**Student Government Association

April 11th, 2018

Meeting Minutes

1. Prayer by Sarah Conn
2. Roll Call and Announcements

All senators are here and accounted for except Maggie Long and Trevor Arrigoni.

1. Approval of Minutes

* Motion to approve last week’s minutes by Taylor Chock-Wong, seconded by Sam Sherlock.

1. Executive Officers Report

President – Sarah Conn

* Presentation by Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Jamie McMinn
  + Student Financial Aid Changes
  + The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) will be cutting back on financial aid packages to college students if the Governor’s budget is passed
  + PHEAA grants will be cut by 25%
    - The average grant recipient will have about $1,104 in costs cut from their financial aid that were previously covered by these grants
  + Westminster Students are called to action to contact their government representatives to let them know if they are opposed to this
    - A template for these letters can be found on <http://www.aicup.org/Government-Relations/AICUP-Student-Aid-Advocacy-Day/Resources>
  + More details will be forthcoming in an SGA email
* The selection committee for the Associate to the Board of Trustees interviews will be tomorrow April 12th
  + The candidates selected by this committee and presented to the Senate to decide the most suitable candidates to represent the Student Body to the Board of Trustees

Vice President – Keely Flynn

* VolleyRock Updates
  + Sign-ups will be next week
  + **Need at least two girls and no more than two rostered volleyball players allowed on a team**

Secretary – Sam Stewart

* 32 Senators in attendance tonight
  + That is 86% of the Senate

Treasurer – Matt McDonald

* Weekly Expenses
  + Diversity Dodgeball
    - $571.23 – shirts for participants
  + Finance Audits
    - $33.15 – food for committee
  + VolleyRock
    - $25.00 – change for sign-ups
    - $1,650.00 – inflatable
    - $3,9628.25 – shirts
    - $4,689.81 – giveaways
* Budget
  + Compiling next year’s SGA budget proposal
  + Will be presented for approval at an upcoming SGA meeting

Open Forum

Committee Meetings

Finance – Kyle Kovach

* Audits Updates
  + Organizations please check your emails and sign up for a time to meet with the Finance Committee

Academics – David Peffer

* Committee
  + URAC Committee
    - Moderators should have received email about training and basic info
    - Instagram Scavenger Hunt
      * Winners get free WC apparel
* Titan Talks
  + This is your opportunity to interact with faculty from departments either ask questions or build relationships with these faculty members
  + History Department – either April 23 or 26th
* Please attend the Spring Honors Convocations
  + Check your email for specifics

Diversity – Celine Hildack

* Diversity Dodgeball
  + Friday April 13th at 7:00 pm in Fieldhouse
  + **FREE** Food and drinks for EVERYONE (you do NOT have to be on a team)

Special Events – Patricia Loughney

* Pirates vs Indians Game Poll on *my.westminster.edu*
  + *Vote for which game you would rather attend!*
* Organization Cook-Off
  + Potential event in the Fall Semester
  + Each organization that wants to participate would get money to cook for students who would act as judges

Service – Mackenzie Basalla

* Service Drive Sign-Ups
  + Service Drive that happens at the end of Greek Week
  + Sign-ups will be posted to the Senator Page for time slots for senator participation
* Food Pantry Opening
  + Check specific details in the email from Stephanie Lehman

Student Concerns – Dom Boston

* Senate size reduction proposal has produced informative responses from students
* Card readers in Ferguson Hall
  + Residents would like for more options
* Recent shooting near campus
  + Some students concerned that there was not an emergency text notification

Public Relations – Kendall Graham

* Promoting VolleyRock
  + There will be a VolleyRock Filter!

1. Old Business
   * Motion by Andrius Burnelis to discuss senate size reduction, seconded by Taylor Chock-Wong
2. New Business
   * Motion by Teddy Constantine to discuss Organization Cook-Off, seconded by Andrius Burnelis.
     + Each organization would receive their own allotted amount from SGA to pay for food
     + Some concerns about allergies, funding, facilities for organizations were mentioned
     + Senate believes it will be a good activity to hold in the Fall semester and had good suggestions on how to best execute the event
3. Open Floor
   * There **WILL BE** an SGA vote next week at 7:00 pm in which the new Associate Members to the Board of Trustees will be appointed
     + This will **NOT** be formal meeting
   * Check out the prayer board near the Office of Faith and Spirituality
   * Homecoming nominations have been extended to the end of this week
     + **SOPHOMORES PLEASE NOMINATE YOUR CLASSMATES THAT BEST REPRESENT WESTMINTER COLLEGE**
   * JEPOMUSIC ft. EPS, KD & PKT in Berlin Lounge at **8:00 pm** on Friday April 13th
     + Test your knowledge of music in a jeopardy style competition
     + **$5 per player** on each team (All proceeds go to Hungry for Music)
   * Sigma Kappa will be hosting Miss Titan Thursday April 12th at **8:00 p.m**. in Orr Auditorium
4. Adjournment

* Motion to adjourn by Taylor Chock-Wong, seconded by Teddy Constantine