Date: September 29th, 2020

Attendance: Matthew Toy, Kathryn Osterholtz, Julia Nicolescu, Nathan Oommen, Brian Huang, Sophia Anderson, Sarah Vanasse, Alexis Henrikson, Tyler Greenwood, Madison Holley, Marina Angelopoulos, Nimra Shabbir, Cory Sachs, Carlos Gregory, Anna Trancozo, Hayley Baglogh, Gwyneth Sultan, Sandeep Alampali, Matthew Giarratana

Non-voting: Lauren Dougherty, Kathryn Osterholtz, Matthew Guinee, Cate Llewellyn, Jana Davis

Excused:

Special Guests: Ryan Ribeiro

President (Toy):

- Forum Schedule
  - Thank you for all coming so early and finding a time to meet
  - For the rest of term we are looking at doing Wednesday mornings at 7:30am if that still works for peoples schedules
    - Lots of conflicts so stay tuned for schedule updates
- Leaving Early
  - If you need to leave early you are responsible for looking at the minutes that you missed
- Ryan coming in at 7:30am
  - MT: Welcome Ryan Ribeiro, questions about conduct rules in regards to COVID and how we can support.
  - RR: Community Standards director, focus right now on conduct board and accountability for students that do not follow the guidelines of COVID protections.
  - MT: We just want some clarification on policies and what we can do as student leaders
  - SV: What happens if students miss their test times?
  - RR: Depends on intention, we have not had anyone purposefully miss their time yet, if they were flagrantly violating we would hold them accountable. Missing a test is a big deal. Accidents happen so if it was a mistake then there would not be sanctions.
    - Effective and consistent testing is the only way to keep us here
    - Considered pretty extreme for violation and sanction can be high
  - TG: Clarification on mask wearing policies?
RR: Spirit of the rule is the most important part. The point is to be wearing a mask and social distancing then a physical number that makes it okay to have a social gathering.
  - Students need to try to be safe not just try not to get in trouble.
  - Off-campus residence gatherings of 25 must be outside with the ability to social distance and wear a mask.
  - If there are any visitors to your space you should have a mask on.
MG: Clarification on how many people are allowed to be in a room depending on the building?
RR: if you are still able to social distance then that's the amount of people you can have.
  - There is not a clear number of people that is going to be safe for every space on campus
  - We really need to focus on the ability to social distance in the space
RR: College wants us to hold ourselves accountable and our friends accountable to be able to continue safely socializing.
CL: Generally what is the process if someone reports having symptoms on Emocha?
RR: In general, if you mark one symptom you will get a yellow badge and quickly heath services or the department of health will contact you and have a conversation about the context of the symptoms.
  - Doesn’t necessarily mean you would go immediately to isolation
  - Likely will get another test if this is the case
CL: Thank you, want to encourage students to have an open conversation and report their symptoms honestly
MT: Clarification on sanctions for breaking guidelines?
RR: I can’t go into specifics but people have been suspended for the term but those are very particular egregious violations.
  - Safe to say that when we are talking about masks and social distancing we are talking about general compliance that there is a clear solution.
    - When there are flagrant violations the chart of sanction guidelines that was part of the student compliance will come up
    - Suspensions and removal are only on the table if there is a clear and flagrant violation of the policies.
    - Endangerment of the community
  - Educational route, workshop for people that have violated smaller components of the policy.
  - Wants to create a student public health force that helps keeps the community accountable- asking people to wear masks while walking around etc.
CL: Question about reporting fellow students and anonymity?
RR: Problem is that a lot of people don’t know how to adequately write a report, if there is not a lot of information, Ryan or RD will reach out to that student.
  - If you're going to write a report try to be as specific as possible.
- Its easier to just ask someone to put on a mask then send up a report for that.
- Much more effective to have reports on bigger violations.
- We aren't tracking anyone, if you report anonymously it truly is anonymous
  - People also have reported personnel of the college who are also not upholding the guidelines
  - Reminder that it's about intention and making good faith effort
  - Goal is to maintain safety, nobody wants to have to suspend anyone.

- MT: Middle States Reminder
  - We are expected to attend student feedback meeting
  - One for entire student body and one for student leaders
    - October 5th from 3:40-4:30pm
    - Link is from Strom Thacker
- Introductions for new Forum members!

**Secretary** (Osterholtz): Nothing to Report

**VP Administration** (Nicolescu):
- JN: Committee application opened on friday, we currently have only 5
  - Encourage your friends to apply
  - Commencement baccalaureate committee is looking for 6 juniors only.
  - 2 for GenEd task force and 2 for history and symbols committees
    - The H & S committee came out of the race, power and privilege campaign to address symbols and names of buildings on campus and histories behind them.
  - Mark Walker (GenEd task force) wants feedback on the current common curriculum and what students might want in a new curriculum.
    - LD: Direct him to Alexis and AAC if he wants additional feedback
  - JN will send daily email to remind about committees being filled
  - MT: encourage friends to do it, it's a great way for underclassmen to get involved.

