

WCSA Senate Meeting Minutes 11-14-17

Meeting Opens: 5:18

- VP Carlson reminds us to prioritize hearing from senators during Senate Meetings

Old Business: 5:20

- Meetings and Committee Reports
 - VP Carlson Update from Prayer Chapel Committee
 - Old hymnals have been removed, are being replaced
 - Prayer bench is being designed, bill coming soon from Mark
- **VK Wet Heads update and Bill (Peter/Angela): 5:23**
 - BM Rutherford explains the process through which Physical Plant funds and manages their projects (met with Phys Plant and Dan Taylor)
 - Dan Taylor is the point person for us to talk to--he communicates to physical plant and manages/negotiates their projects especially with Res Life.
 - It has been communicated to Physical Plant that WCSA will pass bills along with *estimated* costs, so that once something is passed, we can be transparent about actual costs and work on creating best solutions to problems.
 - *It is the responsibility of Senators who pass/author the bills to contact Dan Taylor about implementation*
 - **WCSA will add this procedure to our bylaws**
 - In this instance, Physical Plant will pay for the showerheads.
 - BM Rutherford adds that this meeting was VERY productive and that all members ended on positive terms
 - Final verdict:
 - Bill is tabled indefinitely, will not be reintroduced
- **Movie Night Bill (Tate): 5:31**
 - Sen Province provides details for his bill about renting a movie theater for Emerson movie night
 - The theater would be rented on opening night for Justice League
 - Asking for \$1000 for WCSA, would create spots for 150 students to see them movie subsidized (\$5-7/ticket)
 - Members comment on this bill:
 - Sen Lee says it's a lot of money for a few people
 - Sen Carrasco says it's a lot of money *and* it doesn't provide a great way to engage with each other as a dorm
 - BM Rutherford adds that the amount it's subsidized might not be enough to actually make it worth it or intriguing for students
 - Sen Anderson says that we need to be careful about the precedent we set in passing this bill: how do we communicate with these CLCs (a new entity) and we need to decide what our priorities are in funding their initiatives.
 - How do we evaluate what's a reasonable request and something we can fit sustainably in WCSA's budget?
- **Bill fails 0-6**

- AL Struik asks how we communicate the news that the bill failed and asks how we should communicate our priorities
 - Sen Lee says they should ask for the funding earlier and with more details so that we can get moving on the deliberation and in figuring out if the request is feasible
 - Sen Anderson says that we should make sure CLCs, RAs, and other student leaders represent the initiative and answer questions at WCSA meetings
 - Sen Carrasco suggests that we outline our priorities for funding events in a memo or bylaw to RAs and CLCs to give them guiding principles and an intentional statement
 - This would allow us and Res Life to be on better terms
 - Dr. D'Amour says that we should always encourage cost sharing with Res Life/dorm budgets and that we should be clear about what we can fund and what becomes unreasonable/unfeasible
- VP Carlson creates a committee to draft some criteria for "what will likely pass" r/e funding requests from Residence Life (Dorm funding, etc)

New Business: 5:45

- Recap of "But I'm Just a White Guy" Event
 - VP Carlson, Sen Megorden and Sen Carrasco say that it was a good turnout and that the event seemed really productive
 - Sen Megorden adds that it just scratched the surface, hoping that there are chances to dialogue about this at a more intimate level in the future
- Residence Hall Updates: 5:58
 - Clark (Sen Mathin)
 - Clark is working on Christmas event that would connect all the sections
 - Bill will come up soon, aiming for the event the first week of December
 - Page (Sen Lee)
 - Things are good. Nothing is on fire
 - Page had an event last night 11-13: pajama night and pancake event
 - Seemed like it went well!
 - VK (Sen Megorden)
 - Pancake event tonight!
 - Diversity and Inclusion (Sen Carrasco)
 - Dr. Schulze and Prism are having another conversation tonight at the GLC
 - She encourages everyone to come by.

Matters of Consideration: 5:55

- Selecting Pickle Tree Lighter
 - Group (at Sen Carrasco's recommendation) unanimously agrees on Cassie Wicoff from CDC
- Conversations That Matter
 - Sen Anderson suggests that the committee think about "Statues, memorials, and commemoration" for next year
 - Sen Anderson also says Karen Sloan is good to go for pastries/coffee for the next event
 - Jordan has requested the microphones from ATT
- Continuing discussion for the D.C. off-campus take a professor to lunch

- Trae says that Greg Smith has been getting a lot of strange requests for non-Westmont faculty and that students might be requesting too much for themselves
 - Trae is hoping to see these requests directly and so he can notify the people who've been maybe abusing the system that they're being flagged in the online request system
 - There will be an email error message if someone requests something illegitimately
- Sen Anderson brings up the idea of doing a Christmas Party!
 - White elephant???
 - Angela offers to host it at her house
 - Date TBD

Personal Life Updates: 6:06

Meeting Adjourns: 6:16

WCSA Executive Council Meeting Minutes
11-14-17

Meeting Opens: 6:48pm

Old Business: 6:50pm

- Meetings and Committee Reports:
 - CM Ferguson briefs Pres Peterson on the DC Take a professor to lunch updates (see Senate minutes)
- VK Wet Heads Bill:
 - No voting
- Movie Night Bill
 - Nothing to vote on
- Conversations That Matter
 - Everything is Set!

Open Discussion: 6:53

- Nothing to report, we'll check in soon about Library Coffee

Meeting Adjourns: 6:54