

Senate Minutes
October 2nd, 2007
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- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:10pm.
- II. Role was called.
- III. Approval of agenda and minutes.
- IV. Executive Officer Reports.
 1. Vice President of Academic Affairs Abbott
 - a. Met with Dean Sac looking form feedback from the Math, Study Skills and Writing Centers – please fill out surveys
 - b. Writing Center making efforts to work with classes – meet with the class while the professor is out during that day
 - c. The Math Center has more limited hours this year
 - d. The Study Skills center is coordinating small group study sessions
 - e. Faculty meeting yesterday
 1. The College will be bringing in a consulting firm to help reach their recruiting goal of 1,388 students for next years' incoming class.
 2. Are looking at re-allocating student financial aid to increase National Honor Society funds from \$10,000 to \$20,000.
 3. The Board of Visitors and Governors has doubled the amount of money given to the Washington Fund this year.
 4. 'Current,' a sustainability magazine, voted Washington College as having the sexist sustainability program.
 5. A program has been initiated, beginning with this next years' incoming class, students with a 3.5 or greater GPA or were in the top 10% of their class will have the option to withhold their SAT scores. This is designed to help students with learning disabilities and/or who do not perform well on standardized testing.
 6. 3 new courses been added as special topic classes in the course catalog.
 7. The trends of those students who transferred away from Washington College is being tracked
 8. Faculty members have requested names of students who transferred away from Washington College and more information on why they left.
 2. Vice President of Student Services and Campus Properties Courson
 - a. Mold issues on campus have been resolved. Please report any mold sightings to your RA and housekeeping.
 - b. The Maintenance Report system was described.

- c. The Dining Hall Advisory Board will be meeting on October 11th or the 25th. There are several open slots, please contact him for more information.
 - d. Met with Buildings and Grounds this week to discuss construction and progress on campus.
 - 1. The two new dorms are on budget and on schedule.
 - 2. There is a list of new furniture to be purchased for various dorms around campus.
 - e. Asks his committee to meet with him.
3. Secretary of Social Life Wedge
- a. There will be an “I Love the 80’s” party on Tuesday October 30th from 9-12pm. Dress accordingly! There will be decorations and a DJ. Advertising will begin after fall break.
 - 1. Senate will be moved from 9pm to 8pm that evening to accommodate this event.
4. Secretary of Diversity Affairs Borden
- a. Tomorrow the Islamic-Arabic club will be hosting a Ramadan dinner in the Atrium at 6:30pm.
5. Secretary of Service Learning Mehdizadeh
- a. Would like to meet with members of the service committee after the meeting.
 - b. Number of volunteer opportunities in progress
 - 1. Women in Need
 - 2. Man ‘The Alley’ – fun, safe recreation on Wednesday
 - 3. Rebuilding Together – a nonprofit building organization in Chestertown
 - c. World Aids Day – will show a film called ‘A Closer Walk’ to help raise awareness
 - d. Has been in touch with many service organizations on campus.
6. Vice President Soper
- a. Collaborating for the Chestertown Halloween Parade
 - b. Contact him for information on promoting activities on campus
 - c. WACHAPs has been a great success
7. President Dove
- a. Strategies for lowering the transfer rate were discussed at the Board of Visitors and Governors meeting this past weekend.
 - b. Construction on campus is ongoing, but encourages all to be patient.
 - c. Weekly meetings with Mela Dutka have begun.
 - d. Last week several Executive Board Members met with President Tipson to discuss ongoing issues on campus.
 - 1. Looking to establish this as a regular event.
 - e. Safe Ride is in the process of being expanded.

- f. The SGA Presidential Advisory Team is in progress.
- g. The platform will be coming up for discussion later this evening.
- h. Town Council is disapproving of the college community.
 - 1. Please stop parking in front of community member's driveways.
- i. Thank you to all senators for passing the budget.

V. Financial Controller Grasmick

- 1. The budget has been sent out to club leaders earlier this evening.
- 2. Thank you to all for your cooperation.
- 3. For individual clubs who are in debt, this amount will be deducted from the budget they were granted this semester.
- 4. For individual clubs who had fundraised last year, this amount of money will be added to your budget allocated this semester
- 5. Please submit requests for the Discretionary fund to Vice President Soper

VI. Parliamentarian Raleigh.

- 1. Encourage all senators to get a Flu Shot – see fliers on campus for details.
- 2. The Platform will be brought up in new business.

VII. Honor Board Chair Olson

- 1. Honor Board is in place and being prepared for training.
- 2. There are currently 3 cases waiting to be heard.
- 3. Looking forward to passing legislation tonight upgrading the board from 8 to 9 members.

VIII. Class Officer Reports.

- 1. Senior President Harrell
 - a. A time capsule from 1965 was found in the Library and will be opened when we close ours.
- 2. Junior President Dutton
 - a. The service project this year benefits the Chester River Hospital, contact her for details and/or to participate.
- 3. Sophomore President Wheeler
 - a. The website is in being finalized
 - b. Order forms are available to participate in their fundraiser
- 4. Freshman President Himes
 - a. Working on a fundraiser.

IX. Standing Committee Reports.

- 1. Discretionary Proposals
 - a. Club Lacrosse: Requesting \$5,050; the Organizations Committee recommendation is \$3,050
 - 1. They were granted \$3,050
 - b. Wilderness and Adventure Club: Requesting \$5,900; the Organizations Committee recommendation is \$4,510
 - 1. The motion failed
 - 2. There was a motion to amend the allocation to \$3,260

1. This motion fails
3. \$4,510 was allocated to the W&A Club.

X. Unfinished Business.

XI. New Business.

1. Legislation regarding increasing the Honor Board membership from eight to nine members was debated and called to question.
 - a. The legislation was passed.
2. The SGA Platform was addressed.
 - a. A rough bullet point layout was constructed.

XII. Open Forum

1. Senatorial
2. Non-Senatorial

XIII. Speaker McGarry's Announcements.

1. Thank you for engaged debate and working on the platform.
2. The meeting with the President went very well, as did the Board of Visitors and Governors meeting this weekend.

XIV. Adjournment.