



# Wayne State University

## Student Senate General Body Meeting

UGL Community Room

Thursday, June 4, 2015

6:00p.m.

Presiding: Tarek Bazzi, Vice President

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Meeting was called to order at 6: 04PM on Thursday, June 4, 2015 in the UGL Community Room.
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Present- S. Ahmed, C. Arnold, T. Bawa, T. Bazzi, A. Bhagat, A. Eid, V. Gonzales, C. Gregory, A. Harrison, A. Jaber, A. Martin, M. Mohan, Z. Rich, K. Rigby, M. Salim, K. Sopko, A. Szpytman,
  - B. Absent- W. Alexander, J. Bawa, R. Chhaya, E. Diviney, S. Enaker, J. Morse, K. Reeves
  - C. Late- F. Dubaybo, D. Walz
- III. Approval of the Agenda
  - A. Moved- A. Eid
  - B. Second- A. Martin
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
  - A. Moved- A. Eid
  - B. Second- K. Sopko
- V. Business
  - A. Jeanine Bessette, *Director of Housing and Residential Life*
    1. Concerns about construction at Helen L. Deroy Apartments, laundry Facilities, and Gender Neutral Housing.
      - a. Playground in front of Deroy was removed due to number of children living in the apartments as well as the results of how often it was used provided by the EBI survey.
        - i. Students who brought the concern up have been given accommodations in University Towers Housing, which has a playground.
        - ii. Gender Inclusive Housing is now an option on the Housing sign up. They do have priority sign up single rooms, and there is a matching process for those who would like a roommate.
        - iii. All new laundry machines will be up and running by August, along with a web-based feature that shows

availability. Large washing machines will be available in Chatsworth and University Towers.

- iv. Regarding International students, a major concern about those who are arriving here and don't have housing set up for them right away. Housing has a large waiting list, and while Housing is looking into building a new building, space is very limited.
- v. Replacing workout equipment is a concern, when the budget is available to replace the equipment, it will be replaced.
- vi. Open Questions
- vii. Gender Inclusive Housing is an option; will Gender Neutral housing be an option in the future?
  - 1. Wayne State Housing will not be having gender neutral housing in the near future, where a male and female can be roommates within the residence hall.
- viii. What will happen to the space where the playground in front of Deroy?
  - 1. It will mostly be green space for the time being.
- ix. How is gender inclusive housing being advertised?
  - 1. It's advertised through the housing application.
- x. The price increase for laundry facilities, is there a reason for that?
  - 1. Due to the changes we have made and the updated systems we did have to make a 25 cent increase.
- xi. Can you shed light on the future of the Brazilian exchange program?
  - 1. This year we expect to have less than we did last fall, however we will have overlap from last years, and those arriving this year in June.
- xii. Will there be any floors or bathrooms designated for gender inclusive or transgender students?
  - 1. As of now, there will not be a floor, however if parties are interested, we would entertain that idea. Some of our buildings have only single stall bathrooms, which I consider to be gender neutral however some buildings do not. In the future if we do have a new building, there will be gender neutral bathrooms.

- xiii. With the new laundry facilities, will have a cash or coin feature along with the card?
  - 1. The residence halls have a coin and card feature but the apartments do not at this point, we are looking into adding a few more machines with those features into the apartments.
- xiv. Will you be making steps to be more involved in the orientation process?
  - 1. With orientation, we are looking to do a better job with, we have had apartment living guides in the past, but we would like to do a better job with it.
- xv. Final Remarks
  - 1. The lounges in UT, Ghafari and Atchison are being redone with designated study spaces, as well as the lobby in UT.

B. Appointments

- 1. BOG Academic Affairs Committee:
  - a. Primary-Arielle Armstrong-Martin (ez3255)
  - b. Alternate-Abdulrahman Suleiman (fp1380)
- 2. BOG Student Affairs Committee:
  - a. Primary-Rasha Khanafer (fo7860)
  - b. Alternate-Jacob Johnson (es2932)
- 3. BOG Personnel Committee:
  - a. Primary-John Leonard Dembinski (fr5396)
  - b. Alternate-Rehbi Elder (ef0345)

VI. Reports

A. Executive Board

- 1. Z. Rich- A. Szpytman and I have now had two meetings with the budget committee. There will be a 2.8% increase in tuition, a freeze in tuition for law school and medical school students. Nursing students will have a \$100 decrease per credit hour for undergraduate students and \$235 decrease per credit hour for graduate students. Budgets are being taken from faculty tracks, where positions are being emptied, across the university.
- 2. T. Bazzi- An idea on the table would be to include parking into student services fee, and parking would be designated by last names.
  - a. A. Jaber- The price would be about \$8 per credit hour.
  - b. A. Martin- the projected timeline would be next fall.
  - c. C. Gregory- At Oakland, they utilize a similar program, and unfortunately have a lot of problems with it being just chaos.

