Session 83, Meeting #03  
June 4th, 2015 – 7:00 PM  
UMC 247

I. Call to Order: 7:08 PM

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Agenda
   Amended - SAO Bylaw Approval Tabled
   Amended - Ratification of Karan Reddy added to Presidential Action Items
   Amended - Ratification of Magnolia Landa-Posas Tabled

IV. Approval of Minutes

V. Announcements

VI. Public Open Hearing
   A. Bridger Ruyle: 82 LCB 11 established the need for an MOU created by CUSG and Dining, so do not discuss whether this is something we want but rather how to execute this tonight.

VII. Presidential Action Items
   A. Ratification of Finance Board Voting Member, Karan Reddy
      Finance Board is attempting a new joint-vote member to promote fiscal responsibility and increased variety in viewpoint on fiscal matters. Karan will be collaborating with the member approved for this last week, Orion Lowen.
      Ratified - Acclamation
   B. Ratification of Recreation Center Board Chair, Alec Parkin
      Alec has been on Rec Board since his first year (3 years). Was previously Vice Chair, enjoys both management and use of CU's Recreation facilities. One big challenge Rec Board will face will be recruitment and retention of board members and also approaching the budget, both of which Alec approaches with enthusiasm.
      Ratified - Acclamation
   C. Ratification of CUSG Executive Staff Members:
      i. Christopher Urias, Director of Student Engagement
         Executives have decided to place a great emphasis on this for the coming year, and Chris has stepped up as an ideal candidate regarding broad and intense levels of involvement.
         Ratified - Acclamation
      ii. Bridger Ruyle, Director of Sustainability
         Bridger has had a large role in sustainability efforts over the past year, making him an impressive candidate for the position. He will ensure CUSG continues to have a large part in moving our campus towards a
more sustainable future. Main issues to address include the upcoming MOU, breaking beyond the status quo, and food rescue / provisions on our own campus.

*Ratified - Acclamation*

iii. **Laura Michaelson, Director of Graduate and Professional Studies**
Laura has played a pivotal role in UGGS for as long as she has been at CU. Some of her tasks will include projects she has already had a hand in working on: dental coverage for Grad students as well as growing the usefulness of the social climate survey. She has seen how the position works over the past two years.

*Ratified - Acclamation*

iv. **Brianna Coyne, Director of Homecoming and Event Planning**
“Breezy” will be a Sophomore next year, and the Executives have chosen her based on her strong vision in conjunction with a willingness to increase campus partnerships. She wants to increase involvement from the rest of campus and move away from our Homecoming being seen as a “Greek” event.

*Ratified - Acclamation*

D. **Appointment of Parliamentarian**
*Tabled*

E. **Review and Vote on Approval of Honor Code Policies and Procedures**
Travis Tallent has been working with University Attorney Counsel and other students along with the Campus Ethics Committee, and they are all pleased to present three major “themes” of changes for the Honor Code Policies and Procedures.

The first major change is a move towards inclusivity. Gendered pronouns have been removed, and the potential change to include a translator is now present. The second major change is towards thoroughness. This includes explicitly addressing clicker fraud as well as greater potential for the Honor Code office to keep stronger records. The final change is towards better practices. This includes situations regarding threats addressed towards Professors, Honor Code dismissal policies, a timeline for Professors to turn in cases and reports of violations, greater clarity regarding student no-shows, and provisions for OIEC finding discrimination as a guiding factor for bringing cases to Honor Code Office. The move towards getting through cases more quickly is one that will allow greater clarity and accuracy, and is in sync with what the Office of Student Conduct is moving towards, as well.

Do issues such as clicker fraud, which are difficult to “catch,” have the potential to turn into the next “smoke free campus” of rules not being enforced? Travis says no, as they have developed a method of “catching” clicker fraud and invested in utilizing it.
Do we expect the new timeline to cause problems? For those denying that they are guilty, no; these students typically do so in the first week after notification. For others it may be more of a time strain, but especially for Professors the Honor Code wants to stress the importance of validity and accuracy as well as the importance of its role to a Professor’s job. There is also the expectation that the Director of Adjudication will use their best judgment.

How does signing that a student “did not break the honor code” work? Is this essentially admitting guilt, but arguing that their actions in question were not against honor code? No, the intention is merely that the role of the investigation is to discover whether or not the Honor Code was broken. This allows students to challenge and set precedent as to what honor violations truly are.

Who can the Director of Adjudication’s “Designee” be? This was brought to Travis’ attention by University Counsel. It may only be one of the five members of the council.

Does the section that requires the accused to waive their right to appeal in cases of the hearing panel not meeting quorum punish the accused? Yes, but this is how it has been done in practice; while it is strange there is not currently devised a way to do this.

Clarification regarding “preponderance of the evidence” (legally, a low bar)--while this means it only needs to be “51%” likely that an act was committed, it is also the reason why the Honor Code Council is moving very strongly in the direction of not just punitive measures but also educative.

