

Senate Minutes
September 11, 2007
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- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:03pm.
- II. Role was called.
- III. Approval of agenda and minutes.
- IV. Executive Officer Reports.
 1. Vice President of Academic Affairs Abbott
 - a. Several Goals for this year include
 1. The organization of a Student Academic Board by Oct. 1st
 2. Will be working w Student Academic Board and Department Chairs for the State of Majors Survey
 - b. Attended the first faculty meeting where it was reported that
 1. Thee student faculty ratio is currently 10:1
 2. President Tipson asked that we identify at risk students earlier to help their progress
 3. An effort will be made to reduce students who voluntarily withdraw from classes
 4. Task forces will be made to help improve the curriculum, promote an honors program and evaluate majors and minors
 5. 15 new professors were introduced
 - c. Met with Jim Allison, the new Career Center Director
 1. There will be a graduate student session on Sept 25th and 26th
 2. There will be a technology upgrade in the Career Center including laptops and a television
 3. Within the next 1 – 3 years a Monster.com type of program will be developed to help students and alumni communicate and facilitate more job opportunities
 2. Vice President of Student Services and Campus Properties Courson
 - a. Congratulations to all of the new and returning senators
 - b. Has been and will be meeting with Joe Holt to get an update on the construction on campus.
 1. The New dorms will have geothermal heating and cooling systems.
 2. There is a fountain being constructed outside of Reid Dorm
 3. There will be construction on the dining hall next semester.
 4. The construction of Hodson Hall has not yet begun

- c. A Dining Hall Advisory Board will be established, which will met once a month with the chefs and staff of the Dining Hall to discuss and evaluate what students do and do not like.
 - d. There have been several mold issues on campus that has caused students to relocate their residences.
 - 1. Encourages all students to check all over their dorms – especially in the air conditioning units
3. Secretary of Social Life Wedge
 - a. Events planned
 1. Penny Wars are between the classes and faculty are going on in the Dining Hall to help raise funds for Relay For Life
 2. Club Fair will be this Friday from 12-3 in Martha Washington Square
 3. This Saturday will be the 1st annual WAC summer goodbye from 4-7pm between Dorchester Dorm and the stadium
 4. This Saturday there will be an acoustic hip hop duo in the student center
 5. Next Tuesday there will be a band will be playing in the Dining Hall
 6. The Water Front Festival will be at the boathouse next weekend
 4. Secretary of Diversity Affairs Borden
 - a. This month is Latino Heritage Month and Patriot Month
 - b. Will be promoting cross collaboration between groups on campus to promote diversity
 - c. There will be many social events, programs and speakers designed to promote diversity on campus
 - d. Is open to suggestions
 5. Secretary of Service Learning Mehdizadeh
 - a. The Service Council has met and changed both their constitution, and their name to the Community Service Club
 - b. The Student Environmental Association had their first meeting
 - c. Will be going over budgetary matters
 - d. A Community service intern will be hired by student affairs, talk to Andrew to interview for the position
 - e. Habitat of Humanity has appointed someone to manage the spring habitat for humanity program/trip
 6. Vice President Soper
 - a. As of club fair, we will be ceasing to use all campus emails through the SGA – will switch to a new and improved WacHappenings program, which is cool and easy to use

- b. Club leaders and senators, please feel free to come to him for help advertising or promoting events on campus. He has many ideas and resources

7. President Dove

- a. Welcome speech from President Dove

V. Financial Controller Grasmick

1. Will be announcing the figures for the year at the next senate meeting
2. Individual clubs we will be emailed to talk about schedule and sign ups
3. Feel free to email him at jgrasmick2

VI. Parliamentarian Raleigh.

1. Election runoffs will determine the last of the seats for senators
2. Off campus senator elections will be held separately
3. His role in the Student Government Association is to interpret the constitution and bylaws

VII. Honor Board Chair Olson

1. Left for prior to his report
2. There has been 1 case that has resulted in a dismissal from Washington College
3. The committee will be elected this week and will be announced next week

VIII. Class Officer Reports.

1. Senior President Harrell
 - a. The Senior Class gift, personalized benches, will be installed soon
 - b. Looking into senior favors a time capsule that will be placed into one of the new buildings, will be all of the classes together
 - c. A Senior paintball day is in the works
2. Junior President Dutton
 - a. Senior gift planned
 - b. Fundraising will continue, have \$2000 already
 - c. Movies on the green – sell juice and popcorn and blankets on the green.
 - d. Website being updated and revamped, will have students in the spotlight section to recognize outstanding students
3. Sophomore President Wheeler
 - a. Have new advisor – Jared Halter
 - b. First fundraiser – Fit to Win shorts for men and women – have patchwork and madras patterns and are approx \$25 a pair
4. Freshman President has yet to be elected

IX. Standing Committee Reports.

X. Unfinished Business.

XI. New Business.

1. New legislation was proposed regarding the Toilet Paper Policy on campus

2. The legislation was passed

XII. Open Forum

1. Senatorial

- a. Tiffany Harrell announced that Safe Ride brought 2,100 people back to campus during its 1st full year running last year. There will be a general interest meeting regarding Safe Ride.

2. Non-Senatorial

- a. Lindsey Dutton pointed out that fliers are being posted EVERYWHERE! Fliers should be on bulletin boards, not everywhere
- b. Andrew Mehdizadeh asked those people who are posting 'Sick of Washington College' fliers to stop – it is littering and troublesome
- c. President Dove asks those who know who wrote the 'Sick of Washington College' flier to tell him.
- d. The Executive Board has office hours, stop in and check it out!
- e. President Tipson recognized that constructive criticism is helpful and that students and administrators never quite get along.

XIII. Speaker McGarry's Announcements.

1. Congratulations to all the senators, thank you for taking the time to get involved. Please see our office for office hours.
2. Remember that you have constituents and take what is done here back to them and bring back their suggestions.

XIV. Adjournment.