

Academic Assembly: Special Session
March 23rd, 2020
2:00 – 4:00 pm, Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Many students/families would be traveling from far away to attend commencement, especially now that many students have returned to their homes in other states and even other countries in response to the pandemic

- i. Survey questions will be sent out to undergraduate and graduate students via the university Facebook pages.
- ii. Student Petition Summary: students are petitioning for reduced tuition due to the SQ being taught online. Students believe that Seattle University should match the prices of other online institutions. Some fees have been waived but are not yet reflected in online pricing. Fees for services rendered will not be collected. Any technology fees will still be collected as the university is utilizing technology more than ever (laptops for students, increased support from CDLI, software upgrades, webcams etc.).
 1. Rationale for Decreased Tuition – There is a petition to reduce tuition for SQ. The rationale presented in the petition states that virtual instruction does not have the same merit/quality as face-to-face instruction. The request is that the university match the prices of online institutions, such as the University of Phoenix. This petition i.7 (s)1.-14.9 (h 10.6 (th)ht(a)2.M)-6 (n)- A(n)2.3(n)-0.8 (in859 -1.2128

abbreviated evaluation that could assess the university response to this unprecedented situation? This evaluation would not go on faculty records, it would be informative for the university.

- ii. Under these exceptional circumstances, evaluations would be helpful to assess the university response and to learn how to better improve future response measures. However, these evaluations should not be part of formal processes for rank, tenure, promotion or merit reviews.
- iii. *Would it be possible to send out Qualtrics survey to each program/department at the end of SQ to assess the crisis response?* This will allow the university to learn from the evaluations, but they will not be conducted on a student to faculty individual basis. This measure would also mitigate the already harmful biases inherent in the student evaluations. It would be valuable to know what different approaches to the current situation are being conducted across the university.
- iv. **Volunteer Group to work with Provost's Office on how to move forward on evaluations:**
 - 1. Volunteers: Dylan Medina, Michael Ng, Nalini Iyer
- c. The traditional Inter-Library loan system has been suspended. Remote library access is available, and publishers are offering books online for free for the SQ. *How will library continue to meet the needs of students who will remain on campus for the SQ?*
 - i. The library's 24/7 space could be made available for students by card access to accommodate studying needs.
- d. *Will counseling still be offered to students either virtually or remotely?* Yes, CAPs is working with a provider to offer counseling remotely to students in need. Working on a secure platform to meet confidentiality requirements. Should be ready for roll-out in SQ.
- e. **Course Packs, Super Copy/Reprographics, Library Access:** What procedures are being put in place? What services are still available? How can teachers assist students when the library is closed? How can faculty take into consideration and approach the stress on families and students? Super Copy is still making course packs available in paper copy format. The campus store has offered free shipping of course packs to students. Text books can also be returned in the mail, free of charge.

V. Potential SQ Revenue Losses and Projected Enrollment Fall 2020 Class

3:27 – 3:33

- a. Possible \$7 million-dollar loss in revenue from dorm/residency income (\$5 million for residence hall revenue and with the addition of food service fees etc. potential shortfall could reach \$7 million-dollar loss). Cancelling commencement would save the university about \$500,000. (This number was later revised to \$200,000).
 - i. Thus far there has been no drop in, enrollment for SQ. However, concrete numbers will not be available until two weeks into the SQ. CFO Wilson Garone, is modeling a range of contingency plans for enrollment shortfalls.
 - ii. Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, the university had been modeling budget cuts and now the university is facing an even larger financial crisis. University leadership is aware that continued reductions to programs will not cover potential shortfalls. Any options under consideration by the university are dependent upon the length of this crisis. University will continue to monitor the situation and will make determinations as regulations from U.S. government officials continue to change.

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encouraged to continually check the AcA Canvas for updates and memos. Meeting minutes will be edited and circulated to the AcA membership as soon as possible.