

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

Minutes from SAC meeting on December 7, 2022

The virtual meeting was called to order at 3:30pm. by Chair, Rachel Gable

Members Present: Rachel Gable, Leigh Anne Ratliff, Isabella Kenney, Sean Fang, Rachel Loving, Jill Blondin, Ed Coleman, Bethany Brady, Imran Rassiwalla , Laura McCoy, Julie Solomon, Affrika Ennis, Audrey Paulson, Lisa Williams, Matteo Carter

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- The agenda for the meeting was approved.
- Minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Old Business

There was no Old Business

New Business

Introduction of Dr Matteo Carter, newly appointed alumni member of the committee. Matteo has deep roots with MLWGS and interests in faith, politics, student wellness, race and equity issues. Welcome Matteo!

Committee Reports

Culture and Student Engagement: The Native American Heritage Month display was a big hit. Laura McCoy is planning on a similar display in February for Black History Month. Ms. McCoy asked for input from the students about the content for that display and Mr. Coleman shared that the Senior Seminar class may get involved with Black literature selections.

Policies and Curriculum: Dr Loving shared an important update about the course weighting initiative. After extensive research that included parent and student polling, there is a recommendation to replace the "UNIV" status with "intensive" for those classes that qualify. The qualification procedure is faculty driven as the course would need to provide a rationale for meeting the intensive criterion, including a final capstone deliverable. This process has been approved by Dr. Lowerre and is going to the Board in January for additional consideration.

Strategic Marketing: The committee is contemplating a survey sent to Middle School counselors to assess the perceptions of MLWGS. Dr. Williams discussed more tangible ways to proceed like replicating

the Middle School Counselors Tour which was well attended and provided solid, positive takeaways to market the school.

Early Engagement: The committee has compiled a list of high interest clubs and is planning on involving students in a design competition for outreach materials.

Announcements and Closure

Please take care for committees to meet very early in January to establish the goals and deliverables for the remainder of the year

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.