

3/15/16 Senate Minutes

Jazmine: Make sure to have your opinions on the changes to Hunt emailed to Tracy by Monday

Jazmine: How did you feel about Senate in Hunt West?

Tevanah: I thought it was pretty awkward and I would not want to do it again

Theresa: I didn't think it was bad, I think the choice of day was bad because we had that school visiting.

Jazmine: We'll chat about this again before school ends. I agree with both of you, and I also agree that it takes away from the professionalism aspect.

Jazmine: By Monday, I want a solid update on the concern given to you.

Buildings - Theresa, Madeleine

Jazmine: By Monday, I need you to take pictures of buildings on campus, see where work needs to be done.

Student Employment - Zorina, Jazmine will send an email to Kaitlin Duggins and Robin Dietrich

Security - Tevanah Charlemagne

Mailroom - Shari

Greek Life Survey Results

61% for Greek Life

39% against Greek Life

Jazmine: Do you think you want to back this idea as a student senate?

Theresa: I think we need to remind students that joining a sorority is a choice. I think that students should consider more.

Shari: I think it's noteworthy that the majority did say yes. And it helps with our transition to a university.

Laura: But where would sororities be housed?

Jazmine: We've had living-learning communities on campus like VWIL and PEG, and so I don't really see that a major concern but is something to be thought about

Madison: We have living learning communities right now, do you think it would take away from the current ones?

Aji: I don't think so

Madeleine: My concern is funding and the party culture that comes with it.

Aji: I don't think mixers will be a big concern.

Tevanah: I'm pretty sure sororities get funding from the government..?

Jazmine: The school will still have to pay some money. I don't know where that money will come from at Mary Baldwin.

Madison: Dues will also balance costs

Theresa: I do see some racial tensions erupting on campus, especially looking into which sororities come onto campus.

Jazmine: That would depend on the sponsors here as well. I do agree that it could increase the racial tensions that have already been made apparent. There are pros and cons to this issue so we have to figure out how the options weigh out.

Juanaysa: I think it will bring something to the campus because we only have Gateways that we're forced to be a part of. I think it will help with retention.

Jazmine: do we want to back this proposal?

7 for

2 against

Jazmine: we'll continue to work on this, and we will work on a reformed proposal for next week.

Beautification Initiative

Aji: I think she should add the mold problem on there

Madeleine: Are we considering academic buildings as well?

Jazmine: This one's focus is on the residential dorms. We can still mention academic buildings.

Jazmine: This is an actual proposal that will be sent to administration. Make sure to take pictures that exemplify problems here and label the pictures.

Tevanah: Do you really think this will affect retention rates?

Jazmine: I don't see why not, but it also affects current students.

Khabirah: Regarding security, the Hilltop dorm doors lock automatically and that's a concern.

Khabirah: STARS is going to have a penny war starting Monday.

Shari: BCM has Bible Study tonight at 7:30 pm

Deandra: BPB is having a St. Patrick's Day event on Thursday

Laura: There's going to be an interest meeting about the yearbook, email Laura if interested.