

# STUDENT SENATE

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## **General Meeting Agenda**

**Date: March 08, 2019**

**Time & Gavel: 5:10 p.m.**

**Location: Thorndike 157**

### **I. Call to Order (5:17 pm)**

### **II. Old Business (2 minutes)**

- a. Approve Minutes: 2/22

### **III. Gallery & Advisor Reports (20 Minutes)**

- a. Gallery Reports:
  - i. n/a
- b. Advisor Reports
  - i. Student appreciation week funding secured on senate

[Closed for Elections]

### **IV. New Business (30 minutes)**

- a. Pulse Check
  - i. Why Senate?
- b. Updates on Elections
  - i. General Elections- Fall 2019-Spring 2020

### **V. Committee Meeting & Reports (60 minutes)**

- a. Upcoming Partnerships
  - a. Academic Affairs
    - i. We discussed a sponsorship opportunity from WISC (Women in Science at Columbia) for their annual Graduate Research Symposium that is taking place on April 19th
    - ii. The academic affairs committee will help Phoebe (Alumni Senator) with setting up the Academic Festival and volunteer to be a reviewer/judger
    - iii. We also discussed ways in how to support the Graduate Student Conference

- iv. We are thinking about providing coffee/snacks during final week as part of a programming idea

b. Diversity and Community Affairs

During our meeting today, we were discussing an upcoming event that we would like to host: TC Where I'm From—Our Stories Matter. This event is intended to promote the already bold statement that the ODCA office supports. We would like to have students, staff and faculty come and share their stories and ideas with our committee. We plan on having food represented from at least 5 regions. We plan to have, similar to TC One Voice, breakout sessions where students are able to share their stories and the TC Community will be able to celebrate the strong diversity that permeates each day. This is a great opportunity for students, staff and faculty to network and meet with their fellow community members and share their journeys. We are in the embryonic stages and will be fleshing out the details soon. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or want to collaborate as we are eager to!

Also, we continued to unpack the meaning of diversity and how TC supports such as important feature that allows each of our stories and backgrounds to be recognized and welcomed each and everyday.

c. Student Life

- Therapy dog event tentatively scheduled for April 22nd
- Plan to allocate funds to several upcoming events including diversity event and interdepartmental happy hours
- Planning several low budget end of the semester events and potentially one larger event along the lines of an outing that the study body at large is invited to

d. University and Institutional Affairs

- We are planning Earth Day celebrations. We are looking to have a speaker along with setting up a space to discuss sustainability and carbon neutrality. We will have giveaways, including reusable bags, straws, water bottles, and planted herbs. In addition, I am discussing with other schools how we can work together for a larger event.
- I am looking at how to purchase a gift for the cafeteria cashiers since they are standing all day.

e. Professional Development

- We discussed how we can bridge partnerships in various underserved departments
- We are also going to do a “brown bag” style event in order to find out what the needs of the students are
  - We were thinking survey, but this might be more effective considering we only have 2 months

## **VII. Executive Board Reports (10 minutes)**

### **a. Vice-President**

- i. Thorndike
- ii. Passed amendments
- iii. Elections Spring 2019

### **b. President**

- i. Attended the Board of Trustees meeting where the topic of focus in the Student Activities committee was on Food insecurity at TC and ways we can partner with the larger TC community to ensure this is addressed. So how are we currently addressing this? TC Senate is partnering with the Columbia Food Pantry and TC now offers food vouchers for the Grace Dodge cafeteria for students who need them. Please contact thomas rock: for free food vouchers.
- ii. Admitted Students Day- Need 2 speakers, we will be tabling and beginning the initial stages of recruitment and transition for leadership.

## **VIII. Announcements (10 minutes)**

### **a. Open Floor:**

- i. n/a

## **X. Adjournment (8:17 pm)**

## **I. Call to Order**

**Notes:** Attendance:

## **II. Old Business**

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## **III. Gallery & Advisor Reports**

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## **IV. New Business**

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## **V. Senatorial Reports**

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## **VII. Executive Board Reports**

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## **VIII. Announcements**

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