

WCSA Senate Meeting Minutes 11-28-17

Meeting Opens: 5:55

Budget Report from BM Rutherford:

- We have spent 42% of our budget for the year (when accounting for WCSA stipends)
- Could fluctuate depending on Take a prof to lunch, other programs which are capped but may not reach cap

Old Business:

- VP Carlson asks for advice to make the video podcasts less dry
 - Sen Province suggests “pie-ing Benjamin and Mark in the the face” while giving senator updates
 - This idea goes over shockingly well
 - Group suggests “Elf Yourself” for Xmas time
 - CoS Baldrige will make the Elf Yourself Video

New Business:

- Funding Proposal: Danielle Romero: ***Sodexo Appreciation Bill***
 - Small luncheon to appreciate D.C. employees who are very loyal to and hardworking for Westmont, to show students that we care about them
 - Funding proposal would include Panino sandwiches for lunch, plus drinks and desserts
 - December 11th (date set)
 - What’s the process for picking students? (Sen Catalon)
 - Ms. Romero will pick from people she knows will appreciate the experience but is open to other external input
 - Challenges include the different breaks for all of the Sodexo employees (which is hard to get more than a couple Sodexo employees)
 - BM Rutherford asks if we can include more than 3 employees
 - How can we make this more sustainable (Sen Carrasco)
 - Can we schedule out certain weekends every other month?
 - Maybe scaling it down in the future in order to make it a more regular tradition
 - *Motion is still on the floor and seconded*
 - Discussion about whether or not we should change this to make it more sustainable?
 - We can add more students if we do D.C. lunches
 - The future of the bill is up to negotiation, but can be passed as is without a structure for the future
 - Motion for vote and second
 - **VOTE:** Motion passes 8-0
- Sen Mathin: ***Clark Lit Lounges Bill***
 - The Bill is both a goal to connect different parts of Clark together and to help people to know the leaders in their CLC
 - Also acts as a Christmas event for Clark residents
 - Open to all Clark residents
 - The event itself would push people to different parts of Clark

- Question (Sen Anderson): Is Clark residence hall willing to give some of their dorm event money to fund part of this?
 - Group is unclear how much money the res halls themselves have
 - There is *some* money earmarked for senators to use on their hall, but that's more in name than it is a built-in mechanism
 - VP Carlson loves how many people will benefit from this bill
 - Sen Anderson asks us to think about how much we should spend on each dorm if they all come forward with requests this big
 - Sen Megorden suggests we fund it this time and then discuss making it permanent later, so that we can negotiate future funding
 - Sen Carrasco suggests we at least reach out to Clark to pay for what they can, what is reasonable in their budget
 - Sen Anderson suggests funding everything except the decorations and the gift cards
 - BM Rutherford asks to negotiate with Rachel (Clark RD) and to have an electronic vote on this later in the week
 - Sen Mathin will contact Rachel about how much Clark is willing to pay, then WCSA will vote in the next two days
- Pres. Peterson: ***Angela Makes Dinner Bill***
 - Angela to cook dinner for all of us, \$75 (for the WCSA Christmas party)
 - Motion to vote and second
 - Motion Passes: 7-0
 - Sen. Megorden: brings up the query of how we vote electronically? Are we trying to move away from electronic votes?
 - Pres. Peterson and Dr. D'Amour have some reservations about normalizing electronic votes.
 - Depends on the circumstance: largely based on whether the bill has *already been discussed or not*

Matters of Consideration:

- Conversations That Matter
 - Be there tomorrow!
- Organizational Leaders Dinner
 - We need to pass a bill each time this gets put into effect
- President Peterson: GLC: Dr. Beebe is interested in highlighting clubs and organizations with a service focus for a new newsletter which will be adjacent to the GLC
 - CM Ferguson suggests expanding our WCSA newsletter to include other orgs, making it proliferate further and expanding student reach
 - Also: **What does it mean to be global?**
 - Currently, there is no recycling in the GLC: we aren't sure if it's *also* true in the GLC
 - Administration says that they "don't have the resources to correct this, this needs to be a student initiative"
 - Senators need to talk about this, possibly with CLCs and then talk to Physical Plant

- Group discusses whether or not there should be criteria for reserving the GLC space. There is no consensus as to what the process for approval for the GLC is.

Open Discussion:

- Sen Anderson: Should we continue the Krispy Kreme program during finals?
 - Group says yes.
 - Group also agrees we should continue the library snacks during finals week
- Sen Carrasco says we should all attend *The Next Step* in January
- Kevin says: I need a yes or no about the transfer dinner!

Meeting Adjourns: 6:54pm

Executive Council Meeting Minutes 11-28-17

Meeting Opens: 7:06pm

Old Business:

- Continued discussion of what it means to be “global”
- AL Struik and Pres. Peterson say we should continue having these discussions and asking faculty their opinions as well
- Pres. Peterson says, “isn’t ‘global’ a lens through which we view the world?”
- Some students have expressed that just using the GLC for anything waters down the idea of what it is, and what “global” means
- Is global “international”
- AL Struik says the Academic Senate is working towards a consensus on this:
 - Framing the “global” issue to students in an intentional way
 - Maybe cutting down on the number of classes which qualify for “Thinking Globally” G.E.
 - Making the “global” plank a cohesive idea, one which integrates local and international issues to figure out how the world works
- CM Ferguson asks how we should continue to influence this issue on campus
 - Continue with conversations that matter

Voting:

- Make VK Lit Again Bill (Sen Megorden)
 - **Passes 4-0**
- Clark Lit Lounges Bill (Sen Mathin)
 - Hasn’t been introduced
- Sodexo Appreciation Funding Proposal (Danielle Romero)
 - **Passes 4-0**
- Angela Makes Dinner Bill (President Peterson)
 - **Passes 4-0**

Meeting Adjourns: 7:31pm