



# SEATTLE CENTRAL COLLEGE

## COLLEGE COUNCIL

October 9th, 2024, | 2pm- 4pm | BE4180A/Zoom

### Minutes

**Committee Members Present:** Monty Diaz, David Alvarez, Naila Farah, Kao Lezheo, Dino Kladouris, Truce, Rahail Alem, Mae Ott, Bradley Lane, Niraj Wagh, Jenni Branstad, Seth Taylor, Pat Russell, Liese Rajesh, Sophia Dang, Olivia Riggs, Katie Wallace, Truce Montoya

**Zoom:** Ed Messerly, Adrianna Martinez

**Committee Members Absent:** Evan Franulovich, Regina King, Monica MBaire

#### Agenda Items:

**I. Ice breaker – What are your hopes and fears for the next year?**

**II. Land and Labor Acknowledgement**

- Seth wants to start a Service Project around Indigenous Activism and Restorative Practices
  - i. The goal is to find ways to make the statement not just words that we recite
  - ii. Will present a topic we consider each time we meet
  - iii. Hopefully this project will lead to action on campus around our engagement
    - 1. Want this to be a group, activity still in progress writing it up.
      - a. Hand out at the next council, look at and consider.
      - b. Everyone will participate but if you want a more direct role please email Seth.

**III. Approval of meeting minutes Ed makes a motion to approve the minutes, Monty seconds.**

- **Approve: All approve except for Dr. Pat who Abstains. The motion passes and minutes are approved.**

**IV. Sub-Committee**

- **Email Cassandra if you're interested in a Sub-Committee for Onboarding**
- **Bradley mentioned that this committee should include Chisa for an EDIC connection.**

**V. ASC Introduction**

- ASC Introduce themselves, what they're studying and their role on the Associated Students Council, our student representative body.
- Rahail – Worked on the Ballot Meetings; Comm Meeting
  - i. Starting committee meetings.
- Mae- Math major. Also supporting various ASC projects.

- Truce - Second year, only person coming back, was previously an Associate.
  - i. Projects include working with Patti on the get out the vote committee.
  - ii. Just set up his communications committee.
- Sophia – Goal of Improving shared spaces.
  - i. First year serving on student government. Studying accounting.
- Seth emphasizes this council is for ASC, students; this is the place to bring issues forward. Especially feel
- Dr. Pat encourages outreach to HEC, Wood Tech, and SMA who are often excluded from events and participation.
  - i. She says, Our students would love to get involved.
    1. We also had a Get out the vote party at HEC
    2. Feel free to reach out to Dr. Pat or any students and they would be happy to have you!
- Myrah – ASC Executive of Finance. Studying Economics.
- May asked a Question about the Dean of Student Development
  - i. Kao mentions that that information is Private
  - ii. Rahail, the energy around student leadership is a lack of transparency and not the best communication between Administration and Students
    1. It's impacted our training and our ability to do projects.
    2. We came in with ideas but this has affected our ability to get our work done. But the staff changes have impacted us and impacted us deeply. ASC would like to know what the plans are moving forward and filling interim roles and communication plan so we can support students.
  - iii. Seth interjects, this seems like a personal, private matter can we be clued in?
    1. Kao acknowledges that the student experience was not ideal
      - a. Kao would like to have a meeting with Katie.
      - b. We have emailed some of the students to share out what we have put in place. Hopefully students can understand that we are taking steps to be transparent. But we need to ensure there is adequate staff to provide training and ensure you're not losing time to get things off the ground.
- ASC serves as a liaison between administration and students, they are a representative group for the students. It can be transmitted generally to the student body.
  - i. On a higher level, concerns around morale and retention. I have observed a lot of transitions around this college. We don't have to give any details but we have to explain when someone is not present. The impact is great. It is also much bigger than this one instance. It's hard knock on effects around, it's a culture of disfunction at this school. No one is doing what they should or living up to their role.
    1. Mae mentions that there was a safety concern and they had to change the locks. Liese mentions It's not common knowledge throughout the college.
    2. Can we allow that conversation to happen to provide adequate; This is not a matter for college council.
- Jasmine, comes in later is the Associate of Finance.

