

# Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies School Advisory Council

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## *Minutes from SAC meeting on April 19, 2022*

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m. by Chair, Michael Larkin

**Members Present:** Michael Larkin, Ed Coleman, Karen Townsend, Jill Blondin, Rachel Gable, Lisa Williams, Leigh Anne Ratliff, Julie Solomon, Audrey Paulson. Sean Fang, Karen Smith-Will, and Lynn Pleveich.

### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

- The agenda for today's meeting was approved.
- Minutes from the March meeting were approved following clarification of some video production and outreach efforts within the administration leadership team.

### **Committee Activity Reports**

**Nominations and By-Laws** – Karen T. stated that the committee has been active in the last month with the selection of two new parents to serve on SAC. Six candidates were interviewed, and all were very well qualified. Afrikka Ennis (Chesterfield) and Bethany Brady Spalding (Henrico) are the two recommended for board vote and appointment to the 3-year roles. There is a third parent candidate which the subcommittee has recommended that Dr. Lowerre appoint using one of the director's three discretionary 1-year terms.

Ed followed with a report on the subcommittee's other plans. Dr. Lowerre has been asked to use the second of his three discretionary appointments to keep Ed on SAC in an administration liaison role since his current faculty appointment is expiring. The third director appointment is typically targeted for an alum. The subcommittee is also beginning the process of selecting new students and faculty members. Interviews will be held with 6 students selected from a pool of candidates completing paper applications. Faculty members will be nominated (or nominate themselves), then be voted on by the faculty body.

Karen T. reminded attendees that the final effort will be filling the slots of chair, vice-chair, secretary, and historian. Volunteers are requested.

By computer ballot, Afrikka Ennis and Bethany Brady Spalding were elected to SAC for 22/23.

**Policy and Curriculum** – Jill updated SAC on the work of this subcommittee over the last month. Audrey, Madison, and Sean have been working on the student survey while Dr. Loving, Jill and Julie

have been focused on the college survey in regard to courses and curriculum. The college survey instrument is nearly complete and will be distributed soon. Audrey said that the student survey will be finalized this week and distribution will be coordinated through Dr. Loving.

**Cultural and Student Engagement** – Sean reported that the subcommittee has not met since last month due to a previously agreed upon hiatus.

**Strategic Marketing/Engagement Plan** – Virginia submitted the following written report: We will be collaborating with future dragon day coordinators to reproduce their incredible video since it was basically exactly what we wanted to make if not better. This would go on our marketing QR codes. Additionally, we still have the flyer we created which went out to the robotics tournament as a baseline.

### **Announcements and Closure**

Ed announced that he heard back from Dr. Lowerre via email and he is in agreement with the Nominations and Bylaws subcommittee's requests to appoint parent representative, Laura McCoy and faculty-administration liaison, Ed Coleman to Director's one year terms for 22/23.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> unless student AP exam schedules necessitate a change of date. The June meet will be SAC's final one of the year, hopefully onsite and in-person as a time to recognize members who are completing their SAC appointments and new members who will be joining in 22/23.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 a.m