

Wesley Theological Seminary Student Council
General Meeting Minutes-Wednesday November 16, 2022
5:00pm

Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

Opening Devotion- Allison Schwarz started meeting by giving an opening devotion. Prayer concerns were given and lifted by members of the council. Following devotion and prayer, words of thanks and encouragement were given.

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes- Allison Schwarz made a motion to approve the minutes of last month's meeting, and the motion was seconded by Jill Meadows. Minutes were approved as written.

Financial Budget Changes for Spring 2023- Jill Meadows gave a report of the financial budget changes for Spring 2023. The goal is to have everything done by the week of December 12th. Jill needs a full committee so that there can be a vote.

- 1) Election event, use elections committee money to have an event to meet and greet candidates running for council. A motion was given to have an election event for next semester and to form a line item for the event.
 - A motion was made by Evan Taylor to have an election event for next semester and to form a line item for the event. A motion to vote was made by Allison Schwarz and seconded by Simon Lee. A budget of \$200.00 was decided for line item.
- 2) At large members were not included in the original budget for a stipend. Everyone on the Executive Committee has a stipend.
 - A motion was made to add stipend to the budget for the hospitality, online representative, and two at large members. The motion was seconded by Allison Schwarz. Simon Lee called for a vote for the motion. Motion passed by majority vote of council.
- 3) Student Council Retreat. A budget for a full student council retreat was discussed. It was discussed that \$1000.00 from committee meals be taken and used to create a student council retreat line item. A point of clarification was raised by Allison Schwarz and a motion was made to vote. Motion passed by majority vote of the council.

Student Care Discussion- The student care chairperson does not need to be elected but can be appointed by student council. Suggestions were raised by members of the council.

Student Committee Updates:

Hospitality-Costa Cristovao, Chairperson

Family Thanksgiving Dinner along with the open mic event will be Sunday November 20th from 6pm-8pm. There will be activities to celebrate the end of the semester along with activities on campus to celebrate Advent.

Questions and feedback were given members of the council.

Communications- Allison Schwarz, Chairperson

Activity calendar has been made so that the Wesley community knows what is taken place. There needs to be a 2-week time period so that people can plan. Wesley Journal is planning to be printed on December 6th. There will not be another meeting for this semester. A student feedback session is being planned.

Constitution and Judicial Review- Will Newton, Chairperson

There will be a meeting by the end of the semester.

Class Gift- Scott Bach Hansen

No physical report given at meeting; report was submitted prior to meeting.

Wesley Committee Updates:

Contextual Education-Yasika Bigham, Chairperson

Nothing to report.

Upcoming PMM session and the ending of the immersion program as a requirement for Master of Divinity degree program.

Theological Consortium-Jan Phillips and Ed Crump, Chairpersons

Trivia Night at Virginia Theological Seminary was a success.

No events planned until January.

Diversity-Simon Lee and Tony Elkins, Chairpersons

Update on website, committee recently had a meeting. Looking for more ideas to add to the website. A project is being started on diversity. Pictures of silhouettes needed to start a project.

Masters- Allison Schwarz and Dalton McBeath, Chairpersons

Will be sharing feedback from the last Masters committee meeting soon.

Board of Governors-Evan Taylor, Student Council President

Nothing to share.

Wesley Student Organizations:

ABS-Titus Bryant, President

Reports were given on the kickball event on Labor Day and the discussion and movie event on Honk For Jesus. Next event will be the Tuesday before Finals. Black History month events are being planned. Report was also given on Wesley's Innovation Hub, team building resources along with other resources will be going out. Workshops and master classes are also being planned.

APIA- Tony Elkins, President

Organization is in the process of planning for the next semester.

KSA- T. Roh, President

Had a meeting recently and prepared a small gift for students. Took time to pray and to mourn for the events in Korea. A service will be held at the end of the semester. A Korean street food event is being planned.

GLSA- Talina Sarmiento Beck and Alina Saucedo, Presidents

Most of the GLSA members are not on campus or even in Washington DC. They have been supporting each other and preparing for change of leadership in GLSA.

Old Business- None

New Business- None

Next Meeting-January 18, 2023

Adjournment

Allison Schwarz made motion to adjourn meeting, seconded was given by Simon Lee. Meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phillip A. Harris, M.Div. (he, him, his)

Wesley Student Council Secretary