STUDENT SENATE

GENERAL BODY MEETING
Thursday, October 20th
Student Center Ballroom C

PRESIDING: Anthony Eid

I. CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00PM

II. ROLL CALL

☒ ANTHONY EID
☒ KRISTIAN WRIGHT
☒ AARON SZPYTMAN
☒ DALLA IBRAHIM
☐ CHRISS GREGORY
☒ DAVID PITAWANAKWAT
☒ KEIARA BELL
☒ KATE PARTINGTON
☒ KELLEY DONNELLY
☒ GISELLE GAITAN
☒ JASMINE THOMAS
☒ TRINA SCHULZ
☒ LAINE PUTANS
☐ TAREK BAZZI

☒ ALAN FOREMAN
☐ ABDUL SULEIMAN
☒ ERIKA RUCh
☒ DANIEL KRUPP
☒ NIKITA KHETARPAL
☒ NIKHI L YEDHULA
☒ NATALIE STEENBERG
☒ BHAVNA GUDUGUNTLA
☐ SAMEEN AKHTAR
☒ NOUHRAN HUMADI
☐ ABBASS BERJAOU
☒ RYAN LAITH
☒ GRACE ALBERS

LATE: (ALL EXCUSED – LESS THAN 10 MIN LATE)
Tarek Bazzi, Abbass Berjaoui, Sameen Akhtar, Abdul Suleiman
Chris Gregory

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Moved: Kelley Donnelly
Second: Kate Partington

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Moved: Daniel
B. Second: Alan
## senate business

### V. Business

#### A. Dalia: Project Group Discussion

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### Beginning Late & Not Limiting Discussion

- We will begin every meeting at 6PM (or as soon as quorum is present)
- Majority of work should not be done AT the meetings
- Speaker’s List (only two times per discussion). We are trying to limit back and forth discussion that becomes personal.

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REPORTS

- All reports should be in writing submitted to the secretary (Chris Gregory) no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting.
- A report is not a statement from individuals or lengthy goals and aspirations. It is a report of factual evidence or progress.
- Avoid “no report” report. You are expected to report when necessary, don’t wait to be called on.

![Student Senate (S1TU:S1NATE)]

- Announcements
- Roster
- Meeting Minutes
- Board Reports
- Project Group Reports
- Committee Reports
- Senate Training Documents
- Senate Pictures & Videos
- Tools
- Help

![Project Group Reports]

- Green Initiatives
- CAPS
- Women’s Services
- Campus Safety/Title IX
- Aramark Catering & Dining Reform
- Economic Development
- Worriers For Education Card Program
Q: Could we get a sample of what is expected of project reports

Anthony: Reminder!! Discussion regarding guest speaker content should be directed towards Anthony, not towards other Senators.

B. Guest Speakers: Tim Michael/Emily Hauns (New Director of Dining Services)

Emily: With Aramark for 15 years, lots of prior experience
   Performance survey: only 9’s and 10’s included in ranking

Annual survey: College survey
   How they rank against other schools
   Feedback

Housing market demand study survey
   What board approved at Sept meeting for new apartment complex
   2nd half 2019
   Cash prizes for survey participation
      Helps market trend understanding
   Met Sept goal moving everyone out of hotel into main campus
   Some still living in lounges in tours
   4 people living in triples as quads
   Brazilian students coming

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SOME TIPS

- Meetings must have **decorum** and **structure** to function effectively
- All sides of an issue should be discussed; someone may need to play “devil’s advocate”
- One person should be recognized to speak at a time
- Discussion should be about the **issue** not the personalities of the participants
- Discussion should alternate between pro and cons
**Talking points**

**Housing**

- Corbeus partnership
- $300M borrowing

**Maintenance**

- Sept board meeting
- 10 mos workup
- Next 75 days spending 25 hours/week working on parts of agreement
- Paying off other housing debts, Anthony Wayne Drive
- Chatsworth closing for a year

**10 year housing masterplan**

- Corbeus responsible for supervising staff
- Most of the money spent in the first 10 years of project
- Currently discussing metrics of maintenance
- EVI survey/facility questions, KPI (Key performance indicators)

Anthony: 2 issues: Maintenance of facilities and space of partnership

- Corbeus taking over next summer, what will be done in the meantime
- Brian Fitzgerald – New associate director of housing

Anthony: Will the hiring of this position result in better timing of the maintenance requests?

**Dining**

- $3000/semester for dining
- Freshmen, no choice
- Last year: 60% range (didn’t bring documentation)
- If they rank a 9 or 10, Wow alert goes to Emily’s phone

**Halal Food:**

A: REF: Chris Rayder

- No reduction of Halal food

Tim Michael: Completed 2 year process obtaining Halal certification

**Food sourcing**

- Currently only serving Halal Chicken
  - Halal beef is triple

Nouhran: (couldn’t hear statement)

  - Tim: letters stating students don’t eat certain types of halal, so he’s learning more about Halal each day.

