪ Request for Administrators to attend and connect with students.
- Improving Spaces
    - o Johnny asks where about the status of the project
        - ▪ Mbaire has invited Johnny to some meetings
    - o Issues and Concerns Meeting tomorrow –Johnny can attend
- Lunar New Year
    - o Hosted in the atrium on Feb 3rd

VII.   **Sub-Committee**

- Critical Issues: Chisa O'Quinn
    - I. Chisa unable to attend due to a conflicting meeting has sent this recap:
        - I. Group Norms
        - II. Reviewed Key Themes:
        - III. Digital accessibility, universal design and equity in student services, emergency preparedness
        - IV. Reviewed Deliverables:
            - I. What could be a deliverable that will not be lost. We want this work to matter
        - V. Summary statement to the president
            - I. Should we share out to the campus our recommendations?
    - II. Key conversation points:
        - I. Communication and Transparency from Leadership (President's Cabinet, Council leadership, Student leadership)

III. Key Question:
   I. If we were operating in a place of more transparency, and a model that works well for the community (need details that relate to what you do, and how it impacts the people) what are the things you would do or implement?
      I. Addition from Chantae:
         I. We can sub any item in the place of "transparency"
         II. What does doing the thing look like?
         III. Good to have this as permanent practice, helps us start to solutioning.
IV. Ask: New model – what we are asking: *Email or documentation with CLEARLY STATED information on what to expect if (systems) are changing. Include FAQs and a point of contact if people have follow-up questions.*
V. Next steps:
VI. Clarity of sub-group. Many of the members thought the group's role to address campus wide issues. Some suggested we respond to the issues addressed in the Student Leadership Issues Box. (Role clarity is needed).
VII. Some members see this committee as a place to monitor rather than advise.
VIII. Role of Council Chair and their neutrality in sub-groups.

- Resource Allocation: Dr. Johnny Woods, Jr
   I. State of the Budget
      I. Current Deficit near $9.7M
      II. Working towards a modified budget
         I. Plan to have Special Session before the month ends
      III. Keeping the main thing the main thing, service to students.
         I. Attending to our basic instruments: one developed by College Council (RAC Guidelines)
            I. This is an example of what collaboration looks like at the College.
      IV. Pacing and timing might feel disruptive, but we are trying to prioritize what we will be quicker with.
         I. Might look like College Council communication via email.
         II. Conversations around the community
      V. WACTC talked about how many colleges are experiencing similar issues: budget, ctclink etc.
         I. We are trying to create cross-system communication. Trying to heal systems so we are not here again.
         II. What are other colleges doing?
            I. We have been diligent trying to learn from each other.
      VI. You will receive communication if you are on the RAC committee
         I. Will focus on both Modification and Budget Planning
      VII. One of our responsibility will reassess Guidelines we have a new SP and trying to have some alignment there.
      VIII. Budget Build
         I. In addition to getting to a balanced budget RAC will also be responsible for new budget build
         II. Johnny will oversee New Fee Request Process and talk with ASC in particular about new or changed fees

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I.   Students may propose fees as well

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    IX.   Action: Meeting with Tyler and ASC to have the fee change information.

    X.   Clarify: BOT has the right to approve every fee that goes to students at the college.

        I.   ASC can make the proposal and then it can go to BOT to then be approved and then bind.

- Strategic Planning: Dr. Jenni Branstad and Acting VPI Chris Sullivan
    I.   The strategic plan was adopted at the Dec. 10th BOT meeting
    II.   Jenni will schedule a time for the subcommittee to meet soon to start with operational planning.
    III.   Values, Budget Consideration half compliance, half values.

VIII.   Good of the Order

- Transfer Fair Weds Noon – International Programs – Evan
- President's Office Announcements
    - Next College Council – Bradley will be back.
    - Chantae will return to VPI role.
    - Diane Coleman will still be Interim VPSS at the Feb 12 College Council
    - Chantae would commends Seth for the tone setting and shift in the way we gather in the way as a council.
    - Thanks everyone for their time and talent.

- Adjourns at 3:00pm