

Minutes

Meeting Details

- **Team Name:** Student Equity Committee
- **Date:** April 4, 2025
- **Time:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
- **Location:** Bradshaw Building – Second Floor, Hall of Fame
- **Guests:** Adela Gonzales (ASRCC Chief Justice) and Gabriel Graves (ASRCC Senate Pro Tempore).

Call to Order

- **Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM by Lorena Newson.

Information Items

- **Equity Hour:** 4/10(La Casa Engagement Center), 4/24 (Guardian Scholars), 5/8 (LASSE/Rainbow Engagement Center), 5/15 (Rising Scholars)
- **Updates:**
 - Girl Trek – Umoja Queens (Lucretia Rose): Walk was from Kane to Downtown Riverside
Inaugural Event designed to address matters related to Black women
 - “Black women die, on average, a decade earlier than other women in the U.S.”
 - “4 out of 5 Black women are overweight or obese. Obesity increases the likelihood of developing chronic health conditions like high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes.”
 - “Nearly 50% of Black women are affected by cardiovascular disease, and the risk is triple that of other groups.”

- “25% of Black women over the age of 55 have Type 2 diabetes, and we are 2x more likely to develop Type 2 diabetes compared to white women.”
- “Life expectancy is the clearest measure of justice.” –GirlTREK founder & CEO (T. Dixon)

Old Business

1. Planning & Development Workshops:

- Strategic equity workshops
 - Focused on metrics, allowing departments to elaborate on data respective to their area.
 - Thursday, May 8 – 3:30 – 5 p.m. (CIS 114B)
 - Wednesday, May 21 – 3:30 – 5 p.m. (CIS 114B)
 - Thursday, June 5 – 3:30 – 5 p.m.
(Bradshaw Bldg – 1st Floor, Heritage Room)

2. Student Equity Hour

- Thursdays during College Hour (12:50 – 1:50 p.m.), Kane Building Room #140
 - May 8 – LASSE/Rainbow Engagement Center
 - May 15 – Rising Scholars

Discussion Items

- **Approval of meeting minutes from 3/21/2025 (5 Minutes):** Moved by Al Weyant–Forbes, second by Natalie Vazquez. Discussion held – information/recommended changes can be visited in e–mail. Amended minutes were not printed prior to meeting; Chair – Dean Newson approved changes to minutes.
Vote all in favor, none opposed.
- **Amend Revised Bylaws (45 minutes)**
Motion by Wendy McKeen, second by Al Weyant–Forbes
Vote majority in favor, none opposed, 1 abstained.

- **Bylaws and Committee Structure (45 minutes):**

- 3/21 Revised Bylaws
 - Article 4 (Page 2 of 9)
 - 1st Paragraph – Members
- Discussion was held by committee members related to matters such “seek out representation,” what it means to lose voting rights, what makes a member eligible to vote or who can or cannot vote, clarification on the article of membership, language modifications, service years.
- Ben Vargas moved to extend discussion by 10 minutes, Wendy McKeen seconds. Committee agrees – motion carries.
- Amendments made to Article 7 related to meeting modalities, Roberts Rules of Order.
- Wendy McKeen motions to extend discussion by 15 minutes, Ben Vargas seconds. Committee agrees – motion carries.
- Continued discussion on Article 7, Articles 8 – 10 deemed ok, Article 11 – Item D – Funding.
- Eddie Perez moved to extend discussion by 10 minutes, Sharon Walker seconds. Committee agrees – motion carries.
- VPPD Kristi Woods offered information – SEC funds are under 4 different areas; want to ensure/protect the integrity of the budget. SEC can be the voice.
- Additional conversation about funding continued; request for language to be added to guide where resources go; a detailed explanation of how the spending is allocated was given by Herbert English.
- Terry Welker motions to extend discussion by 10 minutes, Wendy McKeen seconds. Committee agrees – motion carries.
- ASRCC Senator Gabriel Graves gave a report to what the college is doing.
- Chair – Dean Newson proposed a compromise – open discussion on discretionary funds; conversation continued on how the budget

works.

- Ben Vargas recommended calling to vote on Item D to approve language, Natalie Vazquez seconds. 22 approved, 3 opposed, 1 abstained.
- Chair – Monique Greene motions to extend discussion by 9 minutes, Eddie Perez seconds. Committee agrees – motion carries.
- Article 11 Items A–C deleted by proposal from Chair – Dean Newson.
- Article 12 Funding Guidelines – discussion held, article removed by proposal of Chair – Dean Newson.
- Article 13 Bylaws approved
- Wendy McKeen motioned to extend discussion by 1 minute, Ben Vargas seconds. Committee agrees – motion carries.
- Article 14 Recommend website/standard II (electronic vote w/ changes)
- Bylaw addendum: Lucretia Rose contributed the following via e-mail:
 - “Officers/Chairs”: "Students should be given a stipend for their leadership service to SEC."
 - Monique Greene mentions the chairs will reach out to Megan Bottoms to see how student compensation can work.
 - “Funding Policies”: "All conferences attended by the SEC shall fund an equal number of students, faculty, classified professionals, and administrators."

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Next Meeting

- **Date and Time:** Scheduled for May 2nd, 2025, at 10:00 AM, Bradshaw Building – Second Floor (Hall of Fame).

Adjournment

- **Closing:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 PM by Lorena Newson.

Recorded by:

- Malika Bratton, Instructional Department Coordinator (LHSS)

Prepared by:

- Maurice Bowers, Administrative Specialist – College Equity, Inclusion, and Engagement

Date:

- April 29, 2025