

College Council Meeting
2/4/2020

Present: Rick, Mila, Kevin S. Nick, Noah, Jackie, Angela, Kevin, Gariot, Kevin M., JP, Elise, Hannah

Meeting was called to order at 2:36 by Kevin McGruder

Approval of Agenda. One additional item was added: a determination of the next meeting date.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved.

Reports

ACCREDITATION: Hannah reported on the status and timeline. We were put on a 10-year review cycle and the 4th year includes a visit. An Assurance Argument is being prepared, which is due to HLC at the end of March. Our site visit is on Monday and Tuesday, April 27-28. The visiting team will want to meet with this group. Prior to that visit, we will review sample questions so everyone is prepared. Right now the focus is on the Assurance Argument and associated evidence. The goal is to have a draft to the community and BOT in mid-February. The BOT meets at the end of February and will provide feedback.

Hannah will send a copy of the student survey to College Council. Students are in the process of completing this survey right now. Also, we'll send the list of those on the visiting team.

ADMISSION CYCLE UPDATE: YTD we've received 260 applications, 166 are complete, 33 are international and withdrawn, 95 students admitted, 16 accepted and 4 have deposited. Last year at this time we had 305 applications, 243 complete, 55 were international and withdrawn, 95 admitted 5 were accepted. Students are applying earlier, and more are appealing their financial aid packages as opposed to last year.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: The revised policy was presented in January. If an employee chooses not to come to work and lives in a level 2 or 3 emergency zone, they don't have to use vacation. **There was consensus to approve the policy as presented.**

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE: Noah stated the group has not met. He has been reviewing election procedures and soliciting members. He is looking for another student but has not been successful finding a volunteer. He is working on making it happen this quarter but feels it's more reasonable to expect elections in the spring term.

New Business

LOGISTICS EVENT FORM AND PROCESS: Kevin and Hannah introduced the form and outlined the process. The form is on the website under "Alumni & Friends". We are currently in the communication phase of this process, and the Logistics team welcomes feedback and suggestions for improving all aspects of this process. This feedback should go to rentalsandevents@antiochcollege.edu We have received an average of 3 hits per day on this form on the website since it launched.

Suggestion: make sure that outside entities understand this is just a start of the process and submission of this form does not guarantee a space rental. Student, staff, and faculty will be required to indicate whether or not there are funds budgeted for the event.

Gariot suggested there are ways to manage the form on the back end to make it more helpful to users. He will meet with Kevin S. to discuss.

Announcements and Comments

- Gariot stated the Office of Admission and Financial Aid has invited 18 students from charter networks in Texas to visit. They will arrive on Thursday, February 20th while Bootcamp for Activism is happening, and will leave on Sunday the 23rd. Activities are being planned for them.
- Susan stated there will be another admitted student weekend on April 17-19.
- Community Day is February 11, and Becca and others are hosting a clothing drive with clothing donated by community members.
- Mila is concerned about the meeting frequency of College Council. As a policymaking body, she feels more meetings are warranted. The group has discussed meeting monthly, but meetings can also be called as the need arises. Mila opined that meetings should be twice monthly to accommodate review and revision of policies.
- Nick stated that United Poultry Concerns has gone on the attack about the welfare and treatment of our chickens and ducks.

Next meeting

TBD

The meeting adjourned at 3:33PM
Submitted by Anita Brown