

A call to order!

Rachel: Sadly none of the new voting members are here, are there any committee reports?

Amy: Dining Committee met, the clean plate club is currently going on. Also the Earth Day picnic will happen this Saturday and were asking students to bring their own utensils and plates to cut down on waste. Glad is also exploring the idea of buying biodegradable silverware, but right now we don't have the compost capacity and it's also expensive.

Cathy: PAC met and is working on the case statement for the college, its used in major fundraising campaigns for the school. It basically states why you should give to the school. Ours is going to focus on the triad and how it feeds into our more organic view of sustainability (real). After the trustees see it and we get feedback from them PAC will get it back, make any revisions as necessary and then send it out the Wilson community for feedback.

Student Life: Decided which theme suites were to be accepted. Choose based on validity and applicability. We approved 8 of the 10 applications; they'll be placed in the Villages and Schaffer. Some examples include an Academic, Spanish, Athletics, African American music roots and Activism suite. The ones we turned down didn't meet requirements and there wasn't enough space. Shepherd isn't affinity housing next year rather it will have general guidelines for communal living.

Rachel: Introduction of guest, Chris Biddle and the idea of a tag wall.

Chris: I have limited personal experience but am interested in graffiti. Has been talking with other people and there seems to be a lot of support behind it and he wants to see it get going. There are several good locations, including behind Holden on the slanted wall, the wall facing the path on the side of the pavilion. Understand that Bruce from landscaping and a group of students built that wall so he would have to talk to them first. And the final idea would be on the wall for the tennis courts (the back of) facing the woods.

The wall will need to have context, students may not necessarily have free reign that could result in an eye sore. Graffiti is a form of social protest, (at this point Chris read a prepared blurb that I couldn't write fast enough to catch). This blurb would go up next to the wall in hopes that people would be conscious but open. Basically it recognizes that graffiti art is a form of expression.

Has also explored the idea of getting books into the library and perhaps host a weekend event with local graffiti artists. This may be difficult however as these artists are generally hard to find. There's also a time constraint for getting this done this year.

Alex: Have you talked to Alex French? If not you may want to do so before he graduates.

Chris: Always looking to gauge/gain interest.

Rachel: Previous attempts to do something to do something with that wall were painted over because of athletics donor concerns.

Allison: I like the idea of putting them behind the art buildings, puts them in some context, who would keep them up?

Chris: Has a friend on paint crew that would be willing to check up on the wall.

Katie: Supportive. CAD crew works on vandalism” and repairing/cleaning it eats money. Having a tag wall may be a way to reduce costs, set a place to express freely. But should be behind art buildings because it stressed that this is for art.

Griffin: Have you looked at any other schools that have tag walls? NC State and Hampshire do, you may want to look at those.

Chris: Will do.

*Conveniently, at this point Alex French walked by! Snagged to sit in on the meeting he provided valuable insight.*

Alex F: For the Spring Arts Festival were going to paint the wall behind Holden matte black and it’s going to be a tagging wall. Not sure for how long it will stay up but hopefully at least to the end of summer. The art department will have to decide whether it will be painted over periodically to get a clean slate or if they will keep it layered. The Art Festival is Friday (April 25<sup>th</sup>) from 12 to 5.

Has also attempted to get mural crew on paint crew but got hung up in higher administration. The original proposal will be at the paint shed.

Ella: There’s still interest in the mural crew, a couple of students on paint crew are trying to get it started.

Cathy: One of the biggest concerns about murals on campus is the upkeep and maintenance issue.

Alex F: another issue is that of money, the paint crew doesn’t have sunburst orange so we would have to buy many more paints. You would also have to get more knowledgeable people on the paint crew.

Candace: Were now going to move on to grants, hopefully this has been somewhat resolved and you two can get together after the meeting. Were going to move on to grants. Like to preface this with the knowledge that we don’t have quorum so were going to do a rundown of the grants and what the committee has allotted them and then talk about suspending quorum or what to do next.

The grant committee went over 5 applications and instead of face-to-face meetings we e-mailed them questions. We then met again and went over how to allocate the funds. We’ve decided to fund all 5 grants and have invited the authors here to discuss them.

