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STUDENT ASSOCIATION

WCSA Minutes from 11/18/14

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November 18th, 2014

7:00 – 7:15 – Prayer and Lightening Round

7:15 – **VOTE**: STUDENT FEE RECOMMENDATION

- Business Manager Report – Abby
- The bill proposes that the Business Manager, Abby Gritter, recommend to Doug Jones, VP of Finance, to keep student activity fee dollars at \$160.00 per semester.
- Roll Call: *The bill is adopted unanimously (4-0).*

7:20 – **VOTE**: ONLINE PETITION REFORM ACT OF 2014

- Sponsor Presentation – Andrew
- The bill proposes to replace the physical packets used for election petitions with an online, paperless petition that can be signed by students upon their self-authorization. The bill also proposes to lower the amount of required signatures for candidates from 150 to 50. In short, the bill intends to leave the common app as is and simply replace the paper packets with an online form as to simplify the process altogether.
- Roll Call: *the bill is adopted unanimously (4-0).*

7:30 – **VOTE**: LIBRARY ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2014

- Sponsor presentation – Mike
- The bill proposes to allocate \$400.00 from WCSA to the library in order to help pay for the space to remain open for 24 hours and for the snacks that the library provides for students who are hard at work.

7:35 – **DISCUSSION**: branch relations, senate progress, executive involvement in the senate etc.

Executive board members talk about the pros and cons of the new senate system as it has played out so far. For the most part, executive board members and Angela agreed that they have been pleasantly surprised by how seamless things have worked out so far, but everyone was still able to admit that there are kinks to be worked out. “Some senators are more active than others” said Drew. “Some really need to learn how to check their email”.

7:45 – **Dr. Reed Sheard:** Discussion on Campus Technology and Student Collaboration.

- Sheard discusses the major strides that IT has made in the last six year including making email more reliable and increasing the points of internet access on campus. In Sheard's time, use of the library space has increased 390%.
- Sheard then opened the floor up for questions coming from the executive board and the senate. Students, Dr. Sheard and Angela discussed the possibility of having a Verizon tower on the roof of the library.
- Sheard concluded his time with WCSA by noting the fact that he always desires to hear student input and is disappointed by the fact that his job rarely permits enough time to spend with students. That being said, he seeks collaboration with WCSA going forward and wishes to develop a partnership between his office and ours.
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Meeting adjourns

AGENDA FOR MEETING OF THE WCSA SENATE

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7:45 – APPEARANCE BY DR. REED SHEARD FOR ANNOUNCEMENT – All

8:25 – OPENING PRAYER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:28 - Bill: Andrew Boyd's Bill

- Author Presentation
 - Reforms to Voting System
 - Lowering the requirements of signatures for Executive Committee positions from 150 to 50.
 - Establishing an online system for collecting signatures.
 - Creating an online portal where a candidate will be able to check their progress in receiving signatures.
- Discussion/Amendments
- Roll Call Vote
 - Passed

8:46 – DISCUSSION OF BILLS PASSED BY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – All

- Bill 1: Student Fee Recommendation Act
 - Author Presentation
 - No additional fee will be requested from the students to be put towards the student activity fee.
 - Current student activity fee is \$160/semester
 - Discussion/Amendments
 - Roll Call Vote
 - Passed
- Bill 2: Library Assistance Act
 - Author Presentation
 - To pay for snacks and coffee for the students during finals week.
 - Contact: Lauren Kelley
 - Discussion/Amendments
 - Roll Call Vote
 - Passed

8:53 – QUORUM CALL/LIGHTNING ROUND/COMMITTEE REPORTS – All

- Hall Council Progress

9:03 – OPEN FLOOR/IMPORTANT FUTURE ISSUES – All

- Issue: Baccalaureate Update
 - Megan - Meeting tomorrow

9:16 – ADJOURNMENT