



WESTMONT

COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

WCSA Assembly Meeting Agenda

January 20, 2021

7:30 - Prayer

7:35- David Bailey

- Understanding the role of young people in making change
- “Race reckoning”: time our country is in the past four to five years
- Powerful tools for change at our disposal (technology)
 - We assume that things should change as fast as technology, but things happen gradually
- We need to learn that real change takes time
 - Be strategic as leaders, see the long term
 - Ask, “what are we moving towards?” & “How do we do this in a distinctly Christian way?”
- Some Christians are unengaged because they don't realize that justice is Christian work
- Christian in name but not Christians in practice doing the work of justice
- Doing something that is distinctly Christian should be different from other ways and methods
- Westmont is not a dogma type of school
- How do we make sure change is still happening, even if it will be happening gradually?
How do we make sure that justice delayed does not become justice denied?
 - It's not like things are not happening, but it is intentional and specific, and smaller steps
 - There are positional leaders and influential leaders
 - You are more likely to change things if you like someone and build a relationship with them, you can still disagree and fight but you have relationship
- How do we avoid making our social media performative?
 - A difference between activism and “social slacktivism”
 - Try not to say or talk to anyone in a way that you wouldn't say in person
 - Jesus changed the world with 12
 - The harvest is great but the laborers are few
 - Proclaiming the kingdom of God, bringing healing and deliverance with people
 - Affecting everyone in the system; racism is a disease/cancer that affects us all

- Do ministry with people of peace
 - Don't get into arguments online
 - People who are not people of peace are not the people who we are called to do ministry with; pray that the Holy Spirit would reveal that to them
- How do we engage well with COVID?
 - Proximity is important in matters of justice
 - It is all about eating: eating across difference
 - Creating opportunities for people to gather together in a time that we are lonely
 - Hospitality is key, especially with people of color
 - Show hospitality to the outsider/minority
 - Making and creating together; everyone is invested
- How do we rebuild trust on campus and how do we do it well?
 - Listening, eliminating hierarchy, time to share your own story, asking clarifying questions
 - Encouraging people to ask questions
 - Echoing and repeating back to them their questions
 - Attach emotion to question
 - Asking, “Did I capture that question and emotion?”
 - Slowing down, repeat back, and listen well
 - Feels slower, but makes things go faster
 - People are not feeling heard, so they get angry.
- How can we utilize our ethnicity in a healthy way for cross-cultural identity?
 - Read widely, from many sides
 - Jesus and the Disinherited
 - Reading While Black

Committee Reports

External Committees

- DC Committee (Senator Noh) - 8:15
 - Meeting today with Students for Sustainability club and RA rep
 - Implement more vegan and vegetarian options
 - Better waste management and sustainability
 - More lines
 - Better communication to students to tell them what is available to them, resources for them
 - If someone has dietary needs, they can email the DC and they can accommodate (Theresa.Taylor@sodexo.com)
 - Trash cans keep overflowing

Internal Committees

- Westmont Beautification committee (CM Brase)- 8:20

- Meeting as a subcommittee this week and then with Randy before next meeting
- Proposal to raise funding for this project
- Formulate a plan and give a road map
 - Allocating price of funds for each dorm

Old Business

Bill & Funding Proposals

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Other

- Newsletters (CM Brase) - 8:25
 - Including funding proposals and bills
 - Subcommittees and committees
 - Noah's meetings with Beebe and points from it/bullet points
 - Encourage conversation

New Business

Bill & Funding Proposals

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Other

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Matters of Consideration

- Irene Neller's #ProtectTheMont instagram challenge (Senator Brase) - 8:30
 - Email the contest out details out
 - Put self in COVID situation about protecting the Mont and film a video on iPhone
 - \$500 prize for winners of video
 - Mikey will help coordinate email
 - Meet with Irene Neller to get more details
- Trash cans, printers, and Vacuum cleaners (VP Grierson) - 8:35
 - Trash cans: providing more trashcans for students?
 - 2 trash cans for VK is inadequate
 - Incentive for students ?
 - Create a new culture for students
 - Reach out to Bill Grovenald and Tom with an email
 - **BILL NEXT WEEK**
 - Vacuum cleaner update for all the dorms
 - Work on coordinating printers
 - Refund for students?
 - Details could be complicated to allocate
- Office Hours (President Good) - 8:40
 - Update office hours and send to Kenna

- Do office hours outside
- Reach out to people and ask about concerns
- Send hours by next meeting

Open Discussion & Parking Lot

- Feedback on WCSA statement (President Good) - 8:45
 - Correspondence about statements
 - Civil conversations: people wanting to make their opinions heard
- Strategic Planning Feedback Reminder (VP Grierson) - 8:50
 - Talk to residents about strengths for Westmont to build on, weaknesses, goals to have for the next few years
 - Encourage students to take survey

9:00 - Adjourned

ACTION ITEMS:

- reaching out to bill and tom
- Beautification committee meeting
- newsletter
- refunding students
- getting office hours in
- talking about strategic planning