

Student Government Association Minutes

February 12, 2021

3-5 p.m. via Zoom: [Click link to open meeting in Zoom](#)

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I. Call to order

II. Roll Call

a. *All Senators present*

III. Public input:

a. Guest, Carol Merrill, Board of Trustees.

- i. Carol is involved in many of the student activities and enjoys stopping in to Student Government from time to time.
- ii. Trustee Merrill asked SGA how the transition to virtual meetings has been and how it has differed from in-person meetings.
 1. Ex Officio Forbes that from a functions perspective, the meetings seem to flow better and Senate is able to address business items and stay focused, but she misses the human element, and the interactions that took place in-person.
 2. President Church pointed out that online platforms may be able to be better utilized than they have been in the past, but also looks forward to when things can go back to in-person.

IV. Vacant Executive Positions

a. Secretary

i. *Per SGA Constitution, position will be offered to Treasurer Samantha Hensley*

1. *Position offered to Treasurer Hensley*

a. *Treasurer Hensley declined the position due to time constraints, but motioned to nominate Senator Purdy for the position of Secretary*

1. *Senator Purdy accepted the nomination and position of Secretary*

a. *President Church put the nomination and acceptance up to a Senate vote to place Senator Purdy into the position of Secretary*

i. *Senate voted unanimously for Senator Purdy to officially take office as Secretary.*

V. Executive Reports:

a. President:

i. *No Report, next meeting with President Schaffer scheduled for March 4*

b. Vice-President:

i. *Meeting with Dr. Stutz is scheduled for Monday, February 22, and this will be a bi-weekly meeting.*

c. Secretary:

i. *Approval of Minutes, Feb. 5, 2021*

1. *Ex Officio Forbes made motion to approve the minutes from Feb. 5 as presented*

- a. *Motion seconded by Treasurer Hensley*
 - i. *Senate unanimously voted to approve the minutes from Feb. 5.*
- d. Treasurer:
 - i. *Current balance sitting at \$21,400 after expenditures of stipends last semester.*
 - ii. *First installment of stipends distributed mid-March.*
- e. Ex-Officio:
 - i. *Next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 17; will be reviewing what to cover at the next Executive meeting.*
- f. Sarah McMann:
 - i. *Absent, no report.*

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Campus Committee
 - i. *Work complete with the SAFAC organizational meeting. Committee should begin work on summary report for the year.*
 - ii. *President Church encouraged committee to start working on the end of the year report.*
 - iii. *Committee plans to have the report done mid-April*
- b. Student Committee
 - i. *Prepping phase, meeting with President Schaffer to discuss this on March 4*
 - ii. *Student Open Forum has been scheduled for April 30*
 - iii. *Advisor Sorenson advised using some time next meeting to discuss and brainstorm what Senate on how Senate would like the Open Forum to look or be structured.*
- c. Community Committee-*Revisit discussion from last meeting, motion was made last meeting to put the Community Committee on hiatus for the remainder of the academic year.*
 - i. *Senator Forbes expressed her stance remains the same and believes the committee should be put on hiatus, but welcomes discussion.*
 - ii. *Vice President Frankenouser likes the idea of Project Connect. She thinks this is an awesome opportunity for Student Government to be more involved and connected with the student body.*
 - iii. *Secretary Purdy comments that Senators interested in being involved with Project Connect can do so on an individual basis, and placing the committee on hiatus doesn't stop Senators from becoming more involved. He believes making the involvement with Project Connection is a lot to ask at the moment considering, Senate is so thin with numbers, and all Senators have expressed their schedules are extremely tight this semester.*
 - iv. *President Church asked Vice President Frankenouser if she was interested in taking part in the Project Connections, and President Church expressed that if she were willing to tackle the group that he would hope Senate and Senators would be willing to offer Vice President Frankenouser support in her involvement with the project.*
 - v. *Treasurer Hensley expressed that she is ok with whatever route that Senate wants to go, and agrees with points on both sides. However, Hensley did express her time is limited.*
 - vi. *President Church pointed out that by putting the committee on hiatus, this may prevent Senate in taking part in any future opportunities that may present themselves without going through a formal voting process to bring the committee out of hiatus.*

