



Student Affairs Committee

Meeting Date: November 22, 2019
Location: LIB221

Attending	Absent	Guests
Elizabeth (Liz) Coleman	Alicia Moore	Christy Walker
Layla Solar	Libby Voigt	Michelle Cary
Beverly Anderson	Justin Borowsky	Tyler Hayes
Christy Chaung (recorder)		

1. Review Student Affairs Committee’s Charge – Liz Coleman

Liz provided a walkthrough of employee intranet to access College Committee and reviewed the committee’s charge. The committee’s focus is student advocacy! We will strive to meet a minimum of twice a quarter, and if anyone knows of students who are interested in filling the Student-at-Large positions, please contact Liz or Alicia.

Action item:

Christy will revise meeting day/time for December’s committee meeting.

2. Review Prior Minutes – Liz Coleman

Liz presented a copy of the last meeting’s minutes from May 2019.

1. Chairmoot is a committee consisting of all the chairs from all COCC departments that meet on a monthly basis. Deans will discuss policy update, and chairs will bring the information back to their own departments.
2. Liz suggested that Layla may potentially be the Student Affairs liaison for ASCOCC meetings.
3. We are working on a shared folder for Student Affairs Committee so that all members may access meeting minutes, agenda items, and more.

Action Items:

Motion to Approve prior minutes made by Layla Solar, seconded by Beverly Anderson.

3. Native Lands Acknowledgement – Michelle Cary and Christy Walker

Michelle Cary and Christy Walker presented the “Proposal for COCC Land Acknowledgement.” With help from elder members of the tribes, two versions of the acknowledgement (extended and condensed) were drafted for recognizing the native inhabitants of the region.

Discussion Points:

1. Proposed for an acknowledgement to be addressed at COCC-sponsored events and pay homage by creating visual displays in areas on campus with high volume traffic.



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- a. In the 2018-19 academic year, COCC had 400 Native American student, many of whom are from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (Northern Paiute, Wasco, and Warm Springs). It provides a powerful experience to have them be acknowledged. The acknowledgement is widely practiced all over the US and internationally (Australia and New Zealand). While it's a small step to right wrongs of the past, it's a huge step for native communities.
- b. Liz recommended for College Affairs to direct the proper attention.
- c. Christy W. has spoken with Student Life and senior staff members (directors) to bring this proposal to committees for feedback, support, and suggestions
- d. Some events for consideration for acknowledgement to be addressed: Bobcat orientation, college kickoff, campus tours, Visiting Scholar programs, symphony, Bobcat Welcome, and Commencement
- e. Christy W. suggested that we use COCC students' artwork with the acknowledgement, and Liz recommended Justin to be involved with creating art along with the acknowledgement.
- f. Layla Solar mentioned that for financial aid, the residential policies states Warm Spring reservations; does this also include all 3 of the tribes? Michelle and Layla confirmed that the policies states "Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs," encompassing all three tribes.
- g. The acknowledgement is not meant to be a burden on anyone, does not need to be memorized; nor is it mandatory or an obligation, but rather an encouraged reading. Recommended to have different versions for different kinds of events: longer for bigger events like Commencement and shorter for campus tours. Readers should be mindful that the tribe members were intentional with the content and we should avoid our best not to alter/edit the content.
- h. Suggestions for displays: Boyle, library, Wickiup (already a native name). Placement should be methodical since places like Boyle already house a number of displays.
- i. Types of displays: laminated card, plaques (\$\$\$), or glass displays

Action Items:

- Although no actions could formally be passed, all attendees were favorable of this proposal.

4. Short term certificates at Commencement and moving advising and registration dates to an earlier start – Tyler Hayes

Tyler Hayes presented on the recent update in policy to allow students who are graduating with their Career Pathway Certificate of Completion to participate and walk in the Commencement ceremony. In 2018-19, 35 students completed multiple pathway certificates that did not get to participate in Commencement. Not all students in the program will walk, but it is better for them to have the opportunity to do so. In being thoughtful of the length of time of Commencement, on average it takes students 10 seconds to walk, adding 3 minutes overall to the event. Some of these students may go on to continue their Associates degree, and they have the option to walk multiple times for their achievements.

Bobcat Advising and Registration (BAR) is to help new students and returning students with less than 13 credits on financial aid, selecting courses, and getting students registered for appropriated courses. In Fall 2019, BAR began in July. For Fall 2020, BAR will begin in May 2020 to enable the First Year Experience (FYE), make connections earlier, and help student create their identify at COCC. Online catalog is published in mid-May. Before summer begins, BAR is CAP and Admissions-led. Faculty will be enlisted to get involved throughout the process. Advertisements at high schools will occur. Previously, COCC had 2,000 fall applicants in the pipeline prior to July with nothing to do. Closing this gap will allow for better enrollment and establishing relationships sooner. Summer advising will now be required; summer advising and fall advising will take place simultaneously. In a few months, a CRM (customer relationship management) will be launched to help with recruitment, improve communications with applicants, track their process, and text students! Faculty may have access to view the applicants.



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Next Meeting:

Currently scheduled for Friday, December 13, but will be amended to accommodate for Finals Week.