Date: January 27th, 2020

Attendance: Simon Bohn, Raya Petrova, Ruchi Raval, Brian Huang, Carlos Piedad, Nimra Shabbir, Lauren Smith, Madison Holley, Matthew Toy, Sarah Vanasse, Nathan Oomen, Sophia Anderson, Julia Nicolescu, Carlos Gregory, Stephan Akichy, Sandeep Alampalli, and Matthew Giarratana

Non-voting: Matt Guinee, Cate Llewellyn, Jana Davis, Lauren Dougherty, Marina Angelopoulos, and Meghan McVeigh

Excused: Thomas Walker, Molly Weiner, Madeline Goldberg, Reid Nichols, Grace Yang

President (Bohn):
Goals
- I sent an email out to you all and got a lot of feedback. I would like us to share these goals
  - Mine is with guest speakers. Right now we have Laura Munkes and Michelle Gibson
  - I want to create a stronger connection with administration
- (MH): One of my goals is a jubilee identity dialogue event to have a conversation with the audience and the participants
  - We want to do this two or three times this term
  - The first one will be Thursday Feb 15th at 5
- (CP)
  - Improve communication with green programs
- (MA): to make more student input in Minerva evaluations to make some serious changes
- (MY) we are working with women's union to talk more about unconscious bias and we also want to start encouraging more school spirit
- (SV): We want to start the Junior of the week to encourage our class to support each other
- (RR): my goal is to work with the voting platform. Also to work more with the community so I can bring more student input into the trustees meetings and try to set a precedent for the future.
- (JN): making student forum more of an approachable body.
  - (SA): I would also like to make the student body more informed of who their representatives are. We want to create an Instagram to promote this awareness.
- (LS): I want to gather more student feedback for the gen ed reform specifically outside of student forum. We want more diversity in the feedback and I want to help to facilitate this process.
- (CG): still working on the restaurant initiative. We have a solid foundation so I feel strong that we will be able to pick this up this term
• (CL): we want to create more transparency between greek members in the community. We also want better relationships with administration and make sure that professors can see our efforts to break the stigma. We also want to facilitate service opportunities for the whole campus and across different chapters.

• (SA): I have been trying to communicate all of what this campus has to offer that are often in emails

• (RP): I want to create venues for my position to have better contacts with club leaders. I want to create walkin hours to get into the details of how myself and the finance committee can help. We are also in the process of amending the constitution.

• (NS): we are working on launching the blog website to replace emails. I want to also want to help inform the student body understand more of what the members are. I want to bring back the union college challenge posts because it helps students to see who their reps are.
  ○ (RR): can we do an Instagram takeover of the union college page during a meeting?
  ○ (NS): I like that idea.

Crosswalk Petition
  • It has been brought to my attention that the crosswalk behind west that many students have been endangered
  • Cars have not been stopping at the stop signs and multiple students have been hit
  • The head of facilities and campus safety have been working with thee city engineer and the city police and there has not been much movement
  • I wanted to bring it to forum to write a letter to Chief Clifford/local ordinances in defense of the students of union college
  • I want to draft a letter and have everyone review and sign this letter to bring attention to this issue
  • What are you guys’ thoughts?
    ○ (MA): would you send it out to the students as well and even student drivers?
    ○ (LS): Going off of that, repainting lines will not make this place safe. It is obvious that it is an intersection. We cannot force people to stop at a stop sign.
    ○ (RR): maybe we could request a speed monitor at the intersection?
      ■ (SB): the point of this is to bring attention for the higher ups.
      ■ (Lauren): It is not our job to make a solution. If they want our involvement we will go from there.
      ■ (RR): this is also something on the radar of the board of trustees.
      ■ (JN): where I am from they out up reflectors that imitate a police light to make people follow the law.
    ○ (SB): would anyone want to help me write this?
      ■ (LS): I will
      ■ (SA): me too.

Upcoming Guest Speakers
  • Allison in dining spoke with me and the weekend before and during finals are lower than average customers by a significant amount. They feel it is not worth it to open during these times.
• (BH): she said that it was including days after students had already left for finals. We also have to consider classes are out.
• (SB): it is not that they are not willing to work for us. They’re still running numbers.
• (NS): some of the employees were also handing out free coffees because of the lack of declining towards the end of the term. This may have affect the numbers as well.

