**Senate Meeting Minutes – April 8th, 2020**

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**12h10 – Technical Problems**

**12h20 – Senate Begins/Overview**

* How students (non-senators) can be addressed in Senate
  + State in chat that want to be recognized
  + Senator recognizes student
* Committee Updates
* Kevin from ASM Announcement
* Provost Dr. Fisher

**12h20 – Committee Updates**

* **Careers: Miranda**
  + Decided to suspend events for the semester
* **Service/Events:**
  + Working on smaller events, Liv will reach out to Service Committee
  + Also reaching out to Avani and Chris on anything we can online for Earth Week
* **Judiciary:**
  + Going through with basic amendments such as wording, meeting on Thursday
  + Accepting emails for requesting amendments
* **AC**C:
  + Alessandra: will have more updates now that our budget is no longer frozen and can meet properly

**12h30 – Kevin and Evan from ASM Announcement**

* + Corona diaries are a success
  + Board applications just published on engage, applications open until Sunday
  + Printing 500 copies of magazine

**12h35 – Provost Dr. Fisher**

* Opening Remarks:
  + Listened to last week’s senate recording
  + Main concern over grading system has been addressed
    - Already adopted the CR/NC system
  + Will take any questions not addressed
* Adilene
  + Issues with the test taking style offered on blackboard, can’t go back to questions
    - Provost: Will bring this up in next “online learning” meeting and see how to change and/or build in an adjustment period in the grades
* Nike:
  + Professor been sick for three weeks, doesn’t know how to handle situation
    - Provost: I always say go to the professor first then the department head but in this case, things are a little different. Email professor’s name to provost and will personally discuss how to handle with Nike.
* Leo:
  + Question on professors reluctancy to record classes, what’s the progress on situation
    - Provost: We have been in contact with each of these professors that have issues with recording class.
      * Two professors left in terms of solving the problem
      * Some have issues with the content being recorded
      * Leo to email Provost and discuss further to see if it’s one of the two professors left
      * Will find a compromise
* Hera:
  + Students who can’t attend class are given more written assignments, doesn’t feel fair
    - Provost: Email me the name and he will follow up with professor and/or Department head
* Chris:
  + Have professor been communicated with on CR/NC, advisors are sending mixed messages
    - Provost: They absolutely have and can send a reminder
  + Instead of CR/NC, Harvard approach to “emergency satisfactory or emergency unsatisfactory system”
    - Provost: two diff between AUP in and Harvard systems:
      * AUP: C or higher
      * Harvard: C- or higher
      * AUP CR/CR: optional
      * Harvard: university wide system, mandatory
* Mitchel;
  + Would we ever switch to university wide CR/NC
    - Provost: We have had meetings since the system has been put in place, and there will never be a perfect system, but all have agreed that this is the best for our circumstances.

**13h – Open Forum**

* AUP for consent
  + April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month
  + 2 of the 6 events will be held
    - 17 April: discussion on sensitivity in Media
    - Take Back the Night: postponed to next semester
* Adaeze:
  + Will student body work with organizations for the Covid-19 crisis?
  + Any campaigns?
  + Safia: No initiatives that I am aware of, but if a student has one, I can assist in planning/aiding
* Chris:
  + Attendance policies confusing for those abroad vs in Paris
  + Agreed we should email Provost, but many students offered examples
    - Many examples were: “My professors take attendance for those who are in Paris and have a different system for those abroad”
  + This was Hera’s question for Dr. Fisher, she will email and get back next week with the answer

**13h10 – Senate Closes**