VIII. New Business
A. 83LCB01-SAO Name Change
   Proposed name change from “Student Activities Office” to “Center for Student Involvement” to better describe the direction and services of the office. When originally passed, the working title of “Student Activities Office” was never really discussed and instead just “stuck over time.” Frequently, peer and comparable institutions are using the term “involvement” over “activities.” Furthermore, the identification as a “center” is the norm on our campus (e.g. VRC, SORCE). This is the term that resonates with the (currently) SAO staff.
   Move to Pass on Special Order
   Passed - Roll Call

B. 83LCB02-CUSG Outreach
   Move to Amend Agenda - “LCR02” to “LCB02”
To start, the Executives present two proposals for amendments. The first “whereas” clause should refer to CUSG proper, and Section IV of the Bill’s

CUSG has not utilized “months” (be it Gay Pride, Women’s History, or other underrepresented communities) or really any methods to celebrate alternative perspectives. The new executives believe that this should be a priority. This sets up a future where we reach out to the community in a way that we have not in the past.

Why should Student Government’s focus be on events rather than representation? The previous approach has failed to reach out to underrepresented communities. For example, CUSG has not understood issues of housing for trans students as they have not reached out to this group in a substantive way.

Can this be achieved without event planning? Yes, but this is one way that is sustainable for the future. It also sends a strong message to these communities.

What might be an example of an “event?” Going to a multiculturally focused student group and presenting a “How to Write Legislation Packet.”

How do you intend to measure meaningfulness of these events? The vague nature is intentional so as not to pigeonhole the leaders of the three branches in planning their events. Open to revisions on this point.

President Soto yields to former Rep. “Izzy” who provides charge for CUSG to outreach.

Is there potential for ineffectiveness as a product of vagueness? Yes, but this addresses past issues of Leg Presidents, Tri Executives, and Chief Justices who have not cared at all about outreach.

Are three events enough to achieve “outreach”? No, this bill is not nearly enough. Many issues students have been fighting for have not been addressed. But taking a first step is important and this legislation, whether it is “events” or not, does that.

Has this been approved by the newly ratified Director of Student Engagement? He works with many underrepresented student groups and that was some of the inspiration of this bill.

Why is the bill an overarching statement rather than bylaws or structure, and how will it be enforced? This bill is a trial run rather than a permanent fix.
How was the number three determined? Largely arbitrary. Roughly once every five weeks.

There is concern regarding the all-encompassing nature of the bill. Perhaps it should have been introduced as a resolution or an initiative within executive staff. The broad nature of the bill strains the nature of its ability to be effective. Some disagree, arguing that it is instead a good form of a “first step” or the importance of being proactive. The Executives acknowledge that they will be doing outreach no matter what, and that if this is not passed they will come back with a stronger bill.

Discussion continues with no clear direction towards passing and amending or scrapping the bill.

Tabling the bill with the intention of revamping it with legislators is brought up for consideration, and met with approval from the Executives.

Tabled - Acclamation

C. 83LCB03-UMC MOU

Move to Amend Agenda - “LCR” to “LCB”
The UMC Building is now closed, Leg Council is told as the bill is introduced. The Legislative Council President asks if there are any questions, comments, or clarifications regarding the Bill.

The situation has changed and the UMC building is not closed for another 30 minutes. Introduction of the bill continues.

The goal for this bill is to receive Legislative Council’s approval on student input for the MOU as was agreed back when the merger was approved.

Passed on First Reading - Acclamation

IX. Old Business

A. 83LCR01-Meningitis B Vaccine
Intention is to urge the Advisory Committee on vaccinations (part of CDC) to reevaluate immunization recommendations to include Meningitis B vaccine covering the 5th strain covering Meningitis B (25% of cases). Goal will be to eventually get support from other college campuses in Colorado to create a strong push towards this measure.

Resolution Passed - Acclamation

X. Reports

A. Executives

B. Council of Colleges and Schools Chair
No meeting today; will not meet until July 2.

C. Representative Council Speaker
Passed VSA on second reading, and discussed the role of Representatives in outreach.

D. Committees: Appointments, Election, Rules
E. Commissions: Legislative Affairs, Diversity Affairs, Sustainability
F. Colleges and Schools: ASSG, Leeds Business, Education, Engineering, Environmental Design, Graduate, Journalism, Law, Music
G. Joint and Advisory Boards/Liaisons: Air, Cultural Events, Distinguished Speakers, Environmental, Finance, GLBTQ, Recreation, Student Group Funding, SORCE, UMC, Health, VRC, WRC, Freshman Council, Residence Hall Association
H. Treasurer
I. Vice President
   Be watching for emails regarding CCS / Rep expectations.
J. Legislative Council President
   With the time sensitive piece of legislation, we will be calling a meeting next week. Please be in contact regarding attendance so we can ensure quorum is met.

   September 12 will be Legislative Council retreat. The retreat will be on a Saturday.

   Collaboration and effective use of time were two points that the President ran on, and both could have been done better tonight. In the future, discussions regarding amendments should happen outside Council to ensure a smooth flow of discussion. This will make us a more effective session. We can ensure collaboration by getting all parties involved contacted before bringing things to the floor.

XI. Late Roll Call
XII. Adjournment: 10:18

Next Meeting
Thursday June 11th
Location UMC 247