Westmont College Student Association
Meeting Minutes
10-21-13

Present: Melissa Caputo, Elizabeth Grossman, Ky Kocur, Angela D’Amour, David Dry, Robyn Bickerton, Kyle Phipps, Clare Moore, Annaliese Yukawa, Taya Rizk, Sarah Mull (late - training), Ryan Council (late - training)

Meeting began at 7:01 PM

- Lightning Round
  - Robyn - Proverbs series for first-years
  - Melissa - Still plan on partnering with RDs/dorms?
  - First-year councils are having first meetings
  - Taya - joint club event
  - Angela - faculty response to new Demonstration Policy
    - Our response to financial dept. audit
  - David - VP of Student Life search beginning, Trustees in town

- Prayer - Ky

- 10-7 minutes approved

- Funding Proposals
  - Catholics and Friends Club - $200 for a picnic (15-20 people)
    - Asking for a lot of money
    - Melissa motions to fund $120 (food/repro), Anneliese seconds, all aye
  - FCA - $200 for pizza for 50
    - Event was yesterday - fund at a cap of $200 with receipts
    - Ky motions to accept, Kyle seconds, all aye
  - Dumbledore’s Army - $54.75 for wand-making
    - Fund with the condition that we keep the hot glue guns
    - Melissa moves to fund them, Clare seconds, all aye
  - Westmont Wildfire - $300 for tournament entry
    - Kyle motions to fund, Taya seconds, all aye
  - Ocean View $350 for Halloween event
    - Sarah motions to fund, Annaliese seconds, all aye

- Restructuring WCSA
○ Echoes the organization of the college
○ Student Assembly addition - Assembly Speaker in charge
  ■ Could Assembly Speaker be Senior VP?
○ Goal: ensure equal and effective representation of students
○ Create a system that will last and benefit the school as a whole
○ Would require extra publicity to get people on board
○ Target all ‘types’ of people to become student leaders (use RAs)
○ Some perks for the Assembly to draw people - create a community
  ■ Shirts, etc.
○ Assembly from sections would keep guy/girl ratio constant
○ Overarching goal: enhance campus communication and effectiveness
  ■ Maximizing the skills of each VP
○ VP options are a little intimidating - perhaps redo titles
○ Create more continuity with involvement in strategic map
  ■ Still retain autonomy from administration
○ Senior VP - vague and unattainable position? Need definition
  ■ Meant to be the manager, oversee the other VPs and meetings
○ President works more closely with administration (they value that)
○ “Deputies” for delegation, etc.
○ VP of Academics role? liaison to Provost (currently), engage more with majors
○ Only Executive Team would be paid
○ Assembly: hope to represent everyone; is there a better way? Proportional to dorms, but less than every section? 20 total?
  ■ Train delegates to be involved in funding proposals
  ■ Cabinet for each dorm? Delegate per hall?
  ■ Specialization committees - too unwieldy and complicated?
  ■ Spring-fall cycle → continuity, smaller groups (int’l, abroad, transfer, etc.)
○ Freshmen lacking representation in Executive Council
○ Are 2 reps for 200 off-campus students enough?
  ■ Leadership dorm will allow 50 students off campus at a time
○ Returners from off-campus programs, athletes, international students, transfers, etc.
  ■ Would int’l student rep conflict with GISA?
○ Connect transfers, off-campus returners, off-campus students (international?)
○ Electing or appointing? Dorm-specific (freshmen)?
○ How to ensure a wide distribution of classes on the Executive Team?
○ FOR NEXT WEEK: how to maximize your role in the proposed restructuring
○ Lightning Round: should include Committee Updates in the future

● Meeting at Angela’s house Nov. 4!
• WCSA Photo
  ○ Try to coordinate a time in the next two-three weeks
  ○ Could be during our meeting if nothing else works

• Montecito Beautification Day (Sarah) - need 10 volunteers, Sat. Nov. 2
  ○ 7:30 AM - 1 PM
  ○ Email Sarah by Oct. 22 evening with availability

• Sweatshirts

• Adjourned 9:00 PM