

Meeting Minutes  
1/18/24

- Theo Reed (*GSG President, Biological Sciences*) started meeting promptly at 6:30 p.m.
- Theo introduced guest speakers
  - Caroline Maloney, *Associate Director for Academic Programming and Accreditation, Provost Office*
  - Demetra Schoenig, *Director Academic Affairs, Provost Office*
    - Discussed Spring 2024 Comprehensive Evaluation for Reaffirmation of Accreditation
      - Role of Accreditation in U.S. Higher Education
      - Components of HLC Comprehensive Evaluation Process
        - Student Opinion Survey (*February 5-14, 2024*)
          - Survey administered to students by email
          - Anonymous results will be shared with the University and peer evaluator team in the weeks preceding site visit
            - Site visit, April, 2024
    - Discussed HLC Accreditation Criteria
      - Mission
      - Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct
      - Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources and Support
      - Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement
      - Institutional Effectiveness, Resources and Planning
    - Questions?
      - Contact Demetra Schoenig ([dsmith30@nd.edu](mailto:dsmith30@nd.edu))
      - Caroline Maloney ([cmaloney@nd.edu](mailto:cmaloney@nd.edu))
- Committee Reports (refer to agenda packet)
- New Business
  - Thomas Poitevin, Department Representative (*Economics*)
    - Questioned why spouses cannot participate in sports leagues on campus
      - Faculty, staff & students allowed but nothing about spouses
      - Shortage of participants
    - Ayush Sindhwani, Diversity & Inclusion Chair, (*MBA - Mendoza College of Business*) will ask a contact in Smith Center for Rec Sports
  - Kyle Seasley, Department Representative (*Keough School of Global Affairs*)
    - Asked if anyone gets compensated for being on a student committee within their respective departments.
    - One department mentioned gift cards are sometimes given
    - Ariel Thelander, GSG Co-Vice President (*Chemistry & Biochemistry*)
      - Explained tax issues
        - Can get reimbursement for Professional Development related things after a vetting process to be sure expense is being spent on PD & this is department specific.

- Question was raised asking if there is money in the budget for a speaker or microphone as many in the room were having trouble hearing.
  - Issue is partly due to open pre-function space connected to meeting room
    - The glass divider doors are left open for access to food
    - We are not allowed to open/close doors due to liability reasons
  - On-going issue of people not projecting their voices when speaking
  - Ariel asked all to speak loudly enough so that everyone in the room is able to hear.
- Announcements
  - First Friday Dinner
    - February 2, 2024
      - Coleman-Morse, Hammes Lounge, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
    - Black History Month
      - Enjoy food from the African Diaspora
  - Next Thursday is the Balfour Scholars Night
    - Theo is volunteering to give a 15 minute talk about the grad school application process, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
      - Looking for a couple people to share experiences about first generation or underrepresented students
      - Contact Theo ([treed3@nd.edu](mailto:treed3@nd.edu)) for more information
  - Next 3 Council meetings
    - Fun group activities!
    - After Council meeting
    - Not mandatory
    - Hoping to connect & engage in a less formal way
- Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.