SVA Student Life Council Meeting
Date: February 3, 2015 / Time: 12-1PM / Location: Main 110

I. Welcome
   ● Ben-Priority of Meeting: figuring out what the survey will be

II. Officer Updates
   ● SVA Welcome Back Letter
     ○ Ben-SVA welcome back letter being sent out today for both Undergrad SVA and Graduate, sent out today. Will serve as a way to get our name out to the community
   ● Town Hall on 3/11/15
     ○ Ben-joint meeting with Grad Student Council. Mark it on your calendar.

III. Committee Updates
   ● Questions for Tabling (2/2/15-2/6/15)
   ● Survey Design
     ○ Ben-Where exactly are we in terms of the survey? Individual surveys chaotic in terms of collecting data. Survey is currently 20 questions right now,
     ○ Joshua-Cut out fill in the blank questions, leave 3 questions for each committee
     ○ Kris-Two committees in a survey a day. These surveys would be more than five questions but not a big 20 question survey.
     ○ Caroline-Can cut down some questions, but some of our questions are important. Could give the option to not answer specific questions
     ○ Ben-Agree, have a couple questions required
     ○ Joshua-Put related questions together. Statistics-20 question survey, results in more in-depth discussion with multiple surveys
     ○ Kirsten-One survey, pair it down. More people will fill it out.
○ Ben-Post the survey on Facebook for access.
○ Cynthia-Have a full survey online? Could have short surveys in person
○ Joshua-Can take the survey online
○ Cynthia-This can cause skewed results. Someone who wants to fill out a specific section will have to fill out the rest of the survey. Results in a double answer, downside of splitting it up
○ Bryan-Shorter broken up surveys on tabling days required. This creates option of opting out of questions that have been answered. Some committees more charged than others
○ Ben-What are we looking for from the tabling? Visibility or putting the survey out there?
○ Kris-Better to table, hand out cards about survey, people can take it in the Meyerhoff/Cafe Doris. Here’s the link, can take the survey online.
○ Kris-Didn’t get to vote during the week? You can still fill it out on Facebook.
○ Kirsten-Have comment cards. Keep really long survey at table. Focus on getting the survey out there and on visibility. Talk to students about what they want.
○ Questions still required.
○ Joshua-How to get people to take the survey: people go for buttons. Sign up and take survey: get buttons or sticker

**Tabling Schedule for Meyerhoff/Fox**
○ Erin-Should we table next week?
○ Ben-Full survey next week. Hand out buttons and stickers
○ Robert-Establish box and question
○ Bryan-Schedules will not line up for specific committees. Need reps from all of SVA covering the whole week, easier to do both
○ Kris-No reason for specific committee per day s
○ Ben-Robert will send out email of sign ups

IV. **Other Agenda Topics**

- **Goals to Accomplish as SVA-Student Life**
  ○ Ben-Do you have goals or where you want to go with the committees?
  ○ Kris-Wait on survey for priorities
  ○ Ben-Future plans?
  ○ Kris-Depends on what student body wants, complaints about The Grill, other aspects of it

V. **Committee Updates**
- Establishment of Diversity Committee
  - Ben- Precious is going to be a part of it
  - Precious-Meeting next week for search for Vice-Provost, meeting every two months, role not established yet, will come to SVA UG Student Life meetings, reel in what was heard, can bring them topics from SVA Student Life to discuss, bring these topics to Precious
- Work of Current Committees
- Ben-Work of committee, provide a summary
- Kris(Dining)- Represent students on campus with what their needs and wants are with campus dining. Working on getting options that serve students better who have dietary restrictions, labeling of those options. What is in/where is food coming from?
  - Christina-Have you connected to SOS? Talk to John, sub-committee there, can get an idea of what SOS wants in Dining through their notes
- Bryan(Housing)-Goals: focus on transparency, what they(students) can do to advocate for themselves, find information, tendency for students to rant on Facebook instead of figuring out how to make housing experience better, want to get out information about housing placement, application, want to see how students feel about that,
  - Joshua-Committees in Res-Life looking at process for getting a room for next year, connect, easier way to get information out
  - Kris-contact the Housing Selection Committee, get a list of people involved
- John(Campus Safety)-focus on cut down on time between Campus Safety and Community in terms of sending out warnings, Considering different forms of sending out mass messages, mass text, send out text about what’s happening in area, address how this method is used, committee of students and faculty formed to talk about what’s happening in terms of campus safety, meeting, contact John for information
- De(Transportation)- with Brandon Brooks, work with H-Mart Shuttle, possibility of changing routes, make shopping shuttles more efficient by cutting out unnecessary stops
- Caroline(Health & Wellness)- set-up help for mental wellness with counseling system, possible support groups or events related to mental health, tabling will help with decision on program to start, do something about smokers not following rules
  - Christina-talk about Vapors, not mentioned either way in smoking policy
  - Mike-MICA will include these in smoking policy soon, aware of gap that is present
Robert-Will communications send out an email about changes?

John (co-chair of sustainability)- keep us posted about what Students of Sustainability are doing to help MICA become a more sustainable school, administration meets with us once a month, report what happens

Ben-Interest in presentation next month about a plan for MICA to go plastic water bottle free? Want to show that we value water

Joshua-clam shells and water bottles effective, figure out a way to support that

Kris-free clam shells freshman year, free water bottles this year, What happened?

Joshua-shells seen more last year

John-Not a lot of students took them for free, not handed out this year because of bottles

Precious-What is my role in the Diversity Committee? What do we want to accomplish? Need some type of guidance

Kris-Compile a list of what kind of diversity issues students have on campus, any different procedures, finding out what the student population expects of MICA, programming, response to elevator incident

Precious-Diversity and Equity Forum on Friday, can tell us about events

Mike-Sammy, wrote letter with Trustees, two weeks away from Sammy responding to open letter from BSU

Precious-diverse teachers and classes, no longer here, have a person who is opposite of Precious, get diverse classes and teachers, get that side as well as Student Life,

Kris-didn’t know about BSU and MIQA, get that information, relay information to us, let us know what’s going on, link up and help out

VI. Open Forum

It is good to hear what is being done, for transportation, any talking of making Copycat for pick up, one issue that is important, can get dropped off, but can’t get picked up, not safe at night,

Mike-trying to confirm what schedule is for next year by mid-March, something to advocate, move quicker than slower

In terms of picking housing, letting sophomores go first will solve every problem,

Joshua-system seems a lot better, let people know what’s going on, press release on Reslife and Student Life

Precious-process of opting out happens, easier to be off campus or go back home, talk to Reslife and Financial Aid, make it an option, let Residents know that that is an option
• move-out date in relation to academics, issues last year, especially, Humanistic Studies, feel that students are suffering, finals being done, interference, academically

VII. Next Steps?
• Finish survey
• Schedule tabling