## **VI. Budget Update (Bradley)**

- There are two budget updates.
  - i. There will be more details at Town Hall. But you may have seen the Chancellor's Email.
- Office that provides the budget, OFM. They made a budget error and the budget that got sent out.
  - i. It put money in twice. This hasn't happened before.
  - ii. We have already spent the money. But now they want it back. We are asking the state Legislative to let us have the money. OFM is waiting to ask for the money until the Legislature session concludes.
    1. Budget closed differently at each college. The difference at Central was several million dollars. The budget reporting and modeling; Central works a little different. Running Start and International all income but not the expenses. We had the money to pay for it but the tools we designed were not showing us to see the expense.
    2. We want to look very carefully at the budget process, and we know how much money we are spending every month.
- There will be a mid-year Modification of the budget.
  - i. We will set \$1M aside. We'll have it at the end of the year and if we don't have to use it? Great we'll re-invest it.
- There will be no program closures or layoffs.
- We are just sticking to the budget that gets created and making sure all of our budget reporting is accurate.
  1. At Town Hall next week we'll show the dollar spreadsheets.
- At RAC we have Budget Principles that are used for cuts.
  - i. In the past we avoid across the board cuts because the impact is very different in an equity perspective.
- Dr. Pat mentions some budgets were loaded incorrectly. This is a separate issue.
  - i. We have to go all in and make sure things are correct.
  - ii. One thing Dr. Pat has done to address fundraising is to prepare one sheets from each program to do some fundraising.
    1. Note: Dr. Pat and Bradley to have a conversation.
      - a. Trying to match the needs first before fundraising activity. Also orienting fundraising with Bradley taking the lead in direct appeals.

## **VII. Sub-Committee Introductions**

- Critical Issues: Dr. Chantae Recasner and Kao Lezheo
  - I. This subcommittee will focus on critical issues that impact the college campus.
    - I. We have a report or recommendation that we send to the President.
    - II. Background:
      - I. A couple of years ago we focused on the Climate Survey.
      - II. One recommendation was a Mental Health Provider.
        - I. Physical and psychological safety.
        - II. Murals to cover up the graffiti that was
        - III. Increasing security staff, including one that is a mental health practitioner. Trained to deal with a mental health issue

- III. Counselling Service, health and wellness beyond one and one
    - I. Did workshops that were group focus
    - II. Brought counselors at Co-Locations
      - I. Now International Students are mentioning they're lacking support services.
  - IV. Plan is to currently look at the ratio of Hybrid services.
    - I. Student Services M-R Fridays are remote. Byproducts of the College Council work.
  - V. CCC+ Does more academic standards, thinking about the course schedule.
    - I. We have tried to survey students about modalities. Survey information is very nuanced.
    - II. It depends on my work schedule or the subject. Based on learning strategy.
  - VI. Like the other subcommittees CI will meet monthly. Trying to have committee meetings always happen at the same time.
  - VII. Deliverables:
    - I. At the end of the year, present to Council and to the college at large.
- Resource Allocation: Dr. Johnny Woods, Jr and Julie Larmore
  - I. Looking at Budget and Finance. Focused on developing Resource Guidelines. Consider those principles in the budget development process.
    - I. They work alongside Strategic Planning and Critical Issues, things emerging in the group to develop those guidelines and principles.
  - II. Historical Deliverables:
    - I. Tools for budget managers.
    - II. A Timeline for the budget manager request process.
      - I. Focus has been what types of tools that we need to develop or how we gauge perspective
  - III. Workshops
    - I. They have also held workshops around the council. Some are District wide.
  - III. New Charge: Budget Modification is the new charge how do we review the guidelines and suggest to college council. How do we reassess?
- Strategic Planning (Now the Operational Planning Committee): Dr. Jenni Branstad and Chisa O'Quinn + Chantae?
  - I. This Fall we have been working on a District Strategic Plan.
    - I. It will be approved at the Dec Board of Trustees Meeting.
    - II. After it's approved, we will embark on our Operation Plan.
  - II. Operation Plan is like a To Do List.
    - I. How is Central going to achieve the goals in our strategic plan.
    - II. Conducting feedback sessions, getting students, staff and faculty involved in the process to see what central will be doing 1-3 years to work towards those goals.
  - III. Rahail has a question. How do the committees work together?
    - I. Will there be separate times to meet? Yes, these are in addition to the main meetings and are at different times.

**III. Send your choices to Seth and/or Cassandra.**

**VIII. Good of the Order**

- **Reminder: The next Town Hall is 10/16 at 1pm**
  - I. Budget details, Enrollment Update, New Hires, Events on Campus that we go over.**
  - II. Ed – Recently held a presentation at Convocation about AI.**
    - I. How to get on College Council Radar for this training?**
      - I. Please send it to Seth. We will work to get this on the next agenda.**
  - III. David Oct 25<sup>th</sup> Community Dinner Tickets Availability Now!**
    - I. Volunteer Michelle McBreen**
      - I. Scheduling questions send those to Cassandra.**
  - IV. Meeting adjourned at 3:39pm.**