

Senate Minutes
March 25, 2008
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- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 pm.
- II. Role was called.
- III. Approval of agenda and minutes.
- IV. Executive Officers vacated their positions.
 1. Keenan Wheeler, John Blakey, Senator Powell resigned.
 2. Kevin McGarry transferred his power to Rob.
 3. Review Board sworn in.
 4. Incoming Executive Board sworn in.
 5. New Senators and Class Presidents sworn in.
 6. New SGA Advisor sworn in.
- V. Executive Officer Reports.
 1. Secretary of Academic Affairs Blakey
 - a. No report.
 2. Secretary of Student Services and Campus Properties Bookbinder
 - a. No report.
 3. Secretary of Social Life Wedge
 - a. No report.
 4. Secretary of Diversity Affairs Tri O.
 - a. No report.
 5. Secretary of Service Learning Powell
 - a. No report.
 6. Vice President Wheeler
 - a. No report.
 7. President Dove
 - a. President Tipson gave presentation about school rankings, tuition costs, and construction on campus status.
 - b. Student Satisfaction Inventory Survey results revealed.
 - c. Question and answer session followed.
 1. New surveys will get into the specifics of what students are dissatisfied with about the campus.
 2. More scholarship opportunities may follow with increased tuition.
 3. Baltimore Residence Hall will probably not be completed for at least another 5 years.
 4. Campus construction has been kept mostly on schedule with the budget.
 5. Outsourcing has been done for various reasons such as changing the look of the bookstore and making the Dining Hall more inviting and presentable. President Tipson is balanced in his judgment of how successful it has been.
 6. Tuition increase may impact things such as making the private college too expensive for students and forcing them

to transfer. The school cannot afford to leave tuition at the previous year's level. Construction on campus proves that we are moving forward and remaining competitive with other institutions.

7. Increased student body and lower standards for admission are a student and faculty concern. Standards for the incoming class will remain the same as they have for the past 2-3 years and President Tipson does not anticipate that they will decrease. The student body is diverse, and the incoming class has proven to be very academically strong.
 8. Library construction is being discussed; it depends on the economy and how soon the school can pay off loans for current construction projects.
 9. Latin may be offered as a two-semester course beginning next year. Making this a major requires hiring more faculty members.
 10. Expanding property on the waterfront is one thing President Tipson would like to do to increase campus involvement. The Waterfront Festival was one recent attempt at this, and a new workboat has been purchased.
 11. The SGA and fellow students can use their liberal arts education to their advantage and increase pride in Washington College by putting their experiences into a different perspective and becoming involved.
 - d. Awards given to students for dedication to Ride for the Future and Birthday Ball. Professor Senecal was also awarded a citation for 5 years of service.
 - e. President Dove gave a closing/opening speech.
- VI. Financial Controller Weitzel
1. No report.
- VII. Parliamentarian Ackerman
1. No Report.
- VIII. Honor Board Chair Olson
1. No report.
- IX. Class Officer Reports.
1. Senior President Harrell
 - a. Safe Ride doubled numbers from last year; legislation has been a great help and they are working on getting new vehicles.
 2. Junior President Dutton
 - a. Graduation plans will be discussed at the end of March/beginning of April.
 3. Sophomore President Wheeler
 - a. No report.
 4. Freshman President Himes
 - a. No report.
- X. Standing Committee Reports.

1. No report.
- XI. Unfinished Business.
 1. No report.
- XII. New Business.
 1. Multicultural Awareness Week flyers will go up next week. Free trip to museum in Baltimore; e-mail Tri O.
- XIII. Open Forum.
 1. Senatorial
 - a. All submissions for yearbook are due by Friday. The committee has put in a lot of work this year and has kept the same title; seniors will get it shipped to them and everyone else can pick it up next year.
 - b. The Equestrian team is going to semi-finals in North Carolina next week; if they make the top 4 they go to California in May.
 - c. Quadstock starts at 7pm in the Quad on Saturday.
 - d. Tree will be planted for Pat McGrath; contact Beth Anne Roy for more information.
 2. Non-Senatorial
 - a. No Report.
- XIV. Speaker Courson's Announcements.
 1. No report.
- XV. Adjournment.