

Minutes

Old Business:

Greek Life Proposal - Aaleyah Joe

- 210 responses to the survey
 - Some people really don't understand what Greek Life is
 - Other people are talking about the sisterhood aspect
- Next step: see what other campuses are doing
- Do we want to move forward on this?
 - 4 - yes
 - we will talk about this in more detail in a closed senate

Committee Reports

- Theresa Jones - Online Bookstore
 - issue is concerning the shipping and handling of the books
 - this cannot be taken off as a cost because the textbooks are cheaper
 - had a conversation with Dean O'Connell
 - books are not shipped from one central location, so shipping prices vary
 - physical bookstore prices were based on shipping anyway
- Aji Gaye - Diversity Committee
 - Want people to take a diversity sensitivity test for free
 - We should be made aware of our own biases
 - Jazmine: some faculty and staff would like to hold a panel once the Implicit Bias Test is taken by students. This will probably be held in the Spring Semester

New Business

Club Constitution - Model UN - Mary Ruth Wossum-Fisher

- Purpose of the club - learn, understand what the United Nations do
- Want to have mock runs of the General Assembly
- Would also like to participate in national/regional assemblies
- Membership is voluntary; any RCW
- \$10 is due from each member each Fall
- If Constitution is passed, the price structure for this year will be slightly different
- In lieu of a traditional hierarchy, there will be 5 executive members on an executive committee (5th position is a social advisor who looks into planning trips, events, work in tandem with the other 4 officers)
- Executive committee will switch roles at the beginning of each semester
- Executive committee will meet at the beginning of the semester to plan for the semester

- Elections:
 - Must be active member to be able to vote
 - Election by popular vote
- Club agenda will have a set format

Questions

- Tevanah - how did you come about starting this club?
 - Some students from Dr. Jones International Relations class formed an interest group
- Jazmine - Do you already have officers?
 - We already have three members. If this constitution is passed, we will hold another interest meeting.
- Rev. Scott - You mentioned going to conferences will be expensive. How do you plan on funding these? Do you plan to take from the SAF?
 - It varies from university to university. National conferences are more expensive, so we don't know how many of those we will go to. We want to raise money through a mixture of appropriations and fund raising.
- Juanaysa Singletary - what exactly is this for?
 - We will meet and discuss the politics of different countries. Different people are assigned different countries. There are simulations of the general assembly of the UN. You come up with propositions, ideas, plans, etc.
- Tralen Neal - Can you tell us how many people are already interested?
 - I have about 25 names, just from about two of Dr. Jones's class. Yet to hold another bigger interest meeting.
- Jazmine - Have you checked to see if any other clubs doing similar things?
 - I don't believe so.
- Rev. Scott - Are the people who are interested here today?
 - No, they are not.

Tevanah - Motion to table the vote

Seconded.

Not passed.

Madeleine Stout - Motion to vote.

Seconded.

Constitution is passed.

Dean O'Connell - vote was taken last week to endorse a proposal. The administration would like to have it as soon as possible.

Jazmine - you will have it by today.

Senator Concerns:

Zorina Morton - a lot of people have spoken to me about the WiFi not working.

Juanaysa Singletary - a lot of freshmen have been saying that they would like to park at Sky 3

Laura - The heating in Kable is really hot.

Announcements

Ciara McLaren - considering considering a change to the confidentiality clause. We are looking into students having authorized contact with students outside of the current system (not SA, HC).

I would love to hear from you; please send me an email anytime.

Lilly Parker - This Thursday is DMM. Peanuts Movie is at 7:45 pm and Spectre at 8 pm

Tevanah - This Thursday from 5-midnight, VWIL is having a fundraiser at Split Banana.

Shari Moody - Motion to adjourn

Seconded.