

ASWU Minutes

2/20/2013

1. Minutes: motion, second, approved!
2. Duvall requisition for new TV
 - Troy: You guys said to look at sixty inches, so I did my research again. I found a Samsung for \$1,299, so it's \$300 cheaper than the seventy. So we're asking for \$749 now.
 - Jonny: Is it still through Costco?
 - Troy: It doesn't matter where we go for it.
 - Ryan: Would it be easier to crack the screen since it's plasma?
 - Troy: Well it would be mounted, but that's a risk with any tv.
 - Caleb: Plasma televisions can also have the image burn into the tv.
 - Troy: The burn in time is now almost ten hours, it's still possible, but I think its highly unlikely.
 - Maggie: Why did you switch brands?
 - Ashton: When you go down to the sixty inch, there are a lot more brands. The Vizio isn't as good in the sixty inch, so we chose the Samsung. It is a better choice as far as lasting a long time.
 - Troy: We chose Vizio on the seventy because it was the only thing feasible on the seventy inch. So we went up a little in quality while still going down \$300.
 - (Requisitioners leave for discussion)
 - Matt: Since last week I've been thinking about this a lot and I just felt like this group has obviously done a lot of research and I think that in terms of investment we should go out and get the best we can for them. If we're worried about other dorms coming at us with the same requisition, who knows what the technology will be like then and they could be a lot cheaper. I think we should look to save money when we can, but just thinking long term.
 - Seth: It sounds like they went higher quality with the sixty inch though. Vizio wasn't the best brand at seventy. That's what it sounded like.
 - Samantha: Ashton said that Vizio is better than a lot of televisions at seventy inches, so they went for a better brand in sixty inches.
 - Nick: I think that just because I have some concerns about plasma, and were only coming down \$300, I almost feel better about the seventy inch now. They did what we asked as far as research and \$300 doesn't seem worth it to me.
 - Ryan: I think Samsung you get a much better TV as far as what I understand, but the money that we're spending is for the students so there isn't really any point in saving it for future students.

- Maggie: I think seventy inches is very excessive. I think that if we have concerns about the plasma, yes there are other TVs.
- Matt: This might not be accurate, but the first time someone came and asked for a fifty five inch it might have seemed that way too.
- Aaron: I still am having the issue of why are we having an issue with \$1,000 when we've given up much higher out before.
- Jonny Whitmore: We've had more money to spend in the past.
- Matt: I think Aaron is saying that if our motto is bang for our buck and we've given out money to groups that it would impact less.
- Maggie: We have the money, and I don't think that's the issue.
- Larissa: I think seventy inches is excessive too, but why not give our students something that is super cool. I know there could be an issue of people being jealous, but it will bring people from all over the campus. It will serve way more than just Duvall.
- Blaine: What did you all drink? How did everyone change their minds? Why are the arguments that we made last week no longer true? We said come back with a sixty inch version, and now they have and we're like, I'm just kidding daddy's gonna get you the car!
- Nick: I initially thought that going down ten inches would be a significant difference, but stepping down \$300 doesn't seem like as big of a deal for me.
- Ryan: I think that Samsung is significantly more expensive, so I think they kind of went for the best of sixty inches. But I feel like Duvall has the room for seventy inches.
- Blaine: How about a straw vote for a seventy inch.
- Nick: I agree with Ryan about the Samsung being higher. Do we want to research another TV?
- Caleb: Well we just said the money wasn't the issue, so do we want them to get a good TV? I'd rather just see them with a seventy with an LED because those last longer.
- Jonny Whitmore: Do you have the requisition sheet or specifications?
- Matt: I didn't get a new one submitted.
- Straw vote results: Eighteen in favor of the seventy inch, seven against the seventy inch.
- Kevin: It seems kind of weird to me how our thinking has changed from week to week. \$300 isn't a big savings, but I think that it makes sense to buy the Samsung since it's supposed to be a really good TV.
- Nick: Vizio is really good because they're a newer brand, that's why they're cheaper.

- Ian: I'm still stuck on how last week we were all against the seventy inch. I could go with a mentality to make you guys feel bad and then get what I originally wanted it feels like now.
- Tyler Jezierski: I think that if we get the seventy inch they won't expect us to get more for them in the future since it will last for five years.
- Mackenzie: Our vote last week was for them to do more research, so I'm now more comfortable making a vote towards the seventy inch.
- Jonny Whitmore: I don't know which side of the argument this falls on, but we came off of our retreat with negative views towards this requisition, and now that has flip flopped. Is that because our emotions have changed? Were you against it because of what was said at the retreat or because you thought it was a poor use of the money?
- Kevin: Does anyone know what the viewing angle is like on this plasma?
- Nick: I know plasmas are better in a theatre room, so it would be decent quality in that room.
- Maggie: So for those who are against the seventy inch but also against the plasma and will defect to the seventy inch, would you suggest that they find something else that's not plasma of this same size?
- Ryan: I think that we always try to take the middle ground with price stuff, and to me it either makes sense to go seventy, or to have them drop the price more dramatically on a smaller TV. So it's either the cheap route or all in. After hearing the price today, you're not saving very much.
- Nick: This week I was looking for a sixty inch costing under \$1,000.
- Matt: Our job is to give the most bang for the buck. Is this requisition a good investment that makes sense for students? I think that's where we need to frame it regardless of how we felt after the retreat or what we said last week.
- Seth: Motion to approve the seventy inch Vizio, second, approved.
- Motion to adjourn, second, approved.