



Interfaith Council Meeting Agenda

April 8, 2025

12:30 PM EST

Shepard Hall, SH-207

- I. Call to Order**
 - A. Meeting is called to order at 12:38pm.**
- II. Roll Call**
 - A. All club representatives are in attendance, with the exception of Sistaa Squared.
 - B. Quorum has been established and met
- III. Safety Concerns Regarding Religious Groups**
 - A. Safety concerns presented by YD representative regarding campus protest that took place on 2/27; accounts of Muslim students feeling targeted
 - B. AVP Ramón notes that this issue should be taken to the Title IX office
 - C. YD requests a preliminary meeting with all parties involved in order to first discuss the issue and gain more clarity before taking further action
 - D. Vote is motioned regarding this request; motion receives a second
 - E. 14 members vote yes, 2 members abstain; ***Vote passes***
- IV. Exploring Funding for the Council**
 - A. USG President Aila and AVP Ramón discuss the potential of applying for and receiving external grants for the Council. Research on these grants will be conducted by USG. List of grants will be presented at the next meeting so that the Council can vote on which ones to apply for.
- V. Request for Cleaning of the Interfaith Room**
 - A. MSO representative requests weekly cleanings of the prayer room due to frequent use, odor, and previous bed bug suspicions.
 - B. Vote is motioned regarding this request; motion receives a second
 - C. *Vote passes unanimously***; request will be made for facilities to conduct weekly/biweekly cleanings
- VI. Request for Wall Hooks**
 - A. MSO representative requests wall hooks in the prayer room for safety purposes and to avoid clutter.
 - B. Council acknowledges that funding for hooks is not guaranteed, however permission is still being requested to install hooks once they are received.
 - C. Vote is motioned regarding this request; motion receives a second
 - D. *Vote passes unanimously***; must request facilities to install wall hooks

VII. Request for Memory Foam Seating

- A. YD representative requests memory foam seating to accommodate students with joint/mobility issues and make the room more inviting and inclusive.
- B. Council acknowledges that funding is not guaranteed, however permission is being requested to ensure that all religious groups agree.
- C. Vote is motioned regarding this request; motion receives a second
- D. *Vote passes unanimously***

VIII. White Board Resolution

- A. YD representative states that the white board in room 112B was removed without consultation.
- B. Request to reinstall the board is made as it is an essential visual aid for many students, beneficial for notes/reminders, and can be erased after use.
- C. Vote is motioned regarding this request; motion receives a second
- D. *Vote passes unanimously*; request will be made for facilities to reinstall the board**

IX. Request for Prayer Time Clock

- A. YD representative proposes the purchase of two prayer time clocks to help maintain punctuality and organization for daily prayers.
- B. Catholic Newman Club representative asks if these clocks will be installed on the walls, YD representatives confirm that that is what they want.
- C. Vote is motioned regarding this request; motion receives a second
- D. 14 members vote yes, 2 members abstain; *Vote passes***

X. Request for Addition of Dividers

- A. MGB representative requests purchase of dividers to be used for events to respect religious values by enabling gender separation
- B. AVP Ramón notes that this discussion does not correlate with the Council, and suggests that if there are currently dividers on campus, such as in Student Life's possession, that the clubs should then reach out to Student Life separately to request usage of these dividers.

XI. Open Discussion

- A. USG President Aila suggests a resolution amendment to establish Council meetings monthly so that calendars can be blocked out well in advance, and locations can be reserved accordingly. Council agrees to this suggestion.
- B. Hillel representative suggests that these Council meetings should be communicated to the public more, so that interested students can attend as public viewers. USG President Aila agrees and suggests mass emails to be sent to the student body a few days before the Council convenes.

XII. Adjournment

- A. Meeting adjourns at 1:47pm**
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