SSC Meeting  
October 8th, 2020 – 7:00PM  
Location: Zoom University

1) Call to Order  
a) Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

2) Land Recognition

3) Roll Call

4) Adoption of the Agenda  
a) Mahakur/Barkhouse

5) Ratification of Minutes (Appendix I)  
a) Mahakur/Barkhouse

6) Western Song

7) Presentations to Council  
a) No presentations to the council

8) Council Business  
a) Motion 1: Motion to Hire a Director of First Year Initiatives (Appendix II)  
   a. Beneficial for somebody who is responsible and their skillset can support the first year representatives  
   b. It would be like a commissioner position who has event planner experience and can help with initiatives online/in person  
   c. They would be apart of the Governance portfolio  
   d. Individual would be a crucial liaison with the residences and they would guide the first year representatives in networking  
   e. Would regularly meet with first year representatives to discuss initiatives and progress

   b) Question period  
      a. Shanika to Teo: How would this be different from an events commissioner?  
         i. Teo to Shanika: This would be different from an events commissioner because then they would act as a liaison for the first year representatives and their residences  
      b. Kenisha to Teo: Would this position be supporting the first year representatives or act as a director  
         i. Teo to Kenisha: They would act as both, and they would help the first year representatives in networking and coming up with initiatives

   c) Debate period  
      a. Ethan (Amending to the motion): Considering, lateness into the year this position be elected internally, moving to an external hiring process effective in the 2021-2022 year. Having this position is valuable to council as a whole and could be considered that we externally hire in the future.  
         i. Friendly amendment  
         ii. No questions to the amendment  
         iii. Amendment passed

   d) Motion passed unanimously

9) Executive Reports
a) **VP Finance**
   i) Today we got approval for the student group grants from the dean

b) **VP Student Support**
   i) EDI modules are up
   ii) All council members must have it done by November 1\(^{st}\)
   iii) Western perspective project will now be year long and not just the month of January
       (1) If you guys have a story to share on how COVID-19 affected you, please submit it in to the form that will come out
   iv) Share the mentee app with any international students you know
   v) There will be a resume/linkedin workshop for international students

c) **VP Communications**
   i) We got all your photos!
   ii) Senators and dep reps please make your tawk.to account!
   iii) Deputy speaker applications come out tomorrow
   iv) Committee applications closed last Friday and the offers are coming out
   v) You must put in your purchase order by October 23\(^{rd}\)

d) **VP Programming**
   i) We are going to have our networking event coming out on October 19\(^{th}\)

e) **VP Academic**
   i) Working with advocacy commissioner
   ii) Going to talk with the deans

f) **President**
   i) Hiring a deputy speaker under president portfolio
   ii) We are allowed to run in person events with certain restrictions
   iii) Talked to the dean about proctortrack
       (1) They are meeting often to talk about it, did not sound like there is much that we could do
       (2) Coming up with a survey to give them numbers about our concerns regarding proctortrack

10) **Commissioner Reports**
    a) No commissioner reports

11) **Department Representative Reports**
    a) **First year reps**
       i) Many students in general do not know much about proctortrack
       (1) They would appreciate alternatives and they are concerned about proctortrack

12) **USC Report**
    a) USC passed motions to make an anti-oppression working group and environmental sustainability working group
       i) Working on the USC’s internal policy
    b) Testing guidelines for COVID is restricted to people who have symptoms, taking it due to travel reasons, have been recently exposed potentially, or if a physician has referred you to get it
    c) Flu shot is available
13) Senate Reports
   a) Thanks for all the feedback

14) Governance Announcements
   a) Get people to apply to deputy speaker role!

15) Members’ Announcements
   a) No members’ announcements

16) For Discussion

17) New Business
   a) No new business

18) Adjournment
   a) Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm
   b) Mahakur/Lee

Appendix I:

SSC Meeting
October 1st, 2020– 7:00PM
Location: Zoom University

19) Call to Order
   a) Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

20) Land Recognition

21) Roll Call
22) Adoption of the Agenda
   a) Change the order of VP Academic Election and Epidemiology and Biostatistics Rep Election
   b) Barkhouse/Illori
23) Ratification of Minutes (Appendix I)
   a) Mahakul/Barkhouse
24) Western Song
25) Executive Reports
   a) VP Finance
      i) Starting with $4.5k less this year
      ii) Student support cost about $2k more
      iii) Paid for sci soph team fees
   b) VP Programming
      i) This year a lot of the events crowded the end of the year
         (1) This year, there is a sign-up sheet for when dep reps want their events
         (2) Focusing on more career-related events
   c) VP Communications
      i) If you’re taking your headshot, email it to Mingwei by tomorrow
      ii) Make an account on tawk.to (if applicable) account
      iii) Try to tell comms about promos you want much earlier!
   d) President
      i) Sci in the cloud was on Monday – Tuesday
      ii) Meeting with the Dean and is going to bring up proctortrack concerns
         (1) If you have any concerns, please message Teo and tell her about them!
26) Commissioner Reports
   a) Communications commissioner
      i) Click interested/going on events when Lahari invites you to events because it helps spread the word
      ii) 2 weeks in advance when submitting promo requests
   b) The current commissioner
      i) New publication tomorrow
         (1) They want ideas for tomorrow
         (2) If you want events spotlighted on the current, message Alex Lee to discuss
   c) Photographer
      i) Message Mingwei if you need help with photos
27) Department Representative Reports
   a) No dep rep reports
28) USC Report
   a) Talked about budget stuff
   b) Restored transit to 90% capacity
   c) Reaffirmed their commitment to implement a green bin program
   d) Reallocated funds for COVID-19 support
e) Nominated OUSA delegates
f) 4 counsellors were elected
g) $300,000 will be used to create bursaries and grants
h) $150,000 will be used to support students with online courses

29) Senate Reports
a) Proctortrack issue was brought up on senate
   i) Was told that there would be an alternative for students who did not want to use proctortrack — turns out its not the case
      (1) Reality is that they already paid for proctortrack and they are going to use it
      (2) USC will continue to advocate for alternatives
   ii) If you have concerns with proctortrack, message Mark Garabedian
      (1) Make a group chat with Teo and the senators to express your concerns

30) Governance Announcements
a) For motions, press the “Yes” option on zoom or press the “No” option on zoom
b) For elections, refrain from using the zoom chat until they are done with their presentation

31) Members’ Announcements

32) Council Business
a) Epidemiology and Biostatistics Rep Election
   a. Adrian Sammy
b) VP Academic Election
   a. Babafemi Adewusi
c) SSDAC Election
d) SGG Election

33) For Discussion

34) New Business

35) Adjournment
   a) Biswurm/Mahakul
   b) Meeting adjourned 11:23 pm

Appendix II:

**Motion I: Motion to Hire a Director of First Year Initiatives**

*Whereas*, first year students make up a significant portion of total students in the Faculty of Science as well as of department representatives on the Science Students’ Council;

*Whereas*, first year students are a crucial and diverse demographic of students that live on-campus, off-campus, and virtually (during the COVID-19 pandemic) and efforts should be dedicated to targeting this demographic;
Whereas, other faculty councils have an externally hired position for leading initiatives and events for this group of students, both online and in residences;

Whereas, the current first year representatives on council are under the purview of the President, whose skillset and available time does not necessarily reflect the needs of these representatives;

Be it resolved that the Science Students’ Council add a new position called the Director of First Year Initiatives.

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