

Meeting Minutes Summary 11/07/2024

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Attendees:

- Gabriel
- Monte
- Houre
- Iman
- Amira
- Chidera

Absent Members:

- Shantel
- Sam
- Kwado
- April

Guests:

- Dr. 305
- Matthew
- Dylan
- PSLA
- PTK
- Lindsay
- Katelyn

Icebreaker: Childhood Celebrity Crushes

Each attendee introduced themselves and shared a favorite childhood celebrity crush, creating a fun and lighthearted start to the meeting:

- Josie Neveu: Shared that Joey McIntyre, a member of the popular boy band New Kids on the Block, was her celebrity crush.

- Tracy Hunter: Tom Cruise was the actor she admired growing up.

- Rolando Garcia: Had a hard time deciding between Debbie Gibson and Tiffany, both iconic pop stars in the '80s.

- Chris Sulali: Tom Cruise was also his choice.

- Heather Scrivone: Kevin Jonas from the Jonas Brothers was her celebrity crush.

- Denisha Thomas: LL Cool J was her pick, known for both his music and acting career.

- Tim (PTK, VP of Service): Winona Ryder, a popular actress known for her unique roles, was his celebrity crush.

- Houre (Student Secretary, Senate): Named Justin Bieber, a teen icon who rose to fame quickly in the 2010s.

- Amirah Java (Senator-at-Large): Shared Tom Holland, popular for his role as Spider-Man.

- Shea (representing BSU): Keith Powers, known for his roles in teen dramas.

- Iman Richards (Legislative Coordinator): His favorite was Harry Potter, referring to Daniel Radcliffe in the films.

- Dylan (Vice President of Anime and Game Club): Selena Gomez, a former Disney Channel star.

- Matthew (President of Anime and Game Club): Olivia Solis from Disney Channel, mentioning she brought a lot of positive childhood memories.

Agenda and Business Discussion

The agenda was reviewed and adopted with no amendments.

1. Food Vendor Update

- The team has been in discussions with potential food vendors who would operate on campus. The goal is to provide a service similar to the coffee shop, with a variety of food options available throughout the day.
- Targeting spring semester for implementation, pending student feedback on preferences and requirements.
- Student feedback is encouraged on desired food types and pricing concerns to help tailor the selection.

2. Approval of HOLA (Hispanic Organization of Latin Americans)

- **Arnold's Presentation:** Arnold introduced HOLA's mission to foster a social space that celebrates Hispanic and Latino cultures, providing students with opportunities to learn, connect, and celebrate these cultures.
- **Goals and Events:** The group plans to organize cultural events like Dia de los Muertos and Cinco de Mayo, with an emphasis on community engagement. Arnold highlighted collaboration with other clubs to increase visibility and impact.
- **Vote Outcome:** Unanimous approval of 9-0, making HOLA an officially recognized club.

3. Student Parent Support Program Update

- **Current Offerings:** Existing support includes a monthly support group meeting, small financial grants, and essential resources such as activity backpacks for children and a holiday gift program for student parents.
- **Future Developments:** Plans to establish a dedicated parent space and a partnership with Head Start daycare, which could help meet childcare needs for student parents. The team is also working on gathering more data on student parent demographics and challenges.

4. Proposal for FW Grade

- Purpose of FW Grade: The proposed “Failure with Withdrawal” grade is intended for students struggling to complete the semester. It would help protect students’ GPA and maintain financial aid eligibility by allowing them to withdraw from classes without penalty.
- Alternative Options: Current grading options like IW (Instructor Withdrawal) and WN (Withdrawal for Non-Attendance) were discussed as alternatives. Students and faculty discussed the potential impact on academic records and student flexibility.

5. Incentives to Increase Club Attendance at Senate Meetings

- Ideas to increase club attendance were proposed, including:
- Offering rewards or prize drawings for clubs that consistently participate.
- Financial incentives to clubs based on attendance, encouraging them to send representatives to each meeting.
- Funding for clubs’ events based on attendance records.
- Members expressed interest in exploring which incentives would have the most appeal and impact.

6. All-Olympics Collaborative Event

- Concept Overview: The “All-Olympics” event will be a campus-wide gathering featuring activities such as paintball, trivia, scavenger hunts, and water balloon races, aimed at fostering student interaction and teamwork.
- Club Participation: Clubs are encouraged to sponsor activities or create teams, with free team spots available for student participants. The event is expected to become an annual highlight if successful.

7. Larger Transportation Options for Clubs and Sports

- **Proposal Discussion:** Due to increasing interest in off-campus events, especially within sports clubs, there was a proposal for obtaining a larger campus van to accommodate these needs.
- **Data Collection:** Further data will be gathered on the demand and feasibility of this transportation option to ensure it meets student needs efficiently.

8. Improving Club Event Coordination

- **Current Challenge:** Clubs often schedule events simultaneously, causing conflicts and lowering turnout for each.
- **Solution Proposal:** Implement a shared calendar where all clubs can post their event dates, helping avoid scheduling conflicts and promoting higher attendance.
- **Outcome:** Positive feedback from attendees who believe this will foster better cooperation and visibility for club events.

Announcements:

- **Paralegal Study Group:** A study group session will be held next Friday, potentially with extra credit opportunities for participants.
- **Black Student Union Events:** BSU has organized a visit to a museum, along with a week-long event from November 27 to December 5, intended to celebrate African American culture. Positive feedback was shared about their recent Halloween event, which was well-received by attendees.

Additional Resources and Support:

- **Election Process Support:** Resources are available from Student Life, Care Centers, and DEI for students