

North Seattle College

College Council Meeting – Hybrid

6/11/25 3:10 PM – 4:27 PM

Attendance: Kate Montgomery (Chair), Caleb Martin (Vice Chair), Nicole Hadisenjaya, Odalis Estevez, Julie Lyderson, Alissa Agnello, Jeffrey Eng, Neal Parker, Samantha Baneth, Andy Buchanan, Emily Rodriguez, Thomas Fuglestad, Meseret Tesfaye, Andre Davis, Roberta Lord, Casey Saunders, Trish Root, Molly Brown (Guest), Shannon Thomas (Guest)

Meeting starts at 3:10 PM

A. Motion to approve May 14<sup>th</sup> minutes

- a. Kate motions to approve Minutes, Jeff seconds motion. 5/14/25 Minutes approved

B. Chair Report presented by 2024 – 2025 College Council Chair, Kate Montgomery

- a. Per the Charter, the Chair steps down at the end of the year following the conclusion of College Council for the school year, Caleb Martin will become the new Chair

C. Sustainability Committee Approval

- a. Context: The SCD had a Sustainability Coordinator position with accompanying student interns as ‘support staff’, but due to Budgetary constraints, the position was not renewed so the idea for a Committee at North was brought forward by Samantha (Sam) Baneth

- i. Further information presented by Sam and CC guest, John Figge:

- 1. [Sustainability Committee - Info](#)
    - 2. [NSC Sustainability Committee Goals Proposal.pdf](#)
    - 3. [Environmental Justice Club Letter Comments.docx](#)

- b. Q: Was the money that North sent to the District for the Sustainability coordinator position, something that North could reclaim at all? A: No, once the position was cut, the transfer of funds from north to district was recalculated based upon the new consideration without the Coordinator position being a factor.

- c. Q: There was a student work study position for a student sustainability coordinator, is this related to this plan or different from it? A: Unsure as there was a student in the position at South who had graduated midway through

the year so that position was opened up but there's still questions on the primary funding source for this new plan that has to be worked out.

- d. Caleb motions to vote on approving Sustainability Committee, Meseret / Julia second motion

- i. Motion passes, 17 yes votes, 1 no vote, 0 abstentions

D. Neal discusses NSC Core Themes Taskforce and outreach for membership of taskforce

- a. Q: How many people are you looking for? What does the commitment look like? And can you repeat again the breakdown of what membership you're looking for? A: Students, faculty, and staff are primary desired constituencies. 3 meetings of an hour to 90 minutes max with an hour of work outside the meetings so about 6-8 hours during the summer
- b. Q: Will taskforce members be paid for their participation? A: Stipends will be paid in accordance with the CBA.

E. College Council elections / Vice-Chair Nomination

- a. Tommy nominated as Vice-Chair for 2025 – 2026 College Council
  - i. Kate motions to vote on nomination, Meseret seconds motion. 18 yes votes, 0 no votes, 0 abstentions.
- b. At the moment there are two Faculty vacancies for next years' College Council, potentially two vacancies for Classified staff, potentially one AFT-Pro vacancy, and Dr. Rachel will work with Exempt staff
  - i. Form created for people to note their membership status, any vacancies within their constituency, and anyone new who would like to serve on Council.

F. Presentation on Closing Reports from NSC Committees, Councils, & Taskforces moved to the Fall due to lack of closing report submissions

- a. Motion to move presentation to the Fall, Caleb seconds motion.

G. College Council Assessment

- a. Council asked to fill out a form on the work of College Council during the year and their thoughts and considerations.
- b. Motion to move submission deadline of form to Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, brought forward by Caleb, seconded by Kate.

H. Presentation of First reading on creation of Club & Affinity Group taskforce by Ruby C.

- a. [Club & Affinity Group Task Force.pdf](#)
- b. Q: Given this is the last meeting until Fall quarter, is it alright that College Council won't be able to discuss and vote on the taskforce until then? A: Yes, this is really a chance to craft the prospective charter / guidelines over the

summer and then to bring it back once Fall Quarter and College Council starts up again

- c. Q: Is the purpose of this taskforce to oversee the requirements governing the other Affinity groups on campus? A: Not quite, the purpose is to provide another level of accessibility, inclusion, and open governance from leaders that are the heads of different clubs and affinity groups on campus.
- d. College Council gives Ruby and Jill full support to proceed with research of taskforce to then bring back to College Council during the Fall quarter.

I. 6/12/25 Board of Trustees Meeting Update on Budget Adopted

- a. Dr. Rachel will be sharing an update to the Board as they consider adopting the FY 26 Budget.
- b. Q: You said there were some adjustments and changes in the provisos. Will you be separately lifting out those changes as part of the presentation, or whoever will be presenting this at the Board meeting? A: Yeah, I will be sharing it. But I don't think it's material enough to update the budget that was presented to them in May. The impact of these 3 items moving back as earmarked is estimated a further reduction in our State allocation by \$181,000.

J. General Updates

- a. Starfish to be replaced by 'Conex Ed' at some point in the near future
  - i. Q: Will the new system be able to integrate within CTCLink, unlike Starfish? A: Yes, it should have full integration within the system.
  - ii. Q: Will this be in place by the fall? A: No, Conex Ed was just awarded the contract but it won't be for another year or so until official release
  - iii. Q: Will Canvas be able to work with ConexEd? A: Not sure but I'm sure it was considered.

K. Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:27PM