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Governing Council Spring Meeting
Sunday, May 1, 2022 // 12noon – 1:30pm ET
Via ZOOM

Document to review prior:

1. January 2022 Minutes (Consent Agenda)
2. Focus Group Business:
   a. Two Year College Name Change (Consent Agenda)
   b. Disability Studies Focus Group (For Discussion)
3. Award Slate – *Confidential* – (MOTION)
4. Election Slate – *Confidential* (MOTION)
5. 2023 Conference Committee (Consent Agenda)
6. FY 2023 Budget (MOTION)

Attendance

Present on Zoom: *Josh Abrams, Jon Rossini, Chase Bringardner, Jane Barnette, Megan Geigner, Jen-Scott Mobley, Dani Snyder-Young, Anita Gonzalez, Hillary Miller, Anjalee Deshpande Hutchinson, Eunice Ferreira, Jane Barnette, CarlosAlexis Cruz, Christin Essin, Veronda Carey,*
Absent: *Suzanne Delle, Khalid Long*
Staff: *Aimee Zygmonski*

12:03pm	**Call to Order (Pres. Chase Bringardner)**
12:03pm	**Consent Agenda Approval (Pres. Chase Bringardner)**
Actions	Motion approved 9 yes and 0 abstain or no
Follow-up	None

12:05pm	**Conference 2022 updates (VP for Conference 2022 Jen-Scott Mobley)**
	• Discussion about status of conference planning
	  ○ schedule is in place, registration is open, most all-conference events are secured
	  ○ Awards broken up in a new way
	  ○ More unprogrammed time to have time to talk to each other
	• GC should promote the conference and the all-conference events
	• Online aspects (HOWLROUND, virtual sessions)
	
	2023 Update (VP-Elect for Conference 2023 Dani Snyder-Young)
	• Committee is approved
	• Conference theme: networks of care
	• Discussion about issues of being in Austin, TX
	  ○ Contract going unfulfilled would bankrupt ATHE
	  ○ Discussion around messaging for 2023 conferences and how the GC supports that
	• We need to discuss possible changes to conference starting in 2024 (when we no longer have a hotel contract)

Actions	None
Follow-ups	None

12:27pm	FG Summit **(Pres. Chase Bringardner)** • Discussion about who will be at the summit and what will take place, including the anti-racist strategic planning • Will take place from 8:30am to 12pm Thursday, July 28
Actions	None
Follow-up	Email Chase if you would like to join the summit.

12:30pm	**Awards Slate / Updates (VP for Awards Hillary Miller and Pres. Chase Bringardner)**
	• Discussion about how awards are structured:
	  ○ GC is at will to determine awards and their names
	  ○ Moving toward a cohort model with some awards
	  ○ No endowments for these; they come out of the ATHE budget
	• Discussion about if nominations and awardees must be ATHE members
	• Discussion about ad hoc committee
	  ○ Will bring short- and long-term proposals for awards process revamp to GC in Detroit.

Actions	Slate of awards passes with 10 yes and 2 abstain
Follow-up	Ad hoc committee will bring proposal to next meeting
12:43pm	**Elections Slate (Past Pres. Josh Abrams and Pres. Chase Bringardner)** • Discussion of the ongoing work to get a full slate of GC nominees
Actions	None
Follow-up	None
12:45pm	**Focus Group Proposal: Disability Studies** (**Pres. Chase Bringardner)** • Discussion of the process of adding a new Focus Group and expression of enthusiastic support of this new group
Actions	None
Follow-up	Chase will follow-up with proposers.

12:48pm	**Finance (Treasurer Jon Rossini and Ex. Director Aimee Zygmonski)**
	• Discussion of lines of the draft budget including conference costs and sponsors
	• Discussion about conference budget decisions
	  ○ Budgeted Conference registration for 600 in person
	  ○ About half of FGs planned virtual sessions
	  ○ Giving free conference registration rather than money for debut panels
	• Discussion about GC and FGR meeting costs
	  ○ Midyear meeting used to cause deficit, so have moved to virtual
	  ○ Costs upwards of $40k for conference committee and GC to meet midyear and the FGR and GC to show up early for the conference and for a luncheon; this budget only covers early arrival for GC
	  ○ Tabled making a decision on how this will work going forward. (This budget does not have an in-person midyear meeting in 2023.)
	• Discussion about how to keep conference from running at a deficit in the future

	○ Getting more lifetime members ○ Changing how ATHE contracts with hotels ○ Should set goals of the organization and then match budget rather than being reactionary ○ Changing the structure of future conferences
Actions	Budget is approved with 12 yes and 2 abstain
Follow-up	None
1:15pm	**GC Program Updates** • **Publications (VP for Research and Publication Christin Essin)** ○ Have met with JHUP to discuss possibility to better support our journals in alignment with ATHE instead of the press • **Leadership Institute (Ex director Aimee Zygmonski)** ○ Applications open; hybrid form this year ○ Pays for itself ○ DEI consulting says GC needs to align LI with ATHE's larger goals; LI program needs to be assessed (perhaps by LI alums); LI needs to be clearly connected to ATHE. ○ Proposal of moving LI to another time in the year. ○ GC makes decisions about LI • **KCACTF Awards (VP for MAL Outreach Anita Gonzalez)** ○ Discussion about confusion about teaching award for KCACTF and its relationship; ATHE needs to better include community colleges in organization. Can this award become part of the other awards?
Actions	None
Follow-up	None
1:35pm	Adjourn The next GC meeting is on Wednesday July 27 (at the conference)