- vii. *Treasurer Hensley pointed out continuing to dissolve committees may impact future budget discussions and discussions surrounding Hiatus. She also brought up that there may be opportunities to collaborate with other groups on campus rather than take on a project alone.*
 - viii. *Advisor Sorenson pointed out that there has been a lot of discussion about increasing stipends because Senators have been suggesting Senate is 5 doing the work of 12. Advisor Sorenson questioned how Senate is putting in extra work and asked if they are putting in extra hours than they normally would or is it less? He posed the question regarding SAFAC, if they are truly putting in extra work or are they just missing other voices because it is not a full senate; that these are two separate issues. Sorenson supports taking a step back and supports Senate if they decide to cut back considering the circumstances of not having a full senate and trying to operate during a pandemic, however, they should be considering this when making the arguments that they would like to see an increase in stipends for doing more work.*
 - ix. *Ex Officio Forbes suggested noting that the requirements under the original committee's intent then be voided and noted that Senate was unable to fulfill them under the circumstances of the year rather than putting the committee as a whole on hiatus.*
 - x. *Secretary Purdy pointed out that community events are just not possible or at least very limited in options on what we could do in terms of community events.*
 - xi. *Discussion about the committee's original intent of reaching out to High Schools and being engage in High School outreach.*
 - xii. *Treasurer Hensley asked if there was a way to do a group video discussing what SGA is and sending the video to High Schools to fulfill the requirement.*
 - 1. *Secretary Purdy expressed this wouldn't allow for High School students to ask questions or engage with Student Government.*
 - 2. *Ex Officio Forbes pointed out intent was to speak about the college experience rather than specifically about SGA.*
 - 3. *President Church pointed out that by no means does the Community Committee have to focus on the high schools, that was what was just laid out at the beginning of the semester and last year when things looked very different. The original intent behind the community committee was to advocate for the community college experience in general.*
 - xiii. *Secretary Purdy expressed interest in the idea of high school outreach, even if it wasn't possible this semester, something he would be interested in continuing for next year.*
 - xiv. *President Church pointed out that putting the committee on hiatus does allow for the prioritization of other committee work.*
 - xv. *Ex Officio Forbes made a motion to keep the Community Committee active with the understanding that the requirements of hosting a community event may not be possible, but Student Government should explore opportunities for the committee.*
 - 1. *Secretary Purdy seconded the motion*
 - a. *Senate unanimously voted in favor of the motion.*
- d. Faculty Committee-Information from Human Resources regarding staff and faculty on campus.

- i. *Numbers received from Human Resources. 110 full-time faculty and 211 full-time staff. Secretary Purdy points out that this may be difficult to put together individual items and cost is a concern.*
 1. *Human Resources also noted that it is difficult to determine who is consistently on campus and who is not, so a virtual route may be the better option.*
 2. *Secretary Purdy still wants to reach out to the student body to get comments and stories from students about faculty/staff that have made an impact in their success and experiences at LCCC.*
 3. *Ex Officio Forbes is in full support of this idea and pointed out that there was a lot of positive feedback for the video from last year.*
 4. *Advisor Sorenson suggested adding a prompt for students to provide these along with the survey sent out to gather comments/concerns for the student town hall. Advisor Sorenson encouraged senate to begin thinking about how to frame the question or questions they would like to ask students to garner responses that would provide stories and experiences.*
 5. *Ex Officio Forbes motions to table the topic to allow Senators more time to think about the video idea presented today and to think about other options to present at the next meeting.*
 - a. *Treasurer Hensley seconded the motion*
 - i. *Senate voted unanimously to table the discussion for the following meeting.*

VII. Old Business:

a. SAFAC Timeline Reminders

- i. *Advisor Sorenson reminded senators of important dates and deadlines for the SAFAC timeline. Senators should have copies of the timelines sent out.*

b. All-In Initiative Proposal Document- Senator Purdy

- i. *Secretary Purdy points out the document he created is a call to action. The document explains background information, how LCCC may achieve participation in the challenge, and the benefits of the challenge.*
- ii. *Secretary Purdy stated if President Schaffer approves and wants to move forward it may be Student Government's responsibility to reach out to other colleges in the state to get them involved.*
- iii. *Ex Officio Forbes suggest there is a lot that needs to be done to make this happen and suggests this undertaking may be better suited to present to the new Senate.*
 1. *Secretary Purdy was hoping to at least get the letter finalized, but table the action plan until next year.*
- iv. *Advisor Sorenson suggested drafting a memo to communicate back to President Schaffer what was found in the research for the challenge and what would need to be done at LCCC for us to participate in the challenge.*
- v. *Senator Purdy made a motion to draft a memo to communicate back to President Schaffer what SGA found in regards to the initiative.*
 1. *Motion seconded by Ex Officio Forbes*
 2. *Senate unanimously voted for the drafting of a memo*

- c. Connections Group-Campus Counseling & Wellness
 - i. *Vice President is interested in getting involved with this and will reach out to the counselors to get more specific information to see if it will work with their schedule and will report back to Senate when she has more information.*
- d. Stipend Considerations
 - i. *Information received from University of Wyoming indicates they are paid considerably less than what LCCC pays Student Government Senators*
 - ii. *President Church pointed out the amount of stipends for the amount of hours Senators put in weekly are actually quite competitive with other hourly paid jobs, especially this semester.*

VIII. New Business:

- a. SGA Job Descriptions
 - i. *President Church reminded Senators to continue to work and draft a job description for their respective positions to help serve as guiding documents for future senates.*
- b. PTK February 23 meeting-Senator open positions and possible collaboration
 - i. *PTK has invited and requested Senator attendance at their March 23 meeting. Senators are asked to check their schedules, and this will be decided at the next meeting.*