Ryan: What level of Halal

Abdul: Explaining different types of Halal and ethnic requirements

Abbass: Christian meat not high enough level halal

Giselle: What happened in Deroy, Work orders, Individual needs, Dining options

Abdul: Recommend Islamic society

Abbass: How they are served, how is …certified?

  - Tim: Meats are certified, but handling isn’t necessarily certified

Anthony: Recently, we have been able to get a Senator appointed to review Food Waivers with Andrea Gerber, but what we would like is to have a Senator assigned to review the Food Waiver requests sent to Aramark.

  - Tim: First there isn’t a Food Waiver Committee
2 types of food waivers

Student Center

Aramark – Catering/Dining

This one mandated by Aramark/University policy
We get about 1 or 2 of these a month
We are not required to approve any of them, there shouldn’t even be
a waiver process

Anthony: Perhaps it’s time for that policy to change
Kelley: Point of clarification: Do student orgs also have to use catering from Aramark if funds are used from University.
DS: Confirmed, yes, it has to go through Aramark.
Tim: If it is in the Student Center, it doesn’t matter where the money comes from. Any and all catering must go through Aramark if it is in Student Center
Kelley: This policy and these rules prevent student organizations from having elegant and receptive events in the Student Center. We can’t invite our parents, peers, and professional colleagues for a nice event at the Student Center because of these restrictions or the cost of your catering options.
Alan: Our organizations don’t use University funding, funding comes from SBG, still bound by Aramark contract.
Chris: For the past 2 ½ years I have tried to work with the Aramark Catering/Dining Managers and Directors, past executive chefs, the prior Environmental Health and Safety Director (Scott Brown), and time and time again my requests for documentation have been ignored. They have ignored our correspondences and since Managers seem to leave every year or so, I assume they pass any and all documentation onto you, so we will not be holding the past managers accountable. We will be holding you, sir, accountable. If there is no follow through, it is because you are not following through.

Since you brought up the subject that many of these restrictions are based upon health and safety regulations, I would like to inform you that since student organizations are not provided with sternos or a heating source, food that is meant to be kept hot is not able to. After a short period of time, such food would be considered in violation of food and safety regulations. Same goes for cold foods provided to student orgs by Aramark Catering and Dining. I have even been provided the actual hotel pans from the kitchen, which I know is a violation. But what I would like to know is how the Mattheai Athletic Center was able to get out of the contract with Aramark.

Tim: It was done as part of the RFP prior to the contract being signed. ***

We would like to work with Senate in this Aramark committee. Hopefully we can make the changes that have been unaddressed. I didn’t know there was such a committee.

Keira: Food, Service, Timing

How can we continue to charge these amounts when the service is a terrible, the food is scorched.

Dalia: What about the people who aren’t here, how are you going to follow-up, how are you going to acquire their feedback? Why do freshmen need to buy a full meal plan

Tim Michaels: Matter of degree, we want people to develop a connection to the University. Benchmarked other Universities to determine. Aramark committee, to determine and benchmark requirements.
University. Benchmarked other Universities to determine. Aramark committee, to determine and benchmark requirements. Starting discussions for next years food service plans. We are not unusual.

A: Start-up Aramark Committee
   Let’s work together to alleviate these issues.

Gallery: Shay: Suggest faculty join this committee
Daniel: Survey’s, Do you have some way of surveying the students?
   Tim: Food group that does intercept survey’s, more active.
   Security incident: Better security for student center at night.

Dr. Wittfield: Criticisms don’t help, constructive efforts make things happen.

A: BOG Townhall (Nov 3rd)
   Chris: Perception is reality, if we choose to limit it to just Dems and Reps, how does that make Senate look to those who are for a 3rd party or Independent party.
   Daniel: Agrees on it being on Nov 3rd

Nikita: Ref: Mayoral campaign took very long time, against it, not enough time to plan accordingly.

David: Seconded Chris’s invitation to all candidates

Ryan: Which candidates said they could come? Anthony: not sure
   Seconded

Alan: No effect without media presents, wants all candidates here.

Tarek: Can you explain structure
   Anthony: Nov 3rd, just like BOG townhall

Chris: Media, SAM

Gigi: Timeliness, not sure if all could attend on such short notice if only a couple are able to make it.

Ryan: Maybe SAM should be involved, MSU, United front

Tarek: A little all over the place...what are we voting on?
   Timing issue, Gigi-Transparency....Anthony stating all candidates were invited
   Look at it from a realistic standpoint.

David: If we pass it, what’s next?

