

# University High School Council

**Minutes 2019-2020**

Meeting Date: 11/12/2019

Meeting Location: RUHS Library

Members present	Administration	Faculty	Students	Parents
	Amy Cislak	Beth Braun	Julian Barraza	Marisa Menchola
	Joel Bacalia	Kimberly King	Iselle Barrios	Karen Peters
		Jeff Marchant	Brian Belakovsky	Tim Sonier
		Ann Mitchell	Hannah Dyer	Lea Standridge
		Leiba Schuneman	Reia Li	Kara Vathauer
		Hannah Sinclair	Andy Pendleton	George Youngerman
	Community Members	Matt Ulrich	Daniella Quihuis-Granillo	
	Kris Tully			
Members absent	Community Members	Faculty	Students	Parents
	Kevin Gebert	Mike Schmidt	Rachel Dai	Barney Holtzman
	Administration			Chris Read
	Andrea Evans			

- I. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Motion to approve.
    - i. Motion by Sinclair.
    - ii. Second by Li.
  - b. No items for discussion.
  - c. Minutes approved by unanimous consent.
- II. Approval of the October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve.
    - i. Motion by Schuneman.
    - ii. Second by Pendleton.
  - b. No items for discussion.
  - c. Minutes approved by unanimous consent.
- III. Call to the Audience
  - a. No audience members present.
- IV. Discussion & Action Items
  - a. Action Item: Request for tax credit funds – JSA
    - i. Motion to approve.
      1. Motion by Barraza.
      2. Second by Belakovsky.

- ii. Discussion: Youngerman and Belakovsky. The request is for \$1,200 to subsidize Fall convention costs. Each student would pay \$40 to attend. JSA will fundraise to cover the Spring convention costs and do not plan on requesting funds for that convention. Assistant Principal Bacalia pointed out that the convention is this weekend and funds cannot be disbursed that soon. Per Belakovsky, JSA can use their own funds in the meantime.
- iii. Motion approved by roll call vote with one abstention by Belakovsky.
- b. Action: Approval of Megan Cassidy and Matt Ulrich as BOOST directors for Summer 2020
  - i. Motion to approve.
    - 1. Motion by Schuneman.
    - 2. Second by Standridge.
  - ii. Discussion: Cislak. Nominations were accepted for these positions. Cassidy and Ulrich expressed interest in remaining as directors, with faculty support.
  - iii. Motion approved by unanimous consent.

V. Committee & Misc. Reports

- a. Principal's Report – Cislak
  - i. The chess team tied for second on the state, Brian Belakovsky is state champion.
  - ii. The marching band finished 6<sup>th</sup> at AZMBA. They have one last performance for the season next Tuesday.
  - iii. All but 10 students completed the Challenge Success survey. All student and parent responses will be published on the school website. Mr. Schmidt made a similar survey for teachers, and all but 3 teachers responded.
  - iv. RUHS is working with TPD on a new parking system. All gates along 5<sup>th</sup> St. will be locked except for the gate to the North parking lot and one pedestrian entry. The pedestrian gate will be open in Arcadia, and there will be a new drop off line in the Arcadia parking lot.
  - v. The School Council's Curriculum Subcommittee is meeting on Friday November 15<sup>th</sup>. New classes are being proposed, including: a third year computer class (not AP but to follow the second AP class), a dual enrollment English class for seniors, possibly a heritage Spanish class for native Spanish-speaking students, possibly a science class, and AP Seminar (the first in a 2-year sequence, the second class being AP Research).
- b. Tax Credit & Budget Committee Report – Youngerman
  - i. The committee is still having difficulty locating incoming funds. We have about \$26,000 in the account but about \$7,000 of that is for stipends that still have to be taken out. The committee continues to work with staff to improve the system.
- c. Recruitment and Retention Committee Report– Bacalia
  - i. Step-Up Day was very successful.
  - ii. The second session of the Cog-AT prep for current 8<sup>th</sup> graders taking the December Cog-AT is being held on November 12<sup>th</sup>. While students attend

- the prep session, parents will meet with Assistant Principal Bacalia in the Little Theater.
- iii. Ms. Hernandez continues to visit middle schools.
  - iv. The next large event is the Freshman Welcome Celebration on February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Instructional Council Report – Schuneman
- i. The PSAT was held on October 16<sup>th</sup>. It went well, but since it was soon after Fall break teachers got their instructions and proctor packages one or two days before the test for a quick turnaround.
  - ii. The committee is waiting on the results from the Challenge Success surveys.
  - iii. The committee has been discussing the possible curricular changes (see Principal Report).
  - iv. The AP sign-up system is different this year. The AP deposit was reduced from \$40 to \$25, but the \$40 fee is from the College Board. Because of this, if a student no-shows for an exam, they will have to pay the extra \$15. If a student that received a fee waiver no-shows, they will be asked to pay the full \$40 amount.
  - v. The committee discussed the opportunity for more freshman science and social science collaborations. Additional collaborative efforts are being planned, so freshmen can be more supported in those AP offerings.
- e. UHS Foundation & Alumni Association – Tully
- i. The annual Fall meeting was well attended by alumni from classes spanning 1975 to 2016. This event is not meant to generate significant funds.
  - ii. Parents Kyra Holtzman and George Youngerman have proposed contact between parents, especially Senior parents, and alumni association members.
- f. UHS Parents' Association – Peters
- i. Principal Cislak presented on Challenge Success at the last UHSPA meeting.
  - ii. Next UHSPA meeting is Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.
- g. Student Council Report – Barraza
- i. Student Council is working on Thankful Tree, where students write what they are thankful for on paper leaves and post them.
  - ii. Green Elephant is next Wednesday after school. Students can bid on items/activities that seniors then have to perform.
  - iii. Student Council made the reservation with the Jewish Community Center for Inaugural, which will be \$3500 plus food.
  - iv. Student Council is also looking into having monthly movie nights but they are going to need to purchase a license. One proposal, through Swank, is 1 night for \$200 or a year-round license for about \$600. There would be free admission but they could raise funds through snack sales, and by renting the license to clubs.
  - v. Quihuis presented on community service planning. They have been considering volunteer opportunities including Ben's Bells and partnering with Manzo Elementary to do a Love of Reading activity. They elicited

ideas from School Council members on volunteer opportunities, and suggestions included Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation of Southern Arizona, Casa de los Niños, Rebel Race, and the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation.

- VI. Request for Agenda Items for next meeting (please submit action & discussion items in electronic format)
- VII. Reminders:
  - a. School Council meeting time and place will be posted 24 hours in advance (on UHS Admin. Bulletin Board and in public). Attendance and minutes will be submitted to a School Council officer prior to the next meeting.
  - b. Please observe proper decorum and schedule your time to be able to attend the entire School Council meeting. Each meeting should last 90 minutes and will be adjourned by 5:00 p.m. A quorum, your time, and your participation are valued assets of the UHS School Council.
- VIII. Adjournment at 4:34 p.m.
  - a. Motion to adjourn.
    - i. Motion by Schuneman
    - ii. Second by Belakovsky
  - b. Passes by unanimous consent.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. in the RUHS Library.**