

Wesley Theological Seminary Student Council  
General Meeting Minutes-Wednesday 19, 2022  
5:00pm

**Members Present:**

**In person attendance** – Emily, Katharine, Dalton, Tony, Austin, Michael, Alli, Kristin, Evan, Phillip

**Online Attendance** – Jan, Scott, Cesar, Simon, Sika, Will, Talina, Claudia, Jill, Brianna, Dr. Rick Elgandy

**Opening Devotional-Community Reflection**

**Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes**

Allison Schwartz moved to approve last meeting's minutes. Jill Meadows gave second.

**Student Care Chair**

Student care needs have increased. Questions around the Student Care Chair was raised by members of the Student Council. A preliminary conversation is being had at the moment. Part of the position could coordinate with Rev. Dr. Lisa Banks-Williams. Amendment to the current Student Council Constitution might need to be done to fit chair position. Student Care would support for times of finals, ect. (treats, coloring pages, therapy dogs, ect.). Right now there is no student care committee. Discussion has been tabled until next meeting.

**Hospitality: Costa Cristovao, Chairperson**

Activity for the 29th of October. Working with Community Life. Next meeting is schedule for November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Communications: Allison Schwartz, Chairperson**

We will have a new communication editor. The Wesley Journal will be coming out in December with a new issue. There is a lack of a cohesive calendar, and committee will work with the Wesley Director of Communications to make this happen. The purpose of the calendar is that events will be announced within 2 weeks in advanced. The next meeting is November 2nd at 12:30pm. Campus events for Advent are being planned. 4:30-7:00pm The Outer Darkness Walk at the Lincoln Memorial this Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Virtual coffee hour to be scheduled.

**Finance: Jill Meadows, Chairperson**

Met with Business Office last week regarding reimbursements. There are new procedures in place for reimbursements. She will communicate with those who are awaiting reimbursements. Trying to minimize the number of the reimbursements by going to Rev. Lee Brown in the Community Life Office. Jill now has the budget and will communicate with those who need information. Still looking for members for committee. Evan clarified information.

**Constitution and Judicial Review: Will Newton, Chairperson**

Looking for 1 or 2 more members. Open to suggestions. First meeting hopefully in November

**Class Gift Committee: Scott Bach Hansen, Chairperson**

No report to January

**Student Organizations Reports**

**ABS-Titus Bryant, President**

Thank you to everyone who came to the kickball event and the Honk for Jesus discussion. Thanksgiving gathering in November

**APIA-Tony Elkins, President**

Event tomorrow at 5pm

**KSA-T. Roh, President**

Offered prayers for T. and his family. Garden Concert was a success. Organization is still looking for a secretary and a treasurer. No upcoming event planned

**GLSA-Talina Sarmiento Beck and Alina Saucedo, Presidents**

October 4<sup>th</sup> was a good worship experience. Planning to meet within the next 2 weeks.

**Board of Governors Meeting-Evan Taylor**

1. Student care need came up
2. A conversation about student voice in campus projects. Evan spoke in the Board of Governors meeting. She invited the Board of Governors to speak and ask students about the things that desire to see at Wesley. A report of meeting will be sent to the president's office. There will be a push for listening groups

There are going to be changes to the handbook and catalog and other polices and procedures that also involve contextual education. There is a push for student representation in every committee. **Changes to Contextual Education and PMM: PMM**

will be the same number of credits and will go from two years to one. The immersion programs have created financial problems with students. The PMM office and staff is aware of the demands on the students as far as their time and responsibilities.

**Chapel and Community Life: Sonja Burketh and Alli Galbreath**

Looking for recommendations for the Oscar Romero Lecture in the Spring. Next week chapel will be the first student chapel with Evan preaching.

**Contextual Education: Yasika Bigham**

Dates to informational meeting for PMM via Zoom one is this upcoming Monday October 24th and November 10th at 5pm.

**Consortium: Jan Phillips and Ed Crump**

Free tickets to see about the Samaritans Movie on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm-2:30pm at The Museum of the Bible. Student Trivia Night November 12th at 7:00pm at Virginia Theological Seminary. Transportation needs will be available for those needing a ride.

**Evan handed meeting over to Allison**

**Diversity: Simon Lee and Tony Elkins**

A meeting has been scheduled.

**Masters: Allison Schwarz and Dalton McBeath**

Approved new class "The Ethical Self and Prophetic Witness" and the "Public Theology Electives" recently meet.

**Old or New Business:**

Praying for the president's wife Drema McAllister-Wilson as she has suffered a stroke and aneurysm.

**Adjournment**

Jill Meadows offered a motion to adjourn meeting with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Bach Hansen. Scott. Meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Phillip A. Harris, M.Div. (he, him, his)  
Wesley Student Council Secretary