Secretary (Meghan):

VP Administration (Petrova):

• Updated the constitution for IEEE
• Stands for a chapter of electrical engineering
  - This chapter has been active moe many but became inactive last year. Students are working with advisors in the EE department to reinstate their place on this campus.

VP Finance (Nichols):

• The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) requested $1642 to send two members to attend the NSBE national conference. They came to us at the end of the fall term requesting $1500 to go to the conference and the finance committee funded them with $760 so that they could purchase price-sensitive items that were going to increase in price if they waited until the winter term (plane tickets, registration cost). However, they did not end up purchasing anything with those funds before leaving for a break because it was too rushed and student activities recommended that they wait instead of accidentally buying the wrong plane tickets. Now that prices have gone up, the full cost of sending two people to the conference is $2402. So they are requesting $2402-$760 = $1642.

• The breakdown of the $2402 is as follows:
  - $700 for two plane tickets ($350 each)
  - $1272 for hotel rooms ($159 per night for 5 nights and two rooms), these are the cheapest rooms that they could find
  - $30 - travel from the airport to the hotel
  - $400 - ticket registration for the conference ($200 each)

• The finance handbook states that we will provide funding for up to two club members to attend a national/regional conference that will benefit the student body. Obviously, this conference is important to the club as it is their organization's national conference. While it is a bit expensive, the prices are reasonable for plane tickets and hotel rooms. The finance committee recommends that we provide the $2402 in additional funding so that two members from NSBE can attend their national conference. I think it is also important to note that the NSBE leadership has been working really hard to send some of their members to this conference and is also getting funding from other sources (CS department and Engineering department) so that they can send more than two people. They also anticipate that members will contribute a portion of the cost out of pocket so that they can send as many people as possible.

• (Lauren): it involves keynotes and workshops essentially.
- (MT): I am on the committee so I can answer questions. The biggest initially concern was how much the prices increased. We recommended the best way of handling it
- (MA): where is the conference?
- (Lauren): San Antonio, Texas.
- (JN): Motion to approve the addition 1642 dollars for NSBE to send students to their national conference
  - Approved: 13
  - Opposed: 0
  - Abstaining: 0
    - **MOTION PASSES.**

**Trustees** (Raval, Huang):
- Over the next week or two I will make the doc for you to type in goals and ideas to bring to the trustees meeting
- For those of you that do not know, we need to have a ⅔ majority to amend the constitution before it can be released to the community
- There was a great talk in the Nott about the impeachment and I think moving forward we should make an effort to show face at these types of events.

**VP Campus Life** (Shabbir):
- The only thing we are nervous about the new website idea was that we are working with and how it will be utilized by students. We are currently working on a timeline to begin educating students on the

**VP Academics** (Smith):

**VP Sustainability** (Piedad):
- We got 7 proposals for Green and we should be deciding next week.

**VP Multicultural Affairs** (Holley):
- Nothing to report

**IFC** (Guinee):
- Exec officially transitioned this week. We have our first meeting this saturday.

**Panhel** (Llewellyn):

**MGC** (N/A):

**Minerva** (Angelopoulos):
- Laura Munkres is coming to talk next week for the purpose of collecting feedback on the minerva system. These are the questions we are going to ask:
  - What type of minerva programming would you feel you would participate in?
  - Have you been to a council meeting?
  - How should we elect new leaders?
  - Do you think that basing minerva divisions on the first year precept is effective?
  - Should we readdress the goals we created 20 years ago for the minerva system? Are they the right ones for the minerva system? How have these goals been met or have not been met?
- (RR): have you hear about what is happening with the first year pilot program?
○ (MA): it is mixed reviews and still underconsideration. We are unsure if we will continue it.

**Theme House:**

**Class of 2020** (Wiener):
- Keep thinking about senior gift ideas.

**Class of 2021** (Toy):
- Nothing to report

**Class of 2022** (Anderson):
- Nothing to report

**Class of 2023** ():
- Nothing to report

**Committee Report** (SAC):

**Advisor’s Report** (Dougherty):
- Thanks for going to the unity march last week! These types of things are really important for students to have a presence at.
- Just a note: if there is ever a time we need to discuss something that should be private and not public, we can motion to close the meeting. We need to get better at telling speakers that these are defaulted public. This is also the protocol. Nothing can be voted on during a closed meetings.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Announcements:**
- U program is sponsoring the purchase of thruway tickets and it opening soon. THRUWAY IS FEB 15TH.
- Vagina monologue is the same weekend
- Silent auction is being held during common this week to raise money for the fires in Australia