- d. M. Mohan- Those that live on campus, if given a reduced price would be more likely to bring their cars to campus, meaning more cars on campus.
  - e. D. Sterk- Would faculty and staff designated areas be removed?
    - i. A. Martin- Those areas would not be affected.
  - f. S. Ahmed- Is the \$8 per credit optional?
    - i. A. Martin- No, it would not be optional, but financial aid would be able to cover it.
  - g. F. Dubaybou- Would visitors still be allowed to use the facilities?
    - i. T. Bazzi- there will still be a pay by day system available.
  - h. Z. Rich- I do not like the idea of it, due to the fact that those who would not utilize the facility would still be paying for it.
  - i. K. Rigby- The idea is scary at first, but once it is the only option, students will go along with it.
  - j. M. Mohan- \$8 per credit hour doesn't seem like a lot, but if it's 16 credit hours, it's close to \$200, and some students won't use it.
  - k. A. Jaber- It will generate revenue for the university as well as an incentive for future students.
  - l. D. Sterk- will location of class schedule have an effect on the fee, such as the extension centers?
    - i. Z. Rich- yes, it will be charged to everyone.
  - m. C. Gregory- Having a cap on financial aid, adding more student services fees will only take away from the money provided to take classes.
  - n. A. Martin- Another idea is to have pro-rated prices based on how many credits you are taking, full time vs part time.
  - o. A. Harrison- the fact that this would bring more cars to campus, is there talk of creating more parking areas?
    - i. T. Bazzi- No.
3. A. Eid- Photographer will be coming next week to take pictures. The website is coming along, the only thing missing is a professional photo, which you can send to me or wait until next meeting.
  4. F. Dubaybou- W. Alexander can get us an advertisement in the move-in guide, it costs \$100 per page.
  5. M. Mohan- Our current budget is \$2,300 until September which will cover Festifall, and apparel.
    - a. A. Harrison will look into designs for apparel.
- B. Projects Groups
1. Z. Rich- Food Advisory Project Group met on Tuesday with Courtney Pitz and Matt Wilton. Summer hours and waste within residence halls were

discussed along with bringing an international menu back. Chill Box next to Subway is not affiliated with Aramark.

- a. A. Jaber- Did you discuss exact specifics with waste numbers?
    - i. Z. Rich- We did not get into specifics.
  - b. A. Jaber- Do we know who contracted out to Chill Box?
    - i. Z. Rich- Ian Studders
  - c. A. Eid- Did they discuss the hours?
    - i. Z. Rich- they said hours were decided on by a group of people, however we do not agree with them.
  - d. C. Gregory- Did the touch on holding an orientation for student org leaders regarding food safety?
2. F. Dubaybo- Just a reminder for everyone to fill out their doodles so you can all schedule a meeting time.
  3. C. Gregory- within Green Initiatives, there is a Compost Initiative that will hopefully work alongside one another.
  4. T. Bazzi- Fill out the Project Group Logistics sheet and get that back to W. Alexander and T. Bazzi as soon as possible.
- C. College Representatives
1. K. Sopko- K. Reeves and I looked into ideas for an outing which will be sent out in an e-mail to everyone.
- D. Senators-At-Large
1. A. Jaber- the SET committee is still looking for students to be in a video that will explain how the SET works and will be sent out to the whole university.
- E. Advisor
1. D. Sterk- In two week, June 18, the meeting will be in Matthei from 6-7PM followed by a meeting with athletics.
    - a. Z. Rich- How will we be doing photos?
      - i. D. Sterk- Start photos at 5:30.

## VII. Announcements

- A. T. Bazzi- W. Alexander will be back tomorrow.
- B. T. Bazzi- J. Morse will be at our next meeting and a Business School Representative was appointed, Raj Chhaya.
- C. T. Bazzi- College Representatives, make sure you are checking in with your respective schools and deans.
- D. T. Bazzi- Make sure you are filling out those project group sheets.
- E. M. Mohan- Unfortunately I have to go to India for a family emergency, so keep in touch with me via e-mail.
- F. F. Dubaybo- The Office for Multicultural and Diversity Affairs is looking for a director, and they are looking for students to come in and help interview the candidates. If you or anyone you know is interested let me know.
- G. F. Dubaybo- the Festifall Project Group is meeting after this meeting to start planning.

- H. Z. Rich- next meeting will be our first reinstatement for Pharmacy Representative Jacob Morse.
- VIII. Gallery Comments
- IX. Adjournment
  - A. Meeting was adjourned at 7:16PM on Thursday, June 4, 2015 in the UGL Community Room.