



# Student Affairs Committee

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Meeting Location: GCC 109

*Council Weekend #2*

*Saturday, November 12, 2016*

*Call to Order: 11:30 AM*

## I. Introductions:

- Logan Starr, CCSG
  - Introduced facebook page, strongly encouraged liaisons to join the page. Currently only has 9 members
  - Introduced SHIP (Student Health Insurance Policy)

## II. Old Business:

- Logan Starr, CCSG
  - Not much has been solidified in the way of the plan
- Fynn Mott, Beaver
  - Will the program be provided through the school?
- Gene Kang, CCSG
  - No plan has been decided yet, PSU is still in negotiation.
- Joe, Berks
  - Concerned that federal financial aid does not cover this insurance
- Fynn Mott, Beaver
  - Will insurance holders be required to switch to the PSU plan?
- Logan Starr
  - No, hard waiver
- Gene Kang
  - The hard waiver process will be modeled after the preexisting one for international students.
- Melizza Zavala, Mont Alto
  - Does this apply to both residential and commuter students?
- Logan
  - Yes, may not apply to part-time students
- Shannon, New Kensington
  - Will the plan be billed directly to the bursar before the waiver is required?
- Gene
  - Yes
- Joe, Berks
  - Will this definitely happen?

- Expressed concern with the rollout and potential backlash.
- Gene
  - Yes
- Logan
  - We cannot be sure, with the onboarding of lionpath, the program was pushed back a year.
- Leon, Shenango
  - Presented the plan to his campus, there seemed to be backlash
  - How can PSU force its students to take on this health insurance?
- Gene & Logan
  - PSU is prioritizing the availability of health care, and students can opt out
- Melizza, Mont Alto
  - Do the advisory boards have commonwealth representation
- Andrea Dowhower,
  - There is room for commonwealth representation, currently there are only CCSG Central Staff that represent the commonwealth.
- Fynn Mott, Beaver
  - Is this meeting Q&A or can we oppose?
- Logan
  - This is already decided
- Andrea
  - We are looking into getting state assistance with the premiums. The student plan currently has national coverage.
- Kyanna Gonzalez, Schuylkill
  - How will incoming students know?
- Andrea
  - It is included with the freshman materials. Encouraged students to fill out the student health insurance survey.
  - Initial projections for the current carrier are around \$2,500 annually.
- Logan
  - If anyone wants to join the SIAB or SIAC, please ask.
- Yousef, Harrisburg
  - What if students are only on campus for half a year?
- Andrea
  - Billed by semester
- Elliot Copland, Abington
  - Why will students not be opting in by default?
  - Will students over the summer be covered as well?
- Gene
  - To reach the ideal state of the plan ASAP
- Andrea
  - The spring cost will be slightly more expensive as it will cover the summer as well. 12 month plan.
- Leon
  - Expressed concern that students will avoid PSU because of the hard waiver.
- Andrea
  - We are trying to get more opinions through the survey.
  - There are students that will drop out due to financial stress of medicine.
- Fynn

- World Campus concerns
- Andrea
  - The requirement is for full-time students and not for World Campus
- Haley, Fayette
  - Representing one of the poorest counties in the state, will this plan be offered for once students graduate?
- Logan
  - There was an overlap plan that was dropped due to exiting costs
- Andrea
  - The issue is the general opt-in plan. Students that knew they needed health insurance overused the plan in the last months of coverage post-graduation.
  - The summer is still covered if one graduates in May.
- Joe Klutz, Beaver
  - Should we wait for the repeal of ACA? Will the rates increase as soon as people sign up?
- Andrea
  - It is not just usage but also expectation. However, rates can only be raised the next year.
  - Smaller pools, such as the one that exists, have been susceptible to overload and rate increases.
- Jenisa, Hazelton
  - How do students on SIAB provide input? How can we get involved from our campuses?
- Andrea
  - There is a decent amount of representation, but we can extend our reach.
- Scott, York
  - If \$2,500 is a good price for such a good plan, why is there trouble with people enrolling?
  - Most people will want to opt out, when will the window be available?
- Andrea
  - There is always skepticism that one will need health insurance. The coverage is good.
  - The hard waiver process is planned to be on lionpath.

### **III. New Business:**

- Name, Campus,

### **IV. Open Forum:**

- Name, Campus,

*Adjournment: 12:15 PM*