

The Student Government of Wheaton College

Minutes

Wednesday, 14 April 2021 via Blanchard 339 & Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Present: Brett Bauman, Connor Woodlin, Mason Laney, Drew McMillan, Nathan Fruh, Riley Hobby, Jacob Elsen, Sofia Flores, Tom Graham, Laurel Kruse, Donghyuk Lee, Alyssa Miller, Dr. McGowin, Estefania Hernandez, Raymond Jin, Amelia Miller, Emma Riddle, Tiffany Parks, Crystal Cartwright, Dr. McGowin, Daniel Ju, Ria Shim

Absent: Amber Simic, Natalie Kral,

CALL TO ORDER

VP Ju called the meeting to order at 3:46 pm.

DEVOTION

Given by **Chaplain Shim**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4.7.2021 Minutes are approved, CCP Hobby votes "Nay"

REGULAR REPORTS

President Hernandez

Good to see you all again! Thank you Chaplain Shim for your message today. It really resonates with me. I pray the joy of the LORD will stick with you. That being said, I want to congratulate the newly elected board as well. Another report is that the passing of the gavel ceremony is on April 28. We will have a regular board and we invited Dr. Ivester and President Ryken. Please mark it on your calendar as we will have food and take pictures. Finally, I would let you know that I will take a week off to prepare for my future and that your president needs rest. Thank you.

VP Ju

Since the Pass the Gavel ceremony will have pictures, we will have our regular boardroom session first and if possible, we'll adjourn early. The ceremony will extend our normal times. We'll have normal boardroom, some introductions from the senior administrative cabinet, Dr. Ivester, Chelsen, and Caldwell. I hope we can keep board room for just an hour, which will give us a chance to take pictures. Please wear formal attire too. Tomorrow night, the SAC dialogue will take place during 6 pm. We reserved the in-person space for minorities and from what you all heard today that Dr. Caldwell will be leaving Wheaton College. Please keep an eye out and pray for the racialized minorities. Thank you for the board for what you have done this year. At the same time, I am still not doing well regarding the Atlanta attacks and violence on Asians and the black community. But I am hopeful that God is using us to fight for justice. Congratulations to the newly elected members as well and please write your prologues as we hand off the gavel. Having your previous initiatives passed along to the following year is important and that builds the structure of SG over time.

ADVISOR REPORTS

Crystal Cartwright

I want to congratulate the newly elected board members and the current board members that have served faithfully. I am very grateful for all of you. I've been trying to let you know that there is space and I am

confident that your hard work will pay off. I also want to mention the email that Dr. Caldwell is leaving Wheaton College. It is a loss for Wheaton but I know she will do well in her other position. We're aware that what this time represents for you and the goal for the board is to finish strong. Once again, I want to let you know that we want you to make it to the finish line.

Dr. McGowin

I want to congratulate the new board members and the outgoing ones. To those who are on your way out, you have my prayers. I didn't plan on sharing about Dr. Caldwell's email. However, it is a loss and while I'm happy for her new position, it makes me question kingdom diversity on this campus. I'm very concerned that we are not able to retain ***racialized minority faculty and staff***. This is a sign something is wrong. I don't know what the answer is but I want you student leaders to be aware. There is a lot of work to still be done and I pray that we can support each other and utilize God honoring solutions.

PROPOSALS

11R27: Academic Attendance Grant from EVP Laney

EVP Laney talks about an academic attendance grant for a student. He talks about the allocations to this academic attendance grant.

11R27 passes, EVP Laney and EVP Lee abstain

11R28: Changes to the role of Administrator in the Constitution from Administrative Manager Jin

Administrative Manager Jin: Due to COVID-19, the position of the Administrative Manager gained new responsibilities as many things are online. These changes would benefit future Administrative Managers in doing their jobs more efficiently. This change will consist of "The Administrator may appoint a committee to assist him/her in the preparation of meeting materials and utilize committee members in his or her absence from Board meetings". The rationale is that this change will allow the Administrative Manager to appoint a committee to help him or her in their duties, whether it would be editing minutes, compiling reports, making the agendas, and subbing in to take minutes in the Administrative Manager's absence. This would benefit future Administrative Managers in putting less burden on standard Board Members during an Administrative Manager's absence. This way, there would be trained personnel to take over the responsibilities of the Administrative Manager if he or she is absent from Board room meetings. Drafting the meeting materials will also be done more efficiently.

