Undergraduate Student Life Council Meeting
December 2, 2014

I. Welcome

II. BSU/Meeting/Vandalism Response
   A. BSU representatives, Greg Brightbill, Mike Patterson, Clyde Johnson
   B. Ben-What needs to be done? Any updates?
   C. Scott-Graffiti removed, Campus Safety still investigating, hoping for a community member to come forward and Greg-currently blocked out on elevator panel, can still tell that something was written there, working on
   D. Greg-did not see a need for elevator cameras, can see who’s using the elevator with the , more concerned with educational aspect of what occurred,
   E. Scott-cameras helpful, but do not want to be Big Brother for community members, educate and understand that it’s shared by the community
   F. Niki-feelings shared at meeting, experiences, hate crime and threat to black students lives,
   G. Briana-did not realize how many students cared, MICA is a family, trust that administration will find a way to fix this in the future
   H. Niki-2:15 Open Letter Delivery at Gateway
   I. BSU Meeting Bunting 110
   J. Niki-50 Shades of Black, artist talk about experiences, events next semester about race, events that promote awareness about black lives,
   K. Briana-Candlelit Vigil, want campus to witness something like this
   L. Mike-group of Graduate students that started dialogue with Vice Provost of Studies, diversity education of curriculum is not being done well in the classroom, does this correlate with the conversation last Monday night?, campus needs to figure out how we inform one another, needs to be something that we all do, not just two-three students
   M. Ben- Should we have our own Diversity Committee or join Graduate students
      1. Precious-will join
      2. Ben-Have more undergraduates participate?
      3. Cynthia-would this conflict with Office of Diversity?
      4. Clyde-many layers to diversity, cannot handle everything, good for Undergrad to have their own committee to talk about it and to connect with Graduate students, important to have a more proactive stance, what our your needs as leaders on campus? how can the Diversity Office
support you?, What needs to happen?, We can help set the standard and get it in motion
5. Ben-start Diversity Committee next semester, get members for it through email
6. Carolina-create a separate committee, encourage other committees to treat it as not their problem
7. Ben-Diversity an issue in all committees, having a large overarching dialogue would be good, encourage collaboration
N. Hannah Jayde-stress that we are facilitators, need students help to make change, voice that
O. Robert-Are teachers talking about it in the classroom? What do they address?
P. Mike-faculty who have started, some who haven’t, some won’t, encourage students to bring it up, often forget that students are here temporarily, have to find a way to be better than the cycle, Sammy does care, How do we make systematic change that sustains?
Q. Briana-many teachers not aware of the situation, creating a classroom atmosphere up to us
R. Precious-trying to start dialogue, teachers baffled we talk back, take criticism while keeping teachers credible for actions, have to start dialogue and respect each other’s opinions and spaces, also talk to one another, mentality that we talk about all the time, forget that we are children, teachers confused that stuff won’t be let go, see it as arrogance or ego, up to us to call them out or correct them, get rid of stigma that students cannot express their opinion
S. Mike-search for next provost, visionary for curriculum, model of instruction, finalists on campus, opportunities for students to meet finalists, should be challenging vision background, how do they motivate a faculty force? decisions influential
T. Niki-begins with us, need to stop pointing fingers, continuation of all MICA students, keep bringing it up, keeps dialogue going

III. SVA Tabling
A. Ben-this semester or next semester?
B. Karolina-next semester, was planned for this week, too late, don’t push something this late in the semester
C. Kris-didn’t have enough time to get it together, work towards next semester, wait until second or third week of school, heard back from Dining, Campus Safety, Community Involvement, Transportation, heard from Health and Wellness and Housing later, have a list there for sign up for committees,
D. Kirsten-Feb. 3rd first SVA SL meeting, March 11th Town Hall, time around first meeting, bring up topics that came up based off surveys, bring up results in March meeting

IV. Committee Updates
A. Campus Safety
   1. Karolina-talking with Stephen about implementing a text message, next semester, test out text message system
2. Cynthia-Community Involvement involved, send out messages about events
3. Karolina-wary of it, can opt out of this system, get messages about events, opt out, then lose important information
4. Lauren-can work separately
5. Karolina-work with Communications Department
6. has to go through the Institution
7. Kris-combine the two, people could get annoyed, take away from safety aspect
8. Karolina-hard to convince for text about safety

B. Dining
1. Kris-have not been able to meet with Parkhurst, individual cases with contacting them, work on tabling, make sure that survey gets a wide variety of answers, picking out what’s important
2. Karolina-suggestion for students to bring own silverware, not use paper containers
3. Hannah Jayde-sanitation issues
4. Bennie-can’t use plates brought in, put through personal washing systems, Meyerhoff-can’t reuse plates
5. Kris- Meyerhoff closing way too early for dinner, Grill with limited options, not an ideal choice, dinner times odd, having workers stay longer is an issue, have more variety at the Grill

C. Housing
1. Bryan-need to work on survey, involve Scott more, what should we be asking?, questions about Housing, trying to aim survey questions, contact your advisor, hard to meet with him, schedule conflicts, try for this semester
2. Ben-get more upperclassmen
3. Bennie-have sheets out at tabling for sign-ups, upperclassmen did not realize this was going on

D. Community Involvement
1. Lauren-did not get to meet, focus more on telling students about options on campus, volunteer opportunities, have a second club fair involvement, students more willing to participate, volunteer field trip, contact about site visit
2. Kirsten-direct through me, fair set up in March

E. Health and Wellness
1. Caroline-tabling to help us decide more signs, want students want from the Counseling Center, see what students want, work with Dining also, dependent on tabling, working on questions
2. Ben-meet one more time before semester ends, finalize questions, can work on that, inform others about Diversity Committee
3. Kirsten-contact heads, work on getting surveys together
4. Kris-iPads, easier to compile information
Meeting Adjourned 12:58 P.M.