

Communication Student Society (CSS)

Western Illinois University Quad Cities

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m., with Melissa Bonner, President, presiding.

Melissa discussed the Thompson Lecture with Bree McEwan and emphasized the need to finalize the details. Tyla and Dr. Young agreed to determine the topic of the lecture and inform the students.

Melissa announced that officers would be elected at the meeting as discussed on Sept. 2, 2015.

Loressia Eggleston was elected Secretary. Delores Martinez was elected Vice President.

The group decided that Tuesdays are a good day to meet, and that meetings would alternate between Tuesdays and Wednesdays to ensure that all Communication Students have the opportunity to attend when they are on campus for classes. The group decided that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2015, with meetings to follow on October 15, October 28, November 12, and possibly November 25.

Tyla agreed to print a flyer with all meeting dates, to post on campus bulletin boards.

The group discussed the need to have someone run the group's Facebook page.

The meeting included a talk by Jamie Lang, Director of Development at WQPT. Jamie discussed WQPT's screening of Debt of Honor; a documentary about the history of disabled veterans in the United States, on Wednesday, November 18, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bettendorf Public Library. Tammy Duckworth is featured in the film. WQPT needs volunteers to help recruit attendees, run booths, and help assist the veterans with disabilities.

Jamie discussed Stories of Service; WQPT's documentary about veterans. Communication students were encouraged to find participants who have served in the military. The documentary is part of WVIK and WQPT's Embracing Our Military Initiative. Training for volunteers will be held October 22, 2015 at WIU QC's Riverfront Hall, Room 111, at 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Stories of Service Day is October 23, 2015. Students were advised to consult <http://tinyurl.com/EOM-SOS> or to call (309) 764-2400 with any questions or to sign up to volunteer.

Jamie advised the Stories of Service is part of The Library of Congress' Veterans History Project. Library of Congress representatives will be on campus to facilitate the training. Volunteers are advised to record the audio of any veteran interviews. Jamie Lang advised her email address is [jl-lange2@wiu.edu](mailto:jl-lange2@wiu.edu), and that volunteers are also needed to make reminder phone-calls to the veterans who are participating in the documentary.

Dr. Hogue agreed to send class lists to Melissa Bonner so she can email Communication majors and minors to recruit new participants.

The group discussed that Julia McMeekin, an organizer for Bernie Sanders, would be visiting the group's next meeting.

Drs. Hogue and Young advised that they met with Black Hawk College's communication faculty, one of the chairpersons, and one of the deans to organize collaborative events for communication students. Melissa agreed to monitor the speech lab, helping to critique students' speeches.

The group discussed holding Communication Career Awareness Night in coordination with Black Hawk College. The discussion should include panelists with communication careers, as well as other prominent alumna. The group decided to plan a reception to follow the event.

The group discussed the need to market the Communication Major to the community; targeting high school seniors, and local junior college students.

The group discussed the need to explore Communication Teaching Opportunities and graduate degree opportunities as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for September 30, 2015.