CCP Hobby: Are the rest of the administrative cabinet allowed to have committees? And do they have their own committees?

Administrative Manager Jin: Most of the administrative cabinet does. The PR Manager has members and so does the Business & Services Manager. These members help the PR Manager and the Business Manager in making key decisions.

11R28 passes unanimously

11R29: Amendment Adding Article XVI to Student Government Bylaws from EVP Bauman

EVP Bauman: It establishes the guidelines to managing the SG Website. The SG website was created by the 2020 board and eventually the responsibility fell down to me. However, there was nothing explicitly stated in the constitution. The Student Government website is a very new addition to the workings of Student Government, and therefore no changes had been made up until this point regarding the vision of the website, how it is to be managed, and who is responsible for its management. This new section of the bylaws, modeled after the sections outlining guidelines for managing the Global Engagement Wall and Student Government Board in Lower Beamer seeks to answer those questions. It clearly states what has already been put into practice, that the EVP of Technology and Campus Services, along with his or her committee, is responsible for managing the wall. Additionally, it lays out the sections that should be

included on the website: current initiatives, board positions, governance resources, and connecting with Student Government. This is by no means an exhaustive list of items that can be included, it is simply a minimum requirement to ensure that the website remains both helpful and relevant to students. With these changes to the bylaws, it is my hope that the SG website can be stewarded well into the future and become a key pillar of how Student Government maintains transparency and benefits the student body. The only stuff that must be updated would be minutes or proposals. For instance, our minutes passed today would have to be submitted in a week. I'm free to take questions now.

President Hernandez: This is a much needed change to the bylaws. Would it impact the appointment of the tech committee?

EVP Bauman: I am working closely with my successor and we know pretty well on how it would work. I would want the next EVP to be flexible with it.

CCP Hobby: Would it be necessary to put info on how to edit the website in the bylaws?

EVP Bauman: I will definitely put that in my prologue. The way Wheaton edits their websites changes over time. I will add the steps on editing the website in my prologue as a resource like this is sufficient.

11R29 passes unanimously

11R30: Amendment to Article X of the Student Government Constitution from EVP Bauman

EVP Bauman: Daniel mentioned the fact that there isn't an explicit rule on how a vice chair would be selected according to the constitution. We want to be clear about this in case something like this happens again.. The rationale states that given the current wording of the Student Government Constitution, there are no guidelines outlining how the Vice Chair is to be selected, which leaves the Board in a precarious position if no Vice Chair is selected and there comes a situation where one is needed. This amendment specifies that the Student Body President and Vice President are to select the Vice Chair at the beginning of the year, a practice that has been largely followed even without the language in the Constitution. This amendment also makes it clear that the Vice Chair must be selected from among the voting members, who are also the elected members, of the board. By making this amendment, any future confusion surrounding the selection process for the Vice Chair should be cleared up. I went over this with Daniel and Mason and they agree with the language of this but I want to see your thoughts.

EVP Miller (Amelia): When the VP assigns someone to do this, can they say no?

EVP Bauman: Yes. I understand what you mean. Technically it can happen but it's too small of a thing to write it in. The VP would most likely tell the nominee beforehand.

CCP Hobby: I don't know if it's necessary regarding the first board meeting of the year.

EVP Bauman: I get it's quite specific but if you're starting out in the year, I don't think it would be worth it to appoint one too late. I don't necessarily see the harm leaving it as it is.

EVP Laney: It's a level of encouragement that the board can gather together and vote on the vice chair together.

President Hernandez: I agree with Riley. I think the board should get to know each other better first so maybe the first month would be better. I would be hesitant on the wording of "first board meeting".

CCP Hobby: That's a good point. Newer board members wouldn't necessarily have a good understanding of Robert's rule.

EVP Bauman: I would like to say this change. Approve the selection of the vice chair in the first month of the academic year.

CCP Kruse: I like this but maybe when freshman CCP are elected?

EVP Bauman: I would not support as I want it to be the one month amendment. I would also rather have a more senior member to take that position.

President Hernandez: Motion to amend "At a board meeting in the first month of the academic year"

CCP Hobby: Move to previous question. Strike "first board meeting of the year" to "At a board meeting in the first month of the academic year".

Amendment passes, CCP Kruse abstains
11R30 Passes, CCP Kruse abstains

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

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Meeting adjourned at 4:36 pm.