April 30th, 2020 Full Council: Informal meeting with no voting held virtually

I. Call to Order:

Present: Halle, Ethan, Fer, Professor Esther, Deksios, Dean Mason, Shane, Sakina, Sophie, Jay, Maddi, Saluja, Max, Liam

II. Committee Updates:

Outreach:

Continuing to work with student government groups around the country and are hoping to send the letter about the stimulus packet excluding students who are claimed as dependents.

Inclusion:

Working on getting bylaw amendment ready

Student Life:

Approved the 75 clubs that applied. For those clubs that didn't apply, we are going to extend our support to them.

Speaking to Amy and Antonino, a survey said a big concern of students is missing out on extracurriculars. So we are thinking about ideas to keep the momentum going for clubs if the fall is remote. Organizing a zoom call/some type of meeting with clubheads to gauge interest.

Update on contingency planning for the next academic year:

Sakina and Ethan met with the academic calendar committee today to talk about plans for next year and how we can use the flexibility of the block plan next year

The email went out last Friday with all working groups

VP of finance is now on the budget working group. Reaching out to other groups about having students on it

It is important to note that no decision has been made

The main plan was to extend the half block by a week so that there could be a block in January so that there would be a full block. In addition to 2 extra blocks over the summer.

There is also a proposal to not change half block but essentially make A and B apart of the year so that the year is 10 blocks.

What are potential problems/issues/hiccups we are foreseeing:

Halle: My main concern is people working over the summer and having the ability to maintain a job and a schedule

Ethan: I think the hope is that students who value the summer for work will opt to take online classes.

Fer: How would the tuition work?

Sakina: If you didn't want to take 1 and 2 online and take the summer blocks, and that money would be put towards that

Max: Could you take 9 or 10 blocks

Sakina; Yes

Ethan: Essentially, under that 10 block model is you would be allowed to take 8 blocks whenever. If it was the extended half block, you can 9 blocks whenever as well as A and B, the distinction is at the end of the academic calendar