Westmont College Student Association
Meeting Minutes
10-7-13

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

Meeting began at 7:02 PM

- Lightning Round
  - Thanks to Trina Hudson for our snacks!!
  - Class presidents - planning events for rest of semester
  - Freshmen reps! Gathering cabinets and planning events
  - Angela - Spring orientation and gender/leadership training prep

- Prayer - Nicole

- Approved Minutes
  - Kyle motions to approve all previous minutes, Nicole seconds, all ayes

- Funding Proposals
  - Adventure Club Yosemite trip
    - Added 30 people - now requesting $902
    - Nicole - if Yosemite not open, they won’t spend for parking/permits
    - Large club, covers lots of people, an established club
    - Melissa moved to fund $902, Ky seconds, all aye
  - Chem Club - $260 for carbonator
    - Annaliese motions to fund, Clare seconds, all aye
  - Friends of the Westmont Garden
    - $80 for 15 people to participate, $5 for transportation
    - WCSA historically doesn’t cover transportation
    - Nicole moves to fund $80, but no transportation; Melissa seconds, all aye
  - Memorial Golf Tournament
    - $75 for 8 players = $600 total
    - Kyle motions to fund, Melissa seconds, all aye

- Admissions Proposal
  - Housing Ambassador Incentive Program would like some marketing help!
- New program not getting participants - enlist current students
- Point system: hosts can win gift cards, dinner w/President Beebe, Disneyland trip
- Falls within our mentorship goals
- Annaliese & Ky splitting lower/upperclassmen
  - David - upperclassmen RAs nominate possible hosts?

- Difficult Conversations
  - Create a once-a-semester Forum
  - Begin with topics not already controversial on campus (ex. gay marriage, abortion)
    - Sarah - be careful to enhance conversation, not overshadow MECA
    - What should we discuss?
      - Syria
      - Gov’t shutdown
      - Taya - US involvement in other countries’ conflicts
      - Taya - race
      - Sarah - women in leadership in the church/women in workplace
        - Encourage to be open - not making lifetime decisions now
      - Kyle - pacifism
  - Name? (_____ Forum)
    - “Micah”
    - “Growing in Knowledge”
    - “The Forum”
      - Explore, Engage, Expand
      - Table Talks - safe to express your opinion, hear other perspectives
  - Start with cons of the side you support - think critically, not bandwagon
  - Require students to engage and defend their thoughts
  - Include students in official info presentation?
    - Faculty nominate students to participate
  - Make the events comfortable routines
  - Robyn - an opportunity for more informal, supplemental discussions?
  - EVERYONE: final Forum feedback by Wed. Oct 9 @ 3 PM

- T-shirts Update
  - Crewnecks or zip-ups? Majority = crewnecks, medium weight
  - Color = dark grey

- Summary