

# Minutes

## SAC meeting

**DATE** March 4, 2024

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**TIME** 10:00 AM

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY** Dr. Harrington

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### IN ATTENDANCE

Blanca Cespedes-Gonzales, Emmanuel Nkwenti-Zamcho, Laura Pinto Hansen, KwangJong Park, Edward Harrington, Michelle Bencomo, Kimerly Blea

#### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made and seconded to approve agenda. Motion passed with 5 in favor; 0 to oppose; 0 to abstain.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes. Motion passed with 4 in favor; 0 in opposition; 1 to abstain.

#### 3. OFFICER ELECTIONS

KwangJong Park was nominated as the new secretary. A motion to elect KwangJong was made by Edward Harrington and seconded by Blanca. All present voted in favor, and KwangJong was confirmed as the new secretary.

#### 4. REPORTS

- Report from Dr. Kimberly Blea (Vice President of Student Affairs)  
Co-Curricular Outcomes.  
\$1.5 million has been secured to establish a confidential space for mental health services. The increasing demand for mental health services post-pandemic necessitates securing a dedicated confidential space for a comprehensive Wellbeing Hub. This hub will offer a space for disconnect and reset, alongside a multidisciplinary counseling center providing both social and clinical support. Additionally, the hub will offer convenient access to students through virtual services. Destigmatizing access to care through support by both peers and professional staff is an important element to student wellbeing.

Significantly underfunded residential facilities - According to a report by an external evaluator identified \$84 million in necessary repairs. A task force was established but it is a challenge to secure to funding to solve this issue.

As our contract with current food service provider, Sodexo, nears its end, we are in the process of searching for a food service provider. The evaluation committee is assessing to determine what types of vendors we want to forward with.

Some funding for the design phase of a swimming pool revitalization project is available, however, the final decision regarding repair or replacement has not made.

Edward inquired about what the co-curricular are and Kim answered that co-curricular activities are defined as out-of-class experiences that complement and extend the formal learning experience of a course or academic program such as Writing Center directed by Amanda May affiliated to English department (Open to all students) and student clubs and organizations that academic or social focused what they are learning outside of school .

Emmanuel also shared international students' concerns about food services and housing. Kim recognizes that international students' cultural dietary consideration was not taken and no space to cook. Securing funding is working on.

- Report from Michelle Bencomo (Interim Director of Financial Aid)  
The 2024-2025 FAFSA launch is delayed until December 31, 2023. Due to significant changes the 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the launch date has been delayed from October 1, 2023, until December 31, 2023. Due to this delay, students may not know the eligibility of FAFSA until mid-March. Students are encouraged to apply for both FAFSA and Scholarship. For the 2024-2025 award year, changes of FAFSA form help significantly expand access to federal student aid because "Expected Family Contribution" is being replaced by "Student Aid Index."

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

### **NEXT MEETING**

To be announced