Mike Jolly: Applied for a grant on behalf of the garden to fund rainwater recovery system through rain barrels. We applied for a seed grant through the ELC and were awarded around 300 dollars, unfortunately that's not enough to purchase the 500 gallon system we were hoping to install.

Candace: Mike and the garden asked for 200 dollars and we chose to fund this grant fully.

Dylan: Proposed the idea for tuned bells made from old scrap tanks. Envisions pagoda type deal with five to six bells. Will need to talk to Buildings and Grounds but some location ideas were on Dogwood or the river trail, but envisions something farther away with more solitude.

Candace: Dylan asked for between \$200-\$300, the grant committee allotted \$220.

Phil: Zacchaeus house is a non-profit in Asheville that supplies about 100 people with food, legal and spiritual guidance. The house is Manna assisted but has come under a crunch recently due to the cost of food and some legal issues with the City. The grant would go to funding and implementing a community garden to provide food and some experience for the house. Envisions student crews getting involved to help educate everyone involved.

Lindsay: would you be purchasing tools and leaving them there?

Phil: yes, tools and the like would become property of the house so they can continue to care for it, as Wilson may not always be able to help. Questioned when the funds need to be spent by.

Candace: Applied for \$350 but the committee feels 300 would be a good start and if there was need could easily apply for a grant at the start of next year. Grants money needs to be spent by June 30<sup>th</sup> at the absolute latest, as that's when the budget rolls over to the next fiscal year.

Laura: The Dorland game room is in strange room in the basement of Dorland. There are several graduating members that are looking to make sure that the room can easily be continued and upkeep by future interested parties. On that note the hardware is somewhat old and the grant would fund upgrades to make the transition easier.

Candace: The grant committee allocated \$230 for this grant.

Laura: *When asked if the room is actually used.* Yes, there are seemingly always people in their, its got 6-½ duct taped on the door if you want to check it out.

Candace: The radio station applied as a follow up from coming to the caucus meeting. They have a fair amount of support but would like some additional funding. The

committee allotted 200 dollars for equipment in hopes that other sources of funding would be available.

Brendan: Why wasn't the campus radio funded more?

Griffin: They have other sources of funding *Candace elaborates* from the WPO, Student Life, Student Activities and the music department. Also explained that 200 dollars was a round amount that shows student support.

Cathy: As already discussed the reason there's a time crunch with these grants is because as of June 30<sup>th</sup> the fiscal year changes and thus the budget changes. It's not really possible to carry these funds over into the next fiscal year.

Mandy: Were all grants funded, and what exactly are we voting on?

Laura: yes, all grants were funded.

Candace: We need to vote to approve the committee's recommendations to Student Caucus, until then; the grants haven't officially been allocated.

Lindsay: Is it possible to have an open vote to the community?

Rachel: Confirmed that funds need to be allocated by June 30<sup>th</sup>, then wondered if the need will end if not granted by the end of the week.

*There was decent in the room about suspending quorum, some people seemed uncomfortable with the idea.*

Cathy: Perhaps we could publicize the importance of next weeks meeting in hopes to get quorum and then vote.

Allison: Supports the idea of a vote that is more representative of the voting members.

Candace: In that case we'll try and vote again next week and hope that we have quorum. Because were out of time if you have any suggestions for the end of the year caucus dinner (food choices) please let us know.

Cathy: A quick word about the Bubbas. After the Bubba the last spring everybody met and decided due to outside regulations that they were not comfortable continuing the Bubba tradition. In place of that we've recognized the need for an end of the year celebration. So, the school is hosting an end of the year celebration from 5-12 on May 10th at the farm. There will be 5 bands and Pisgah will run a beer garden. It's a family oriented event honoring graduating seniors and celebrating the fact that we made it through another year. Student life is looking for input so if you have any idea please forward them to myself or Dan from Student Activities.

### **Praises and Concerns:**

We should have work day each semester

^That'd be cool! I love workday!

So what about a service day?

I wasn't a service day for non-freshman but another work day would be great too.

Service day should be open to everyone.

Take Back the Night 7:30 Ballfields!

Water Conservation informational meeting w/ root beer floats 7:15 tonight.

A proposal about no trays in glad may appear in the next few weeks – will we support it?