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August, QSU Rep, sworn in.

Erin Khong, debriefing communication style worksheet activity

What new projects would you bring or what would you expand?

Orion: Most experience working with the Discretionary Fund last year. I thought that was very valuable and important work. I want to be more involved with helping students find resources off campus and on campus. Through ASCL and other departments. I think this year especially, a lot of people are able to go back off campus so their support network is not limited to ASLC or on campus like it was last year.

Chirayu: I've never worked with ASLC. I do not know what it entails. One thing that can always be done is improving on what already exists. How we can help students everyday. I would work on that if I were elected. Improving the basics goes a long way.

What is a resource campus is lacking?

Chirayu: Obviously the answer has to be different for everyone. If I could say one thing, it is that it lacks cultural orientation. A lot of people end up feeling out of place because they're from a different place. Coming from a different culture that is what I notice. Here I speak for myself.

Orion: I think one thing that has been a really hot topic has been information on campus. That's one thing that I think is lacking. Not that the school doesn't provide it but people don't know where to find it. Advertising those things effectively in an organized way so people know where to find info and who to contact.

How do you feel about navigating ASLC procedures and systems

Orion: I'm still confused about ASLC navigation. Now working for the VPSL office and an RA in campus living and a member of the SDTF last year, I've gotten a better understanding of how things get done, who to come to, and how to create an effective and organized structure within each committee.

Chirayu: the one thing I noted when I was online, so many things have overlap with their objectives. I could still say that navigating ASLC - working on what already exists to make it even better.

Questions from audience

Max Reed: Question for Orion, I was curious what concrete things you would change from SRC from last year?

Orion: Last year was complicated, we were supposed to have more meetings but that was due to a change in leadership. I would have weekly meetings, making sure people want to be here, make sure they're efficient. Scheduling and organization within the committee

Elizabeth: Right now, I don't know the exact condition of the resources committee, but what i do know is that it seems like there is a structure that already exists but not enough people to fill that structure and actually do what the resources committee is supposed to do. I was wondering what the first thing you would do if you were elected would get the gears running again?

Chirayu: IF i would work with this idea, the first thing i would say is to define a purpose, what is it aims for a month, year, semester, for an event. With a purpose you can attract more people. I think with a purpose it is clear that you understand what kind of people would like to work on what things and I believe it would make it run more smoothly

Orion: A perfect first step is making the goal and purpose more concrete. On top of that, outreach. Outreach is important for gaining more members. Networking is more feasible at LC. Networking with that purpose in mind.

Isaac: When it comes to something like the Discretionary Fund, what is your process for getting everyone needs met? We struggled to do it as a Senate.

Orion: That's the biggest part and hardest part of being a part of SRC. Idea of equity and inclusion comes in. You never have the funds to give them everything they're asking for. A big part of the process last year was having a really in depth discussion, but one didn't take a lot of time. Everyone gets an equal amount of time to discuss. Right, so last year we all reviewed it before the meeting and wrote down what we thought the person should get and shared that with the coordinator. That was a good way of doing it, but if i were to change it I would combine that whole process into one meeting. People often don't want to do that on their own time, so consolidating it is important

Chirayu: When I think of a fund, I think of need. The committee might have a different policy. If there is a simple process it is a clear answer that it would not matter to any other process behind it. But if you find this person actually needs the funds more than anyone else. But if it's an option when you have to decide it would be defined on the purpose. How do you decide this? I think there is a really clear way to define who needs it the most.

Sarah:

Orion: I think last year, one thing that really worked well in terms of making dispersing the funds equitable was doing research based on what the applicant gave us in the application. For example, last year someone got their backpack stolen from Pamplin. We did research on the costs of iPads and found there was a discount. Using research to inform the baseline of funding that they could have. Another important part is the appeal process. They can always appeal for more. Encouraging people to do that especially if their application is not great the first time. Being communicative about what a good application looks like.

Chirayu: Solutions: one gets more money. Two, put everyone on the same foot hold as you can. On topic one, if it were up to me I would extend the outreach beyond Lewis & Clark. Asking someone to donate a laptop. If you can secure more than just money from others then you have solved half your problems there. You can make an existing process better and increase your base.

SAAC Rep: How do you plan to prioritize this position?

Chirayu: Okay so, having worked with a lot of committees having headed them, distribution of work goes a long way. I easily see myself devoting beyond the time needed. I would give the time required. If I have more free time I would give it to Student Resources. Giving the time that just needs to be given.

Orion: I'm involved in a lot of other things on campus, academics and work which allow me to go to school here. I've learned how to balance my time very well. 8-10 hours a week is what I'd hope to do. Having organized meetings will help.

OW: Voting done, Orion Whitcher selected as next SRC.

OW: The rest of the meeting is postponed to next week's meeting due to lack of quorum present (less than 1/2 of the voting members present at senate).