

## **WCSA Senate Meeting Minutes 10-24-17**

Meeting convenes late because of Citadel group Photo (5:15-5:30)

**Meeting Opens:** 5:31pm

- Prayer from BM Rutherford

**VP Carlson Assigns Roles:** 5:33

- Sen Bradford Timekeeper

**Committee Recap:** 5:34

- Meeting with Pres. Beebe (WCSA Pres. Peterson)
  - Gave info about meeting with board of trustees
    - Gave Benjamin roadmap about what those meetings entail
    - Dr. Beebe is pleased with how WCSA is going
- Meeting with Dr. Schulze (WCSA Pres. Peterson)
  - Discussed the forum regarding chapel, then attended the forum as moderators together
  - VP Carlson adds that he discussed the aftermath of chapel with Dr. Schulze
- VP Carlson met with Prayer Chapel Committee
  - Last meeting for a while
  - Committee decided to make a restriction on booking the prayer chapel
    - Cannot book it past 8pm (8am to 8pm are operating hours)
  - Discussed the possible addition of a kneeling prayer bench
    - Dr. Schulze proposed that WCSA and Student Life split the cost of this, would be built by Jacob Clark
      - Estimated cost \$500 (\$250 for WCSA)
  - Talked about cleaning out the cabinets in the back of the prayer chapel and potentially adding plants or other more useful space
    - Asks if other WCSA members will help with any small renovations that the prayer chapel may need
  - Wooden, permanent chairs are supposed to be in by the end of October
  - Council discusses whether or not we should make a statement about whether or not Dr. Shasberger was involved in changing the prayer chapel
    - Disagreement between members about whether or not this should happen

**Continuing Discussion of Women only gym hours survey:** 5:43

- Sen Catalon says that, within the beta test results, all 4 women said they would want women only hours and all 3 men said that such hours wouldn't be necessary
- Council discusses whether or not this survey should be sent out to the whole community yet
  - Sen Lee adds that we should further clarify the survey before we send it out to all students
- Council discusses that, if we decide to recommend the additional hours, how would we pay for it?
  - WCSA could give money to a department but could not fund any extra student worker positions themselves

- Sen Carrasco asks for clarification about the reasoning behind adding the hours in the first place
  - Sen Catalon says that this is a direct response to what female students at Westmont have requested and held grievances about over the last 3 years

#### **Bills and Funding Proposals: 5:48**

- *VK Wet Heads Bill* (Sen Megorden): Continued Conversation
  - BM Rutherford recaps his conversation with Dan Taylor (OV R.A.) & Physical Plant, clarifying why this miscommunication r/e WCSA paying for installments happened again?
    - BM Rutherford communicated the frustration from WCSA's end as to why things have been purchased again without our confirmation
      - Why is this occurring now but it hasn't happened in the past? We will seek clarification from Phys. Plant in the next week.
  - Sen Anderson proposes that we table this bill until next week, until further clarification and meeting between BM Rutherford and Physical Plant
    - Seconded by Sen Bradford
    - No objections
- *Canva Membership Funding Bill* (CM Ferguson)
  - Bill proposing WCSA payment for "Canva" software, which allows CM Ferguson as Comm Manager to make better posters and advertisements
    - Pres. Peterson asks if any other organization on campus has access to one of these accounts already.
      - Council does not know
  - CM Ferguson adds that this would be a good tool for her to have considering the frequency with which we will be making advertisements this semester
  - Sen Carrasco proposes amendment to change the wording to be only for one month as a trial run.
  - Senate agrees to table the bill until next scheduled meeting
- *Off Campus Students Like Baseball Too Act* (Sen Catalon)
  - Bill to pass funding for (up to 20) Off Campus students to access the World Series night dinner for free
  - 20 students will be randomly assigned from those who respond to the email
  - Sen Bradford motions to vote
    - Sen Anderson seconds
  - **Bill passes 7-0**

#### **Matters of Consideration: 6:03**

- Newsletters:
  - CM Ferguson reminds Senators to give her their newsletter "blurbs" in the very near future
- Recapping the Thursday night forum debrief from Campus (President Peterson): (6:04)
  - Pres Peterson says that it was an encouraging day and that good conversation happened
    - Encouraged that Dr. Schulze is having continued discussions with "Prism" about their position on the chapel and on LGBTQ issues
- Sen. Carrasco brings up the fact that she has been attending all ICP staff meetings
  - She reports to be hearing discussions that ICP members are worried about hearing voices of diversity on the Campus Pastor Search Committee

- She reports that this conversation will probably include Dr. Schulze and Pres Peterson
  - Sen Carrasco wants to add in the D&I Sen position to attend all ICP leadership meetings
- Dr. D'Amour adds that the group for campus pastor search committee has now been broadened out to 11 members
- Pres. Peterson adds that he isn't aware of the hierarchy or procedure of the CPSC
  - Adds that the first meeting is at some point in the first half of November
- Discussion about the potential of a "Student Forum" event (6:11)
  - Pres. Peterson proposes postponing the event to later in November because of the influx of events and moderated discussions on campus
  - Council is generally in agreement about this as a proper course of action
  - Regarding Conversations that Matter, CM Ferguson says that Congressman Carbajal cannot attend an event at Westmont until January
- Sen Carrasco discusses possibility of being reimbursed for ICP events and retreats/conferences that she attends
  - Council is in unanimous agreement about this idea
- Sen Anderson brings up the "slow" nature of Friday's chapel on a Preview Day
  - Council is split as to whether we can do anything about it
    - Discussion about presentation for future preview days

**Personal Life Updates:** 6:17

**Meeting Adjourns:** 6:32

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**Meeting Opens: 6:37**

**Old Business: 6:39**

- Communication with Sergio Hernandez
  - Alleged that WCSA had authorized funds that we never transferred to Student Alumni Association
    - We will look into the matter and pass it along to the Senate next week
- Gift Cards for Professors
  - BM Rutherford says that they've been purchased and that we only need to distribute them to the professors

**Bills and Funding Proposals: 6:42**

- Off Campus Students Like Baseball Too Act (Sen Catalon)
  - Bill to fund up to 20 OV and other off campus students to have dinner in the DC for World Series night
  - Passes 5-0

**Discussion of post-Chapel Forum from last week: 6:47**

- Pres Peterson says that he's been encouraged by the conversation on campus following chapel and by the way that the administration has responded to it
  - Applauds the way that both Dr. Schulze and Tanner Roberts (a leader of Prism) helped lead the forum and from the conversations that it produced
  - Dr. D'Amour adds that other conversations and forums will be/have been scheduled for the rest of the year--this isn't just a forum to appease people
  - Pres Peterson adds that people of all different opinions and persuasions had productive, civil conversation about the issue and were very respectful
- Pres. Peterson encourages the council to remain a governing body and to not become activists for a particular stance:
  - to hear constituents' concerns and to hear everyone's voice
  - But to remain as neutral as possible and to make the best decision which considers both student opinion and the best course for positive change on campus
  - VP Carlson agrees with recommending and encouraging this stance

**Conversations that Matter: 6:54**

- Rick (Nuclear Proliferation/Disarmament expert) is free for November
  - We will find out about Knecht's schedule and figure this out soon
- Pres. Peterson notes being in consistent communication with Senator Feinstein's aide so as to potentially find a time for her to come to Westmont

**Guy Kawasaki Luncheon: 6:57**

- We have distributed the tickets to both the student body and to WCSA

**Meeting Adjourns: 7:00**