

The Student Government of Wheaton College

Minutes

Wednesday, 7 April 2021 via Blanchard 339 & Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Present: Brett Bauman, Connor Woodlin, Mason Laney, Drew McMillan, Natalie Kral, Nathan Fruh, Riley Hobby, Amber Simic, Jacob Elsen, Sofia Flores, Tom Graham, Laurel Kruse, Donghyuk Lee, Alyssa Miller, Dr. McGowin, Estefania Hernandez

Absent: Raymond Jin, Amelia Miller, Emma Riddle, Tiffany Parks, Crystal Cartwright, Dr. McGowin, Daniel Ju

CALL TO ORDER

CCP/Vice Chair Hobby called the meeting to order at 3:46 pm.

DEVOTION

Given by **Chaplain Shim & EVP Laney**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

EVP Lee Replace “4 times a week” with “every 4 years”

CCP Hobby EVP Riddle wanted me to suggest this change: replace “strike” with “add” and replace “to” with “from”

EVP Laney Under 11R24, replace “government” with “body”

CCP Simic Should say I was “not in favor of this proposal”

CCP Kruse Under 11R24, should say “proposal”, not “book”

3.17.2021 Minutes are approved, CCP Hobby abstains

REGULAR REPORTS

President Hernandez Hi everyone, I hope you had a good quiet week, it was great to see lots of you at the boba hangout and thanks to Ria for organizing it. We have 4 weeks left, I hope you were able to rest well so that you can work hard for the rest of the year to finish well. Remember that you are a team, it is good to take breaks and rely on each other. Just wanted to thank you for your constant work and dedication and the way you represent the student body. Wanted to make a comment on the proposal from 2 weeks ago, it would have looked terrible on SG if we hadn't passed that proposal because neither Crystal and Amy were working that week, and there was a conflict of interest as well because some of those who are candidates voted when you shouldn't have. It was good that the proposal from 2 weeks ago passed. I also wanted to recognize that this is the first student-led anti-racism week. It is important to understand why this is needed, and I encourage you to attend at least one of the events so you understand better your fellow students. Also, I am praying for the elections, it is exciting that we will know tomorrow who will be on the board next year. I will email the board members who said they are willing to participate/organize the pass the gavel ceremony. Very soon we will be meeting via office hours to work on prologues, so start to work on those and also consider changes that need to be made to your job descriptions. This is a good time to make constitutional changes, and think about how you want it to continue with this legacy of change. This is the conclusion of my report.

ADVISOR REPORTS

No advisor reports were given today

PROPOSALS

11R25: Donation of Safe Havens Kit to Koinonia from EVP Miller (Amelia)

EVP Miller (Alyssa): Amelia had another meeting, so I am introducing today. It says, “Be it resolved that the 2020-2021 Student Government of Wheaton College allow for the donation of care kits left over from the fall 2020 Safe Havens Initiative to Koinonia for the institution of a similar program in light of the recent violence against the AAPI community.” Basically the rationale, we had a lot of kits left over from the safe havens initiative earlier in the school year, so in light of recent events and Koinonia coming up with a similar program, we thought it would be a great idea to donate those kits as it serves a similar purpose as the initial safe havens initiative. We thought it would be best to get official approval from the board before we did this.

President Hernandez: If you need more information, let me know

CCP McMillan: Question about the original initiative, what percentage is the 430 kits of the original number of kits we made?

President Hernandez: It is over 50%, we had plenty left over

11R25 passes; EVP Miller (Amelia), EVP Miller (Alyssa), CCP Hobby abstain

11R26: Academic Presentation Grant from EVP Laney

Moved by CCP Kruse, CCP Simic seconded

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

11R26 passes, CCP Hobby abstains

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

SAC Dialogue with Racialized Minority Student Creative Brief from President Hernandez

President Hernandez: I already mentioned this to those who were at office hours, SAC is the senior administrative cabinet. This is a new initiative that has never been done before to allow racialized minority students to have more direct dialogue with SAC to hear about the initiatives SAC is working on related to kingdom diversity and make their voices heard. SG gets to see a lot of the behind the scenes initiatives, and this is a way we can be a bridge for the students who traditionally don’t have access. I hope you read the brief I presented, it has all the information there. I hope this can allow the audience to feel heard and seen, and so the administration is more than an email on a screen.

EVP Miller (Amelia): How will the event be promoted?

President Hernandez: The plan is to have the OMD, Ms. Billye, send an email to the OMD students, and the PR manager has already worked on a poster to send out

EVP Miller (Alyssa): We can also have Willie-O, Unidad, etc. publicize the event for those who don’t read the emails. This would just require making clear who the event is targeted at

CCP Kruse: I would make a suggestion for advertising, there is an instagram at Smaber where we could potentially publicize the event, and this would be a way for them to see it as lots of freshmen and sophomores follow that account

PR Manager Flores: Good to get it out in any way, can send the poster I am making next week to all these various accounts

EVP Lee: Might be a bit off target, but also good to share this with Jerry in ISP as many international students experience similar things to minority students on campus

EVP Miller (Alyssa): You also said you hope this would continue as an event that happens yearly, is there anything specific you are doing to make sure this happens, would it be on OMD to facilitate that, or on SG?

President Hernandez: This is a test run of what it could be. We don't want to burden the OMD, this is the way SG uses its access to administration to help the student body. Would lean towards encouraging future executive officers to continue this initiative. Not sure if this should be some constitutional change or just a strong suggestion as everything is different with COVID this year. Would want to keep this as something SG organizes in collaboration with EVP CD

EVP Miller (Alyssa): Yes, that was my concern. Making sure there isn't too much of a burden placed on OMD, ISP and that Student Government can facilitate that

President Hernandez: Before we move to the previous question, think about the spaces where we have these dialogues. Think about why certain voices get drowned out. Take a look at the Wheaton website and the demographics of the school and why certain demographic trends are regressing in terms of the diversity of the student body. Hopefully more spaces for healthy dialogue are welcomed, so people don't speak over each other.

EVP Miller (Alyssa): Within that same vein, will the event be open to all and if so, how will we be facilitating any possible conflicts?

President Hernandez: You can't really prevent people from coming to the event. But since it is in person, the racialized minority students are the only ones who will be able to attend in person. The Zoom link is available to any who want to watch though.

Motion Passes, CCP Hobby abstains

FORUM

Meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm.