

UDTS Student Council Thursday, August 15, 2024

Members: Amanda McDonald, Josh Clapp, Amanda Fuls, Emmie Gimple, James Baty, Raissa Dupuis, Joseph Leggett (Guest), Rob Heinz Advisor: Emily Blue

Josh calls meeting to order at 7:36pm

Agenda Items:

New Members

Budget

Meeting Dates

Emily Blue has the floor:

Bylaws needing to be updated:

Proposed to change

- MACL to MAAM
- *Current budget unknown- around \$2900-\$3900 we are waiting to get official documents from Claire in October - we will keep the fees the same*
- No longer maintaining the food pantry- *Thoughts on other ministries we can focus on*
- We are not reporting to the SGA (Student Government) change in bylaws
- We do need to meet with the board of trustees at least once. Would like representation at the faculty meetings once a month (change in bylaws)
- Dean will meet with us via zoom at our next meeting.

Motion proposed by Amanda M to approve changes to bylaws, seconded by Raissa, Josh called for an official vote and it passed unanimously

Added to StuCo roles Members at Large:

Emily McCreery

Tasha Leader

Amanda Fuls

Matt Moore

Daniel Persinger

James Baty - Treasurer

Raissa Dupuis- Secretary

Jill Dodds will send out voting email via outlook and copy Emily Blue- Amanda M to forward information to Jill

Josh Clapp has the floor:

Meeting Time established moving forward: Third Thursday of the month 12pm CST

Joseph has the floor:

- Curriculum revision ideas:
- Done well
 - spiritual growth
 - curriculum is academic

- Constructive Criticism- Lacking skill set leaving seminary
 - lack of audio and visual training
 - maybe move chapel
 - GIC too long
 - feeling ill-equipped to minister those with church wound
 - Josh feels that although the beauty and spirituality has been really emphasized, he does not feel ready to help those who have been wounded by the church. This would be a great hole to fill to train pastors

Emily:

“The Dean is committed to revising and making things better” -Encourages curriculum revisions

Some Discussion

- Potential workshop for AV and Tech (3 hours)
- Opinions voiced in agreement around need for this type of training from all members at the meeting

Josh Clapp:

Table the ministry theme and come up with ideas for next meeting

James B:

Ideas around Missio Dei?

Emily:

Nelson Edmonds may have ideas for us, or maybe the Mental Health Clinic?

James B will contact Nelson Edmonds in the coming weeks to see if he has ideas for us

Some discussion around orientation- specifically library (Rob started this conversation)

First year students voiced that they had a great experience this year with orientation- casual, but thorough

Change preload to include library tools?- James

Rob: would like to include some family systems theory- maybe a training vs a class

Josh: points to Dr. McCaw's care for curriculum revision- encourages us to have further discussion this year

Rob: orientation for Brain Health Clinic on campus?

First year students confirm this is part of their foundations course on Moodle
Providing brain health for all students across the US is hard due to licensing...

Could we find a discount for an online telehealth brain health provider?

Emmie: Chapel was open for ProUD events. Can we utilize something like that for brain health support? Can we help plug in somehow to show support to ProUD?

Josh: Would like to host an event (lunch) for an LGBTQIA community

Emily: To Joe's point, could we have a Zoom Spiritual Care community for those in need? Be the church for each other.

Josh:

Other items: Care packages, timing, who can help, ideas for next meeting- Amazon, Staples, and HyVee are our retailers

- Everyone bring ideas for special mailers to September meeting
- Email monthly each member with a bio and something fun- Spotify Playlists, jokes, etc.

Josh calls for any last ideas

Next meeting September 19 at 12pm CST

Amanda M motion to adjourn meeting, Amanda F seconds

All vote Yes