

MINUTES OF STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING OF NORQUEST COLLEGE HELD ON

Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024

Present Council Members: Rep. Aditya Pratap Singh [7:00], Rep. Ama Dogbefou [6:58], Rep. Aneesh Bhatia [7:00], Rep. Angel Eustaquio [6:58], Rep. Asha Kabeto [6:58], Rep. Esha Kaur Sanger [7:00], Rep. Jaison Singh-Narang [6:59]; Rep. Khayla Villes [6:58], Rep. Lawrence Andrews [6:58]; Rep. Naomi Torres [6:58], Rep. Umang Sharma [7:00].

Students' Council Advisors

Rep. Elaidah Joannah De Jesus [6:58], Krizza De Jesus [6:58], Rep. Tarandeep (Taran) Singh [].

Administration: Cherie Sawaryn – Chair and Executive Director, Daniela Cardona Angel – Board Coordinator

Regrets:

Absent:

Guests:

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at: 7:02 pm.

Quorum established at: 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve the Students' Council agenda for May 22nd, 2024, as amended.

Motion by Representative Villes Seconded by Representative Dogbefou

Vote: All in favor **Resolved:** Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: To approve the Students' Council agenda for May 15th, 2024, as presented

Motion by Representative Dogbefou Seconded by Representative Torres

Vote: All in favor **Resolved:** Motion carries.

Old Business

- None

New Business

Items for Information:

- **Students' Council Week of Welcome Fest**
 - Thursday, May 23rd, 2024

- Imagine Hall, from 10:30am to 1pm
 - Set-up time 10am and tear down 1- 1:30pm
 - We need the support of all Students' Council members.
- **Convocation Carnival**
 - Friday, May 24th, 2024
 - Imagine Hall, from 10am to 2pm
 - Set-up time 9am and tear down 2-3pm
 - We need the support of all Students' Council members.

Items for Discussion/Approval:

A. Signing Authority

Discussion and Approval

Motion: To remove Representatives E. De Jesus and Dogbefou as Signing Authority effective May 31st, 2024

Motion by Representative Andrews Seconded by Representative Villes

Vote: All in favor **Resolved:** Motion carries.

B. 2024-2025 Budget Presentation

Discussion and Approval

Motion: To approve the 2024-2025 annual SANQC Budget as presented

Motion by Representative Andrews Seconded by Representative Villes

Vote: All in favor **Resolved:** Motion carries.

C. Reserve Funds Transfer Request

Presentation and Discussion

Motion: To approve the transfer of \$427,000 from the Health & Dental restricted reserve to the SANQC internally restricted funds before the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Motion by Representative Dogbefou Seconded by Representative Torres

Vote: All in favor **Resolved:** Motion carries.

D. Open Education Resources

Added item. Discussion.

We have been working on the advocacy piece with OER to the college Zero Textbook courses, and/or low-cost textbook...

What would constitute a textbook to be categorized as low cost?

The research team of OER has been looking at what low-cost textbook would really be for students, the suggestion is that \$30.00 is low cost, but we would like to know what students think if this is low cost for students.

Rep. Sanger – \$30 dollars is still quite expensive specially for students that have to pay for rent, food and other living expenses. So, under \$30 dollars would be good. Some students might have to buy 5 different books at different prices sometimes it adds up to \$300-450

Also, considering nursing students they have so many expenses on robes and other things.

Rep. Villes - \$30 dollars per book is good, compared to what business students already pay for textbooks ranges from \$80 to \$100 dollars.

also, some professors require students to enroll through websites that cost around 100-120 to access not only the books but also the quizzes which doesn't make sense since we already have moodle in the first place.

Rep. Kabeto - \$20 dollars is reasonable.

Rep. Andrews - even if the textbooks are half of the cost, we are paying for a text books right now, would really help. Anything below \$50 dollars could be consider low cost.

Reps. Dogbefou and E. De Jesus – agreed with Rep. Andrews

Rep. K. De Jesus - \$20-40 is reasonable but realistically textbooks costs \$120-180 which is not sustainable for students.

Another problem is most courses require a different textbook.

Rep. Torres – We have to consider medical students who has to buy scrubs and lab kits, it all adds up for most students.

Upcoming Opportunities

- Not upcoming opportunities

In Camera Session

- No in camera session

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm
Motion by representative Villes

Next Meeting: Virtual - Wednesday, June 12th, 2024, from 7:00 to 8:30pm