**Student Council Meeting Minutes**

September 22, 2016, 12:00-1:00pm

Board Room

**Attendance:**

*Present:* Simone Hutchings, President; James Turner, Treasurer; Lauren Bennett, Secretary/Washington Theological Consortium Representative; Katie Beth Miksa, Parliamentarian/Washington Theological Consortium Representative; Kayla Carico, Of Sacred Worth Representative; Samantha Klipsch, At Large Representative; Emily Pickens-Jones, Plumbline Representative; Yongshi (Yo) Rhie, Korean Student Organization Representative; Daniel Viehland, Wesley Fellowship Representative; Alexandra Woody, At Large/Literally Active Representative; Miracle Worrell, Association of Black Seminarians Representative; Megan Blanchard, Guest; Kasongo Butler, Guest; Justin Nick, Guest

*Absent:* Sam Larson, Vice President; Ivan Milosi, At Large Representative; Elijah Ferebee, At Large Representative; Rachel Williams, At Large Representative

**Faculty/Staff:**

*Present:* Anne Hottel-Cox

*Absent:* Sara Sheppard, Advisor

**Call to Order/Welcome:** Simone Hutchings called the meeting to order at 12:11. Lauren Bennett opened the meeting with prayer. The agenda was amended to add a time for student representatives for faculty committees. After, all executive board members, student council members, staff, and guests introduced themselves and their position, if applicable.

**New Business:**

1. **Resignation of Vice President** (Simone Hutchings): Hutchings reported that Sam Larson will be stepping down from the office as Vice President due to personal reasons.
2. **Elections** *(James Turner Jr.):* Turner reported he will be the Elections Committee Chair and will be joined by Rachel Williams and Brad Kenn who worked on elections last year who will help with the process.  Nominations will be taken online beginning next week for the 5 open positions for returning students, 5 positions for first year students  for the office of Vice President. Student Council representatives are also asked to help staff a table that will be in the refectory to aid students in creating time to nominate others.

Elections will begin Saturday and close Wednesday the 5th so that all  council members can be invited to the October 6th meeting. James also reported that student ID numbers will be used to prevent voter fraud in the election.

Emily Pickens-Jones asked if there is a list of those who have been a part of SC before so that people can have a reference for the office of the Vice President as only those who have served on Student Council before are eligible.  Annie Hottel-Cox recommended that names not be submitted in an email to the student body, but that the list be used by the Elections committee to determine eligibility to fill the role of the Vice President.

1. **Scheduling and Miscommunications** (Simone Hutchings): Hutchings reported that Student Council is responsible for keeping the calendar, so it requested that Student Organizations send in dates for their events and meetings so that Student Council, namely the Executive Board can assist in making sure that events do not conflict.

Hutchings also reminded attendees that policies have not changed, this procedure is being suggested as a way to facilitate communication across the Student Body and to foster a community that works together to provide programming.

1. **Reports from Student Organizations** (Lauren Bennett): Bennett suggested that organizations send in their reports the Friday before the next meeting and those notes be included so we do not spend as much time talking through events at the Student Council meetings. When student organizations are planning large events or events where collaboration is desired, time will be built in on the agenda so that discussion is not rushed and events can have more intentional time.

The proposal includes a provision that student organizations would not be given automatic spoken time at meetings as time is short and information will be on the agenda for dates and important information. This means, if organizations fail to submit a report, they will not be given time at the meeting. This strict proposal is to ensure that Student Council meetings start and end on time, student’s time is respected, and Student Council can focus on discussion based matters.

Alex Woody asked if events could be discussed if they aren’t on the agenda. It was clarified that in addition to intentional time being built in there will always be a few minutes reserved at the end of the meeting for people to bring anything up for the good or the order.

**Association of Black Seminarians** (Miracle Worrell): Worrell reported that ABS started the semester strongly with a spirit-led worship service and soul food dinner. She reminded the Council the the next worship service will be the 4th Tuesday of the month in the Chapel. A General meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month. She also reported that October is Mental Health Awareness month and ABS will be working with AU’s Black Student Association for programming.

**Korean Student Association** (Yongshi (Yo) Rhie): Rhie reimded students that KSA sponsors a prayer meeting from 9:30-10:30pm in Elderdice ever Thursday. She also mentioned KSA is looking for ways to get Korean students more involved in other student organizations so invited Council to consider ways to partner.

**Literally Active** (Alex Woody): Woody reported there will be a 5K in Novemeber and another in the Sprint. LA will be helping folks get ready by hosting couch-to-5K runs at the AU track twice a week. They are currently looking at the events they will be doing including putting together a schedule for bi-weekly fitness classes during the day to best accommodate commuter students in addition to residential students. Hottell-Cox asked if these classes would be open to faculty and staff as well. Woody replied that all would be invited to participate.

**Of Sacred Worth** (Kayla Carico): Carico announced that there will be a potluck at the OFW’s home on September 30 where they will be planning and getting to one another more deeply. They will be meeting on Wednesday at lunch on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays and are starting the process to have a webpage hosted on Wesley’s site for information, resources and events. They ask that everyone pen the Trans\* Day of Remembrance service on Nov. 17 during lunch in their calendars. Student Council will be cancelled that day to facilitate more participation.

**Washington Theological Consortium** (Katie Beth Miska and Lauren Bennett): Miska reported that there are some upcoming speaker events that are being planning in addition to the annual Pub Theology Quiz at Virginia Theological Seminary. More information on events will be shared as they are finalized. A congratulations was given for Katie Beth Miska who was also named co-president of the consortium for the next year.

**Wesley Fellowship** (Daniel Viehland): Viehland reported that their meetings are the 1st Thursday of each month. Upcoming events from Wesley Fellowship are: Pumpkin picking on Oct. 22. A promise of hay rides with cute animals to pet was made. Wesley Con will be the 28th of October.

**Resident Managers/Office of Community Life** (Anne Hottel-Cox): Hottel-Cox announced there will be Trick or Treating through the offices and dorms on October 28.

1. **Student Reps for Faculty Committees** (Anne Hottel-Cox): Hottel-Cox reminded that students sit on the following Faculty Committees:
   1. **Masters:** Decideswhat courses are going to be offered, makes curriculum requirement changes etc.
   2. **Community Life**: Goal for the year is to push the advising system
   3. **Chapel special events:** Sets the schedule for weekly planning; has had representatives from KSA and ABS in the past

It was clarified that the Diversity Committee is an Ad Hoc committee.

**“For the good of the community” – Announcements:**

Reminder – Student Council meetings meetings are every other Thursday:

* Dates for Fall: 6 and 20 October 6 and 20; 3 November; 1  December
* There will be no Student Council Meeting on November 17 as there will be a Transgender Day of Remembrance and we would like to encourage the council and student body to attend.
* Reminder to sign in to Student Council meetings and provide your Wesley Email.

**Closing Prayer/Adjournment:** James Turner Jr. closed the meeting in prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 12:46pm.

Faithfully Submitted,

Lauren Bennett