Vote: Didn’t Pass (No BOG Candidate Forum)

Gallery: Support for Books Not Bombs
   Raise money to support scholarships. 600 Signatures thus far to support the campaign.
   Pass resolution to join National organization
   Need Senate support to approach Administration

Anthony: Where would scholarship money come from?

DS: Who would vet the student eligibility of refugees?

DS will work with them to work on logistics, laws, regulations.

David: Online petition signed

Anthony: Sounds like a good idea
VI. Reports & Updates

Anthony: Sept 21st Academic Senate meetings: Fall enrollment, Business school dev and budget planning, MED SCHOOL FINANCES. Has been significantly reduced (32 to 16 million). How would this effect tuition in the future.

ASGA: Takeaways review
   Much larger amount of institutional power than others in comparison
   Marketing plan – Use of senate funds for professional marketing plan
   Structural changes – ASGA CEO laughed, should not have appointed positions
   Number of Senators is low in comparison to student body population
   Appointees should be elected not appointed by Deans
   Low Compensation in comparison to other Universities, it would bring more accountability, more effort, more motivation to Senate
   Transition Manuals – Need them for oncoming Senate positions
   Signature event – We’re not a programming board. Discount card. Something that we can give to students with Senate branding.
   Training-Emphasized moving election forward to Feb or Mar so newly elected Senators can be trained prior to transition.
   Space-Senate office space is ridiculously small

Abbass: WSU does offer a lot of services for student orgs. Would a larger Senate budget take-away from other WSU services.
Daniel: Restructuring- stop talking about it and get it done!
Nouhran: (couldn’t hear)

Kelley: Senate tailgate Nov 12th
DS: Kelley-talk to Larry

Dalia: Thank everyone for the opportunity to go to DC, Learned a lot.
Keira: Student Affairs committee (high program/survey)

Ryan: FSST committee
   Discussing new residence hall building plans
   Constitutional bylaw workshop
   Ours doesn’t meet our needs. It needs to be edited for it to be relevant. Adding seats (International) not priority, but change Charter/Bylaws to allow for it.

Nourhan: Womens Service Center
   Met with research committee for CSW (partnered with them)
   WSU used to have a Women’s resource center

Trina: CAPS
   Ericka Johnson – National Depression Screening
   Oct 25th 11-2
   Volunteers need training
Natalie: College of Education
   Spoke with Dean
   Write in College of Education Newsletter regarding Student stated issues
   Applied behavior analysis
   New learning community for African American teachers

Abdul: CLAS council
   Working on how such a council would work within the CLAS
   Meeting with Dr. Hoffman soon
   C&IT – LMS committee – BB transition
      Accounts set-up on different platforms
      Faculty, Students, Staff, and C&IT on committee

Gigi: Res Life
   Reslife attachment
   Professional Development – Nov 6th

Green Initiatives:
   Fume hoods tabled due to Union conflicts

Anthony: Recycling is a great goal for this committee

Grace: College of Nursing
   Immersion program – Nurses have to do 200 hours of 1-on-1 work with a nurse

Alan: Dean Gable came to introduce himself to the student board of governors
   Candidates being interviewed soon to replace Dean Benson’s position

SBG Party

Curriculum and instruction committee meeting
   PPT for reform of Gen. Ed curriculum to 33 credits
   Subcommittees to be created
   Departments requested to provide input
   Goal – 2017 complete proposal
   Implement diversity within classroom experiences
   Hold-off on evaluation of online courses

DS: New website
   ORGSYNC
   Training coming
   Campus climate survey-going out on Monday
   Basic needs committee
      Food pantry conference at UM-D
      EMU food pantry
      Mid-project report to investors in January
   Applied for a grant to develop a peer educational model
   Activity awards process: Current stipend (January and May)
   ASGA: Compensation increase “doable”
   Volleyball and Football
VII. Announcements

Anthony:
Make sure that what is said to SouthEnd
Women’s Services – Sexual Assault Policy Review
Police pathway, Code-of-Conduct pathway

Kelley:
Nov 12th Saginaw valley Game Tailgate
Get there at 10am and start cooking up some delicious food before the game
Play some games, hang-out with fellow Senators and meet constituents from the Student Body
Help needed to set-up tents, grill, ect

Chris:
Student Organization Website Workshop provided by Heather Marks
Hosted by Engineering Student Faculty Board
Tuesday, October 25th 2pm
College of Engineering Hall of Fame (Room 1200)

International Delegation Visiting WSU
Delegates from Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Palestinian Territories, and Iraq will be visiting WSU to speak with student activists to discuss how student activism affects electoral campaigns and to find out what the political agendas of today’s youth are.
Lunch will be provided
There are 25 seats of 42 available

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
8:28PM