

WCSA Senate Meeting Minutes

11-7-17

Meeting Opens: 5:18: Prayer

Committee Reports: 5:20

- Communications Committee (CM Ferguson)
 - All student orgs report that they came back from Dallas Conference with new ideas!
- Prayer Chapel Update: VP Carlson
 - New chairs have been installed
 - Committee is working on getting Bibles and hymnals to be standardized for the chapel
- Fitness Center Hours Survey: BM Rutherford and Sen Catalon
 - These two members showed the data from the survey and presented what they've found to the council
 - Report that the responses about "women only" fitness hours were almost exactly in half between *positive* and *negative* with 12% responding "why is this a question"
 - BM Rutherford and Sen Catalon will send this information to the fitness center
 - Council demonstrates that it was WCSA's responsibility to gather the data, and with it being so split down the middle on the women's only hours, all we can do is present the information
 - Group discusses how to alleviate the gym use issue in other terms, potentially adding general hours to the gym in total and making specific hours for athletes and non-athletes
 - Sen Bradford will bring this issue before the athletic committee tomorrow, 11/8

Old Business (Bills): 5:33

- Canva Membership Bill
 - CM Ferguson reports that WAC uses Adobe Illustrator, which is more expensive and that she recommends we continue with the Canva membership as of today.
 - She clarifies that anyone in the council can access this for promoting WCSA events
 - Council moves to a vote
 - Bill passes 8-0

Residence Hall Updates: 5:41pm

- Armington: Sen Anderson
 - Reports that he discusses with RAs, RDs, and Formation Coordinators about the Armington Gala and the organization they chose to support (Operation Christmas Child)
 - Reports that some members of the RA council didn't agree with OCC as an organization and asks the members whether or not they'd heard negative things about the organization.
 - Council doesn't have specific insights but encourages Nolan to keep tracking that down

- Tells council that the Spiritual Formation Counselor event on Friday was a really big success--that WCSA funding was very much needed and appreciated.
- Van Kampen: Sen Megorden
 - Reports that he's been talking with Bethany Le and other ICP leaders/leaders on campus about a potential multicultural worship night in the future.
 - Adds that there might be a funding proposal coming our way soon

New Business: 5:49

- *Appropriations for Diversity and Inclusion Senator (Sen Carrasco)*
 - Sen Carrasco asks group whether they would be comfortable with her adding funding for her to attend MESA, ICP, LCO (etc.) dinners
 - Sen Catalon asks how often Sen Carrasco attends these dinners
 - Sen Carrasco says probably once every other month per ICP organization/group
 - Sen Anderson asks if this would be about \$40/month and Sen Carrasco agrees
 - Pres. Peterson and BM Rutherford raise concerns about the vague nature of the bill, that a future D.I.Senator could use the clause "necessary to their work" to include any number of exorbitant expenditures.
 - Sen Carrasco proposes that we table this Bill for next week, until she and Pres. Peterson can work on the language later this week.
 - Bill is tabled to the next scheduled meeting
- *Movie Night Bill (Sen Province)*
 - CLCs in Emerson want to rent out an entire movie theater to screen Justice League (opening up some seats to the public)
 - Pres. Peterson wants to know 1. Whether this will happen whether or not we pass this funding proposal 2. Who has priority in attending? 3. How is it being publicized?
 - Sen. Province says that all students can attend, doesn't know r/e funding but knows it will be delayed if WCSA doesn't fund.
 - Sen. Province wants to find out more from CLCs before we vote on this
 - Sen Bradford adds that we really need to know how much the CLC budget is willing to add if we want to move forward
 - Sen. Megorden asks if we can make a provision where students pay some money for their ticket even if not a lot--it still ends up being subsidized
 - Bill is tabled until next scheduled meeting
 - Sen Province is going to check in with the committee tonight and clarify more details

Matters of Consideration: 5:58

- Pres. Peterson: "Make the Library Great Again!"
 - What can we do to make the library coffee/tea/hot chocolate nicer just to add more amenities for students who are studying
 - Pres. Peterson is asking for help from the council and is letting people know that he'll be working on it in the near future
 - Sen Anderson, CoS Baldrige demonstrate interest

Matters of Consideration: 6:10

- Kevin Brings up that there's no menu for food at late night in Ritchie's place
 - => people don't know that food is an option
 - Sen Lee says that he'll bring it up with the Sodexo committee soon
- Pres. Peterson/Sen Carrasco bring up
 - "But I'm Just a White Guy" event
 - Discussing white men and their place in race/masculinity conversations
 - They both recommend the entire council to attend

Personal Life Updates: 6:14

Meeting Adjourns: 6:26

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Meeting Opens with Prayer from AL Struik: 6:35

Committee Reports: 6:37

- AL Struik reports that a course for online study (Mayterm) is currently being piloted
 - Similar program is being added both for an English class and for internship classes (once a week skype in for the internship class)

New Business: 6:39

- Voting on Canva Membership Bill (CM Ferguson)
 - Passes 5-0

Matters of Consideration: 6:41

- Discussion of reimbursing diversity senator for job expenses
 - Group wants to make this a provision, but Pres. Peterson will meet with Sen Carrasco to discuss the language of the bill this week
 - We'll work on it to make sure members can take initiative but also want to include some degree of accountability
 - Potentially a committee of the BM and somebody else to review these expenses
- Discussion of Chief of Staff vacancy for the upcoming semester
 - Pres. Peterson addresses adding somebody to the position who is interested in participating in WCSA next year
- Dr. D'Amour recommends that the council not rush their procedure based on other people bringing in rushed funding proposals
- Dr. D'Amour brings up the issue of allstudent emails
 - Incoming classes of first years aren't reading them as much
 - IT is proposing a platform which would involve an opt-in/opt-out system for allstudent emails
 - Council discusses whether or not this is a good idea to give students this option to opt out of nonessential emails
 - Many council members including BM Rutherford, CM Ferguson, VP and Pres are worried that this initiative could pick at the social fabric of Westmont, that we could end up creating another problem by trying to fix one.
 - Dr. D'Amour will continue to pursue student input about this issue and will discern whether or not this change would be positive
 - Council will be paying attention as to how this could change in the future.

More Matters of Consideration: 7:05pm

- Conversations That Matter
 - NAPF is really excited about this event and CM Ferguson has moved forward on room reservations, creating questions, etc
 - Concern that this is the same night as the Zadie Smith event but this concern is unavoidable at this point
 - Discussion of the structure of the event
 - Lecture, discussion groups, discussion of NAPF's trip to the Vatican

- 30 min Q&A from Trae and Moderator Dr. Knecht
- 5 min student table discussions
- Q&A from room
- Student Forum
 - Student Life with Prism on Nov. 14th
 - Jan. 16/17 - 1st one with WCSA

Open Discussion: 7:14

- Discussion of Ritchie's place and whether or not reforms need to be made in the near future.
 - All members are aware of the concerns circulating campus and will be attentive and responsive in thinking of solutions

Meeting Adjourned: 7:21