

TSO COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018, 1:30 pm, Room 1120

Present: Edie Heppler, President; Virginia Binder, Jim Cushing, Steven Denison, Joanne Gainen, Diane Kester, Arlene LaTurner, Ron Lebeiko, Bryan Leyton, Sandi Medendorp, Alexa Munoz, Chris Steele

Absent: Carla Barnes, Jerry Bunce

Guests: Tim Hay, Paul Maffeo

Minutes: The Minutes of May 16, 2018 were approved as submitted.

Reports from Officers

President: Edie Heppler

1. The President reported on the June 7, 2018 meeting with Al Lewis, Vice President, Workforce Development; Jennifer Sohonie, Director of Community Solutions; the TSO President; Chris Steele, Chair; TSO Curriculum Committee; and Jim Cushing, Chair, TSO Strategic Planning Committee.

a. Verified conclusions from the meeting summary are:

1. The TELOS Student Organization (TSO) will be permitted to continue hosting speakers and inter-quarter seminars at the North Campus. This can include presentations by prospective and current TELOS instructors, as well as outside speakers if approved by Student Programs; the content of the presentations will not be an impediment. These presentations won't exceed 90 minutes for any given session. The TSO will keep the administration apprised of the nature of the presentations as well as an evaluation of the performance of prospective and current instructors.
2. Empty classrooms at the North Campus will be available for TSO presentations and will be available for TSO presentations and meetings, subject to the administration's need to cancel and relocate a presentation or meeting due to unforeseen room needs.
3. The concept of expanding the seating capacity of room 1125 by adding a door has been accepted with a more formal planning and approval process to follow.
4. Proposed TELOS program activities will be reviewed for approval by an adviser from Student Programs. The current Student Programs adviser is Hristo "Chris" Stoynov.

b. Al and Jennifer suggest a possible future tuition rate increase. The TSO representatives are deeply concerned that a tuition rate increase will:

1. decrease rather than increase TELOS revenues;
2. break the TELOS program and TSO community (based, in part, on past reactions to proposed tuition hikes);
3. exacerbate income inequality in the region, depriving many members of our community the opportunity to attend TELOS classes;
4. Because of these serious concerns, TSO representatives met and propose that the administration defer any tuition rate increase for the next academic year. During that period of time, let's work together and explore—in the spirit of renewed collaboration—other ways to grow TELOS revenues.
 - a. TELOS revenues have grown at a rate of 12% compounded annually over the past 6 years; we are confident that we can help achieve continued significant revenue growth while maintaining the current tuition rates.

2. Al Lewis replied:

“Thanks so much for your summary. Your summary captures the discussion accurately. We are ready to move forward on points one through three. Regarding the tuition increase, while we appreciate your feedback we intend to move forward on a fee increase. Jennifer and I continue to evaluate what that increase will finally be based on the feedback received from our meeting with your team. As you indicated that an increase was proposed 5 years ago, and not implemented but not continued. Edie, I am sure that you and the team recognize that the cost of doing business has increased over the last 5 years and Bellevue College is not immune. Please let me know if there are any additional questions we can answer for you.”

3. On June 18, 2018, TSO representatives met with Ata Karim, Vice President, Student Affairs, and discussed the possibilities available to organize within Bellevue College student programs where TELOS could still be autonomous and maintain the not credited, not repeated course system. Ata indicated that either the Arts and Humanities or Human Development departments would be a good fit for TELOS, and stated the funds TELOS raises would be welcome in either department.
4. The TSO representatives recommend the new Council work with Ata Karim to transfer TELOS within Bellevue College in order to maintain the credibility and autonomy of the program.
5. This TSO Council meeting was the last of the 3-one year terms of President Edie Heppler. The Council members congratulated Edie on the excellent job she had done during her three years as President. In turn, Edie thanked the Council members for their assistance.

Secretary: Alexa Munoz

There is a need to have all documents and pertinent reports in an accessible hard copy maintained and in the possession of the Secretary. These documents will also be placed on the TSO website for general reference.

Treasurer: Arlene LaTurner

Balance as of 6/20 is \$18,542.65

Reports from Committees

Telescope: Sandi Medendorp

The next issue will promote clubs and current classes.

Curriculum: Chris Steele

- a. There are 70 class offerings for Fall.
- b. The class list will be available online on the 28th of June.
- c. Fall classes will be held at the Bellevue Boys and Girls Club and North Bellevue Community Center. The Redmond Community Center also has space and there is money available to pay rent.

Events: Steve Denison

- a. Food service is being determined for the picnic with box lunches under consideration.
- b. It was obvious from the survey that it was preferable to hold the event on a weekday.

Community Outreach: Joanne Gainen

Survey results are postponed until the next meeting.

Strategic Planning: Jim Cushing

- a. Jim praised the committee of Edie Heppler, Chris Steele, Chuck Kimbrough, Jerry Bunce, and the late Kathy Shoemaker for their collaboration and developing into an effective working team.
- b. TELOS has been reinvigorated through the strategic planning from 1976 through September 2018.
- c. TELOS is self-sustaining with an increase of 22% in revenues.

Website: Virginia Binder

- a. No submittals were received from the request to contribute testimonials, art, and writing compositions.
- b. There were 779 site uses during the month with 285 active users at a variety of sites.
- c. Requested is more transparency in financial reporting.

Adjournment: There being no old or new business, the meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 18, 2018, 3:30 p.m., Room 1120

Submitted by Alexa Munoz, Secretary