**CASG Town-Hall:** Changes to Course Delivery Methods Winter 2022 Discussion

President began by providing a summary of the issue to date

Questions and Comments:

**Rep reached out to members of his program and shared their responses:**

* *“they're thinking about taking a semester off but are worried about losing their scholarship and don’t know if it is worth the mental health of being isolated and only having school”*
* *“There's no point going to campus when there's another online right after so they drop their in person class to not have to deal with commute” “profs have been inconsistent with their education online”*
* *“profs complain that they don’t understand brightspace still and wont upload project outlines only explain in a voice lecture”*
* Demand for more consistency amongst course delivery

***Response:***

The President stated these concerns are very consistent with what she has been hearing from students on campus. A guest speaker will be attending the Dec 09 council meeting to talk more about a curriculum being created to address issues such as the poor quality of course delivery on behalf of Professors. These concerns have been expressed directly to administration through meetings with the CASG President and Suzanne Blanchard;

1) Tuition Reduction/Reimbursement

2) More in-person classes, as previously expected

3) An explanation on behalf of the University

4) Emergency SAT/UNS for Winter 2022

**Rep asked “What is the dialogue between Jen and Admin during the meetings”**

After the news about course delivery methods dropped, the President immediately reached out to the administration to discuss this issue and share students' concerns. The administration schedule multiple meetings over the week and were very open to discussion, and listened to;

1. The opinions that students were expressing to CASG
2. What the students would like to see happen next (How to make this situation better)

**Rep noted that earth science students concerns:**

* Concerned about the ability to graduate due to the field course requirement which requires in person learning, social distancing cannot be enforced therefore these courses cannot happen and so far the department has not waived the requirement.
* A lot of their equipment takes up a lot of space so they can’t have as many people in a classroom as would be ideal

***Response:***

The President agreed that this was concerning, and that the affected program representatives, Science Coordinator, and the President would schedule a meeting with a department to try and;

1. Ask for field requirements to be allowed in second semester, or discuss alternative plans
2. Advocate on behalf of students to the department to reorganize classes in such a way that will allow for students who need in-person labs to be prioritized for having access to facilities that will allow them to do so

**Rep expressed:**

* Need for transparency from departments
* Asked about UPass refunds for online students
* Asked for classification on BoG/CASG relationship

Response:

The call for transparency from departments has already been communicated to administration from the President, and since then, many departments have individually begun to email students with more information on their own course delivery method plans for Winter 2022. In regards to the U-Pass, the Vice President Academic stated that the inability to refund the U-Pass has been a problem even before remote learning. He has already worked with CUSA Council on advocating to allow this to happen. As of right now, there has been a U-Pass refund issued for students the month of December on behalf of OC-Transpo.

**Rep brought up the issue that students no longer have access to the equipment that they had previously such as journalism students not having access to recording**;

***Response:***

President expressed understanding of how this situation is unfairly affecting Journalism students, and that this can disrupt their quality of education. Next steps to address this would be reaching out to the FPA Board / Journalism Dep. to see what can be done.

**Rep stated:**

* Heard from the law program that there is a lack of consistency in enforcing covid regulations within the classroom so why can’t there be more in person classes since it's not taken seriously.
* Suggests having CU Screen people check in on classes to ensure the rules are being followed

***Response:***

President says that this is definitely something that should be enforced in order to create a safe environment for students. Agrees with the suggestion, and says she will check in with administration to see what the process is for Professors who have a student refusing to comply with safety protocols.

**Undergraduate Board of Governors Rep, Anastasia Lettieri:**

* Shared that the student governors are open to a tuition rebate proposal and is willing to work with any students, has an article coming out in the charlatan, where she details this further, feel free to email her