**VP Finance** (Oommen): Nothing to Report

**Trustees** (Huang, Anderson):
- Presentation on amendment
  - SA: Cory Sachs won special election for senior class representative! Currently 9 first years are running for positions for first year class representatives.
  - BH: Presentation:
    - Slide 1: small grammatical changes to constitution
      - Multicultural to intercultural
      - Official title for secretary
    - Slide 2: Ranked Choice Voting,
votes are ranked by students first second third, lowest vote receiver gets eliminated and then votes are redistributed to the remaining candidates.

- Slide 3: Mock election explanation
  - This severely limits a tie and allows for more voter ownership
  - Can actually vote for people into specific positions.

- Slide 4: Quorum
  - If a student is abroad they don't count for quorum but they can send a proxy
  - May only miss 3 Forum meetings, can face sanctions if missing more

TG: Clarifying question on language for rank choice voting, should we more explicitly say that the eliminated candidates votes get redistributed

SV: I think it's clear and explicit in section 15

JN: Motion to approve constitutional amendment put forth by Trustees

MA: Seconded

In favor: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

- SV: Motion to close the meeting to discuss AAC
- MA: Seconded

In favor: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

- SV: Motioned to reopen the meeting
- JN: Seconded

In favor: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

**VP Campus Life** (Vanasse):
- COVID Task Force
  - Thank you to everyone who provided feedback regarding the reusable utensils for students on campus. 1500 utensil sets coming on October 6th
  - Came from Task Force budget
- Partnering with Title IX
  - Want to figure out what student forum can do to increase student involvement and awareness of policies, check back when she answers
- Club/Org Events Check in
  - Only 6 people filled it out but SV really wants to highlight lots of clubs and involvement
  - Encouraging everyone to attend as many clubs and events as possible.

**VP Academics** (Henrikson):
- AAC Proposal and Feedback

**VP Sustainability** (Greenwood):
- U-Bike Repair
  - A few of the U-bikes are in good shape but many are broken
  - the issue is that it was a Green Fee project so there is no funding to repair them
A club needs to propose repairs as part of their budget, make a request or forum could use their budget to sponsor repairs
$1000 of parts was purchased by the sustainability coordinator with a quote for more repairs and none of them are covered.
- NO: who currently oversees the bikes and do they have a budget of their own?
- LD: When the Green Fee was proposed for the bikes it never got put in anyone's budget to sustain these costs long term. We are just discussing an immediate solution and for the future we will budget it in.
- KO: Are there risks to having the bikes for COVID?
- TG: There will be sanitization protocols with wipes
- SV: I think having the bike is key especially since we suspended CDTA
- MT: We no longer have quorum so we have to table the vote
- SV: Motion to table the discussion on U-Bike repair program until next meeting
- MH: Seconded
In favor: 9 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

- TG: Is the CDTA bike service also suspended with the bus service suspension?
- MT: Madison will answer that

**VP Multicultural Affairs** (Holley):
- CDTA bus response
  - MH: I have received feedback from the community about the contract suspension.
  - Low-income students are affected as they may not have the funds to pay to travel on the buses for their own accord
  - Shuttles to State St and other locations have been suspended as well with really limits mobility
  - This disproportionately affects a certain group of students over another
  - Our COVID restrictions need to be fair for all students.
  - MT: Everyone think about it so we can talk next meeting.
- MH: Tomorrow is multicultural club fair, stay tuned to your email for the link

**IFC (Guinee):** Absent
**Panhel (Llewellyn):** Nothing to Report
**MGC (TBD):**
**Minerva (Davis):** Nothing to Report
**Theme House (TBD):**

**Class of 2021 (Angelopoulos):**
- Congratulations to Cory Sachs!
- Debate party civic engagement committee
  - Flyer sent out in campus events email
**Class of 2022 (Gregory):** Nothing to Report
**Class of 2023 (Sultan):** Nothing to Report
**Class of 2024 (TBD):**

**Committee Report (SAC):**
• CG: Found out SAC is meeting monthly, trying to alleviate misconceptions
• CL: decided not to do theme house review
  ○ Also finding way to aid students mental health and inform community on consequences that have already occurred

Advisor’s Report (Dougherty):
• Thank you for being present today
• Voting is an official matter, we need to be thinking about all perspectives for all students not just for ourselves.
• Register to vote if you have not already!
  ○ Can submit your voter registration to win a prize

Old Business:
New Business:
Announcements:

CG: Motion to Adjourn
NO: Seconded

In favor: 9 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0