



WESTMONT

COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

In the Westmont College Assembly
August 30th, 2021
Freeman Wright, Senator of Van Kampen

Section 1. Title

1. *Throwing Money in the Right Direction*

Section 2. Statement of Purpose

1. This bill aims to significantly improve the financial capabilities of the Res Life department, specifically targeting the budgets of the RAs and the Residence Halls themselves. As Westmont is moving to exit out of the community restrictions that were put in place because of COVID-19, many students have suffered from the lack of any extensive communities that would unite all the students. RAs and Resident Hall have the best opportunities to create events that would foster and celebrate events for ALL students. Not only that but Res Life budgets have not been altered in the past 8+ years even as things have gotten more expensive due to general inflation. Our ResLife is necessary to foster a broad community here at Westmont but is constrained by their budgets. Given the extraordinary circumstances of exiting COVID and the enlarged WCSA budget I propose the following.
2. Currently the finances of the RAs are as follows:
 - a. There are 40 RAs
 - b. Each RA receives \$70 each semester to spend on section events as they chooser
 - c. The total amount that all RAs have at their disposal is \$5600
3. Currently the financial situation of the Residence Halls are as follows (excluding OV due to no RAs and Thomas not being able to communicate specifically as this information was gathered)
 - a. Populations of each dorm (I believe this is specific):
 - i. VK has 200 residents
 - ii. Armington has 250 residents
 - iii. GLC has 140 residents
 - iv. Emerson has 87 residents
 - v. Page has 194 residents
 - vi. Clark has 232 residents
 - b. Current Residence Hall budgets for events
 - i. VK: \$1000
 - ii. Armington: \$1100
 - iii. GLC: \$900
 - iv. Emerson: \$900
 - v. Page: \$1000
 - vi. Clark: \$1100

- vii. TOTAL= \$6000
- 4. Specifications of proposed WCSA funding
 - a. Double each Halls budgets-\$6,000
 - b. Increase the personal RA budgets by \$20 for this semester- \$800
 - c. Increase the personal RA budgets \$40 for the next semester- \$1600
 - d. Total proposed funding: \$8,400

Section 3. Statement of Policy

- 1. Up to a total of \$8,400 will be appropriated for the enactment of this bill due to reasons and purposes stated above.

Section 4. Enactment

- 1. Upon the approval and passage of this bill, the Westmont College Student Association would directed to transfer by means of Business Manager Sarah Chan up to the amount of \$8400 from the promotions and subscriptions account to the ResLife account in Venderlink for the purposes of distributing the funds in accordance to the bill. Senator Wright will track how the distribution of the funding with ResLife coordinator Liz Robertson in order to ensure faithfulness to the bill is achieved.