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COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

WCSA Assembly Meeting Agenda

December 4th, 2019

6:45- Prayer

Committee Reports

- *Faculty Committees*

- Meeting with Edee (VP Lee) 6:46

It is about the scope and not how diversity and global engagement should be addressed. Edee wants to talk about how diversity and race convos affect the center specifically. There are feelings that there is a deterrence from biblical foundation as to how we approach diversity because a lot of our work is around identity development. However, unity and reconciliation needs to be talked about with diversity.

Timeline: progress in funding. "Getting there but not yet there in terms of the timeline" So no hiring new positions in January. Unclear as to whether it will begin until another year. Seems like a long term goal. Edee is hoping for something to happen in march.

Zion mentioned that the Provost agreed that if there were 8 students, they would offer Chinese.

- Strategic Planning Committee Meeting (President Anderson) 6:50

- *Internal Committees*

Unity shoppe: pros of next semester: donations will be given next semester

Pros of this friday: orchestrate it by friday can be difficult.

Moving this issue till next semester. Ashley will email Samantha tonight.

Old Business

Bills

Funding Proposals

Other

- Community Engagement (Senator Fisk) 6:53
- Pickle Tree (Angela) 6:58

New Business

Bills

- Water, Water Everywhere 7:50

A bill to pay up to 2,000. Estimated cost is 1,300.

Angela Makes Dinner 8:00

Funding Proposals

Other

- Interview with Taegan 7:00

She was in page last year. She wants more events in Armington. She wants to change the culture of Armington. She wants to community build. She envisions a monthly event where they can feel that people can communicate. She wants to be a part of a change in this manner. She has shown her interest by having a Christmas event.

She hopes that the events she creates would create a community and tradition that will be established beyond just her next semester.

She wants to have better coverage of the events happening.

Reducing isolation of Armington as it relates to the rest of campus- combining events with different halls. Getting rid of separation between lower and upper campus.

Can she be committed more than one year? She is interested because she wants to have a part of leadership in community by graduating fall 2020.

- Interview with Karis 7:10

Why she is applying- what motivates her is relationships. She wants to improve communication on campus (admin and campus and within student body) and to use her skills for WCSA.

What does she like about the goals- she likes approachability and unity. Jaron told her about selecting sub-groups and listening and asking general questions. You just listen for patterns and themes of common interests at a high level.

Reach out to upperclassman. Changing public perception of Armington. Sophomores want unity. Drawing people into lounges.

She bakes cookies and brings them to all people because of SFC.

She cares about lower campus lighting.

How can she balance all of her roles? Being an SFC gives emotional credibility with people and she can make concrete changes because of her position in government.

What is the biggest problem facing Westmont as a whole? Hard to understand public opinion.

Hard to get a pulse on campus. She asked, "Who are the silent populations?"

Who are the silent groups? The conservative groups.

Interest in working with WCSA beyond just one semester? Yes she does because she thinks it can bring real change

What WCSA does not do well- elections.

WCSA doing really well or wishing they do well- not as aware as she would like to be. She likes the emails.

Communication- she thinks more repetition and points of contact. Wanting to make her senator position be more of a daily contact issue amongst her friends.

Does your role look like the actual implementation? Noah replied by saying there a couple higher level work with dorm improvements. Being flexible in a rigid system.

- Interview with Grace 7:20

Why she wants to apply- She is interested in Politics and interned for her congressman and is interested in democratic systems. She wants to empower people to make real change.

How can her internship adapt to Westmont? She learned it is hard to make changes. She learned how much “red tape” there is and people get discouraged. People do not vote for people to just do what they have to do but representing everyone. She wants to listen to people. What change does she want- she wants to listen to people and bringing those ideas to this table.

Approachability- WCSA is better this year. It has caught her attention more. She liked the conversations that matter. Communication is a big deal.

Approachability in Armington- Armington is challenging and she has to go out of her way to meet people but the important thing is going to an all hall event with Res life and “being normal”. Being around and being a friendly face and living that every day.

She would be interested in having a position in WCSA in the future.

The largest problem she sees- communication between students and admin. She looked at meeting agendas to see what we have been talking about (white Jesus).

Approachability speaks to her- students should feel comfortable.

How do you respond to groups that do not agree with your own ideas- she says that she needs to encourage freedom and listening and loving people and there is not a group on campus she wants to box in. she wants to talk about hard things.

- General Discussion 7:30

Lina said that Armington is different and the RD has a different vision for the senator's position. He does not events. The RD sees the senator as a way to do maintenance and infrastructure. Lina acknowledges that there is more communication in general. Armington houses the most students.

IS one of them better connected to the whole? She thinks Kira as an SFC but she hasn't seen her a lot. Grace is around on campus a lot.

Angela- who can bring skills that you are losing or do not have?

Nolan: we want someone who can follow what we have already established as a vision

Noah: Grace grounded in her understanding of how to do politics

Karis has a good picture of what campus wants

Zion: grace has a lot of understandings of political systems but it is Karis' second year in armington which is nice. She was a SFC in Armington. She thought about the two roles as very different. SFC is about individual but WCSA needs to be different and could maybe be used as trust.

Tobi: grace was strongest as she was the most realistic. Karis has a lot of great ideas but Grace is more grounded. SFC comes with more personal reasons. Can Karis take personal things and bring it here? What can she take from both? Will this break trust with SFC role?

Jonathan: She likes Graces realism and how she understands the reality of what it means to work with WCSA. Karis can work hard in no matter what situation and she can engage in our team. Grace also applied for Jerusalem.

Micheal: Karis has connections as a SFC and has already had leadership training. She is a bit older and understands more.

Hannah: Karis has the role as SFC and in some ways, it would be unfaithful to that position to hold both. It is splitting time and being a student leader is a gift and if you already have that

somewhere else then she already has connections and not fair to keep it from someone else.
There is no bad option.

Hannah B: she says she is concerned for time of splitting the position.

Angela: She did not like Karis response about using SFC to be a ground for Senator. It could be tricky of being representative for different purposes.

Nolan: more communication is what Karis wants that she cannot do in SFC. Grace's realism is helpful. Karis' big picture mentality is good because her scope is big which is great. She would try to tackle big problems and in implementation. Grace may not have the same big picture idea as much as Karis.

Jeremiah: liked voice of Karis and her enthusiasm about listening. But also the realism of grace because this is the culture of armington. He did not like using both platforms together but maybe this makes her more seen. Who will be drawn to her?

Nolan's idea: make one senator and make one executive assistant.

Big picture diverse group: making Karis this role with this big project. In order to work on details for larger picture idea. She could be doing this listening role.

Make grace senator?

Reallocate works amongst us: Jonathan says to step out of our own roles.

Matters of Consideration

- Communication Guidelines 8:05
- Hannah 8:10

Open Discussion & Parking Lot

8:15 - Adjourned