



CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
STUDENT
ACADEMIC SENATE

October 7th, 2014

Call to Order

Chair calls the meeting to order at 7:07pm

Attendance

Present: Communication, Foreign Language, History, Music, Management, ETSC, ITAM, LLSE, Military Service, Biology, Chemistry, and Psychology

Absent: Family & Consumer Studies

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Chair adds the nomination of Hauka Harfst to new business.

Chair adds PEP SH's report back to new business.

Chair adds Accounting's report back to new business.

Approval of the Agenda

Chair entertains the motion to approve the agenda

Biology so moves

Communications seconds

PASSED

Approval of the Minutes

May 29th, 2014

Management moves to approve the minutes from May 29th, 2014

Music seconds

PASSED

Communications

(none)

Announcements

(none)

Reports

Chair Report

Administrative Assistant announces there is a budget of \$41,231 from S&A committee. Sharon from accounting will let us know if there is rollover from the previous year. Provost wants to schedule meeting with the general SAS to discuss various topics.

Chair reports that there is a need for one Executive Board member for college of business.

Chair reports there is a need for three new committees.

Chair would like someone passionate to bring forth new committees.

ITAM asks how many exec board members we have presently.

Chair answers that there are 4 presently filled positions.

Advisor Report – Jesse Nelson

(Not present at the meeting)

New Business

Management moves to elect Hauka Harfst to represent Special Programs for Executive Board this year

LLSE seconds

Military Science abstains

PASSED

Funding Requests

(none)

Report Backs

Communications – Silver Caoili (5 minutes)

In May of 2014, PRSSA attended a conference in Scottsdale, AZ. Learned how to be a president and lead a group. Saw many chapter development trainings. Learned how to lead their professional chapter this year and new fundraising ideas, and communication and publicity ideas. They had fun, but it was 104 degrees and the week before finals.

PEPSH

Went to Guam with a bunch of students from PEP SH, public health and education majors to work at an education camp. Taught kids from ages 5 to 15 about the importance of health and nutrition. Guam has a high obesity rate and nutrition is not well educated there. Hiking, tours, public health majors got to travel to different department that needed our help and received job offers. They had fun.

Beta Alpha Psi (Accounting)

Back in August, went down to Atlanta for an annual conference. Presented to other students about recruiting other students into the club. Participated in networking with others and established communication with one of the biggest firms in the world. Yup, had fun.

Old Business

Faculty Development Day (10 minutes)

Biology comments that it is irrelevant that Development Day is being discussed by the general SAS.

Communications says that it “optional” is bad. Development Day is almost useless because it is in the middle of the quarter and would rather have the day used right before finals.

Management says it is awkward, and throws student’s and faculty’s schedule off. Some may use to study or work, some may use to take a day off.

Biology disagrees with Management and Communications because there is useful time for professors to still make class a requirement and not optional for students.

LLSE says the problem with it being optional is that students who must travel from a distance

ITAM: Faculty Senate meeting reported optional, but students are able to ask their professors if they must attend class. Last year, there was a large discussion about the topic because of labs during the quarter. Claims that Development Day will not take affect for two years from this academic year.

Accounting: The point of an optional Development Day for students doesn’t make sense for students. You shouldn’t have an optional day because no career has optional days like this.

Management says we can suppose to move the day closer to a holiday break in the academic schedule

Chair proposes it to be on a Monday or Friday

Economics agrees with consistency is key. If the day is off, you have time to catch up on homework and such. Having just one class is pointless. If you are going to give us a day off when we can get something done.

Biology questions if the purpose of the day is for the faculty to have a day off to prepare and develop or to just have a day off for students?

Economics says the point of Development Day is that we have one day off for a break. Students get a day off in fall, winter and spring.

Chair explains that it was originally on a Monday before finals

Music views that this is similar to having finals in person during finals week as opposed to online. Music had classes required to meet that day. There was no way to enforce it.

History proposes to end the quarter one day early. Instead of having the Monday Development Day and students still get the day before finals. Faculty is happy, students are happy.

Chair would like to see a vote from the general SAS to see how they feel.

Option 1: “The Student Academic Senate adopts no position on Development Day.”

1 vote.

Option 2: “Move that the SAS official position be in support of a Development Day on a Monday or a Friday of any week.”

4 vote.

Option 3: “Move that the SAS official position be in support of a Development Day on the Friday before Finals.”

9 votes.

Issues and Concerns

Biology notices a lack of involvement from students doing anything beyond for their major. Would like to know if there is a committee to help engage/involvement for these students. Sitting behind a desk does not qualify as completing your major.

Adjourn

Communication moves to adjourn

Management seconds

ITAM abstains

PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm