

UMGC Student Advisory Council's Year-End Report

December 2021

Executive Chair, Barbara Archer
Executive Vice- Chair, Edwin Williams
Secretary, Marco AVECILLA

A note from the Student Council Executive Chair:

Dear UMGC,

Despite the many challenges of an all-remote UMGC student council, the elected members, as well as the many general members who joined us every month for general meetings worked hard in creating a better Student Advisory Council (STAC). Below, you will read a brief summary of the work of the STAC members conducted throughout this past year. In the beginning of the year, we set a broad and overarching goal to increase the stature of the student council in the eyes of both you all, the student body, and of the administration.

Collectively we accomplished-

- ✚ This year, we strived to undertake the meaningful, long-term projects like that of mental health at UMGC while increasing our communication with the administration. We have further continued the legacy with emphasis we placed on student outreach.
- ✚ In a unique step forward, this year the student council worked closely on the school's mission to increase discussion around topics of Diversity, and Inclusion. We invited the Co-Director from USMSC to help enlighten the board on Diversity and Inclusion and how that can be filtered down within the organization at UMGC. We had an open panel discussion on the following items. (a) how to intergrade Neurodiverse minds in diversity and inclusion. (b) diversity and inclusion within the curriculum. (c) how to change the stigma and work as one within the organization. We are looking to invite the Vice President, Chief Diversity Officer Blair Hayes to our upcoming meetings in 2022.
- ✚ Participated in the Chancellor's Student Roundtable.
- ✚ STAC participated in the UMGC Student Affairs Summit to discuss our experiences rather positive or negative to help increase the communication between the students and the Administration. Afterwards the members of STAC were cordially invited to a lunch with President Fowler of UMGC.
- ✚ Recruited and held elections for several new UMGC Undergraduate Asia, Europe, and Stateside representatives to serve on the council beginning September 2021 (for Asia reps) and January 2022 (for Europe and Stateside reps).
- ✚ STAC participated in the 2021 Homecoming by invitation from the Director of Engagement Services at UMGC. We were able to host a booth online and in person which provided information to anyone who was interested in learning what STAC Student Council is all about.

- ✚ Provided feedback to President Fowler when he joined our STAC council meeting to participate in a roundtable discussion
- ✚ Provided feedback to Academic Quality on the course evaluation
- ✚ Provided feedback on OAIA Team to discuss Turnitin.
- ✚ Provided feedback to Enrollment Management on the new advising model
- ✚ Explored the possibility of Sorority life at UMGC.
- ✚ Participated in focus groups to provide feedback on changes to the online LEO classroom.
- ✚ Provided feedback to Tutoring and EWC directors.

STAC remains committed to transparency, and we hope that through this year's UMGC year-end report, you can gain important insight into the initiatives we have undertaken this past year, and the future projects we will continue to work on in the future. As always, it has been a pleasure to serve my fellow constituents, and I look forward to serving another term in 2022. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions do not hesitate to contact members of the student council, come to our meetings, or submit an inquiry at stac@umgc.edu.

Sincerely,

Barbara Archer
Executive Chair
STAC Student Council.