



Student Senate General Body Meeting

UGL Community Room

Thursday, August 6, 2015

6:00 PM

Presiding: William Alexander, President

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM on Thursday August 6, 2015 in the UGL Community Room.
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Present- S. Ahmed, W. Alexander, C. Arnold, T. Bawa, T. Bazzi, A. Bhagat, E. Diviney, K. Donnelly, S. Enaker, G. Freeman, V. Gonzales, C. Gregory, A. Harrison, M. Ibrahim, A. Jaber, A. Martin, E. Perry, K. Reeves, Z. Rich, M. Salim, K. Sopko, A. Szyptman
 - B. Absent- R. Chhaya, F. Dubaybo, M. Mohan, K. Rigby, D. Walz
 - C. Late- A. Eid
- III. Approval of the Agenda
 - A. Moved-A. Martin
 - B. Second-C. Gregory
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. Moved-A. Martin
 - B. Second-K. Reeves
- V. Business
 - A. Deb Brazen, Dir. of Planning & Estimating (Facilities & Planning Mgmt.)
 - i. The Fountain Court Project is a 4 Phase process to renovate the plaza on Gullen Mall. Ten original concepts have been narrowed to four, and then two, and finally narrowed down to one approximately 2 years ago. The next step was to acquire enough funding for it. During the renovations, the trees were removed, and while 15 had been removed, 30 will be replacing them.

- ii. The Deroy reflecting pool has structural problems and cannot be filled without flooding into the lower auditorium. It is
- iii. The Student Center will be having a “soft” opening on Monday. The pit area is not accessible and will be blocked off, the primary purpose was to allow light to get into the lower levels.
- iv. Questions:
 - a. A. Jaber- You had talked about internet connectivity out on the plaza, how will that be done?
 - i. Deb Brazen- We are looking into it and we are working on how to make it no an eye-sore.
 - b. A. Jaber- Will it be done by festifall?
 - i. Deb Brazen- Yes it will be.
 - c. W. Alexander- How do you feel about the realistic possibility of having the “shield” be a representative of Wayne State University?
 - i. Deb Brazen- While trying to establish tradition, we don’t know where to put it exactly so we will not have to move it and disrupt tradition.
 - d. W. Alexander- As of now, is the “W- quad” part of the plan?
 - i. Deb Brazen- Currently, no it is not part of the plan. The fountain is still there, the main center piece will not be there and the flagpoles will not be moved due to funding.
 - e. T. Bazzi- do you know where the funding comes from?
 - i. Deb Brazen- I’m pretty sure portion of it comes from a Campus Beautification Fund, as well as Maintenance.
 - f. S. Enaker- I have a suggestion of implementing lights into the “medallion centerpiece” would be a great addition.
 - g. S. Enaker- Of the two projects, the flagpoles and the fountain renovation, which is the bigger priority?

i. Deb Brazen- We don't have a priority list, where the funding comes from and who donates it to which project will decide which gets done first.

h. C. Gregory- Is the wall surrounding the pit to avoid people from falling down?

i. Deb Brazen- We have considered that and for lack of a better term, there will be a fence around it.

B. New Senators Installments, Devon Sterk

i. Senators installed: Gabriel Freeman, Erika Perry, Kelley Donnelly, Mohammed Ibrahim, Veronica Gonzales.

C. Motion made to recess until our group photo was taken.

i. Moved- Z. Rich

ii. Second- S. Enaker

VI. Recess

VII. Call to Order

A. Meeting was called to order at 7:52 PM on Thursday August 6, 2015 in the UGL Community Room.

VIII. Business

A. Election for Dir. of Community Affairs

i. Nominations

a. A. Martin

ii. Senator A. Martin was elected.

B. Senate Development: Resolutions

i. Presentation given by A. Jaber.

C. Festifall Planning Committee Updates & Responsibilities

i. W. Alexander- Everything is set to be on time for festifall, the giveaways will arrive in time as well as the apparel. The pamphlet will also be updated, but I need help with coming up with more accomplishments of the Student Senate.

IX. Reports & Updates

A. Executive Board

- i. W. Alexander- This past weekend, I went to SAM's President's Summit with T. Bawa where we discussed the Metrics System and talked about our future role with SAM.
- ii. T. Bazzi- My delegate for the Board of Governors Personnel Committee reported about the selection process for small businesses around the campus area.
- iii. T. Bazzi- We are hoping to break grounds on making our website more user friendly and easily accessible for the student body, as well as initiatives for future election process.
- iv. A. Eid- I've been meeting with other school reps to discuss on how to up our PR game and reach out to more students.
- v. C. Arnold- I'm setting up a GroupMe group for us to make reminders, so download the app if you do not have it.
- vi. T. Bawa- I want to push for a greater connection with Lansing and our reps up there, by having more people go up to Lansing in person. We are also getting off of TurboVote and looking into a new feature for voting.

B. Project Groups

- i. Academic Services/Teaching Excellence- Our goal is to get scantron vending machines.
- ii. Green Initiatives-We are working to get more recycle bins around campus, and taking on the KnowTomorrow initiative.
- iii. Facilities-We are working on making sure all signs are updated and working.
- iv. Bylaw/Parliamentary/Judicial-If you have any changes, let me know within a week of our meeting and I will meet with the group and see if it is a feasible change.
- v. Food Advisory- Our food reps have since changed and we are now working with the new representatives to make sure they are following all rules.
- vi. Financial Aid/Budget- We met with Rob Kohrman to discuss the budget that was passed for the upcoming school year, especially those regarding lack off scholarship opportunities.
- vii. Governmental Affairs- I'm still working towards bridging that gap with our relations in Lansing.

- viii. Parking and Transportation- We want to continue to fund the Weekend Shuttle and working towards promoting it.
- ix. Campus Safety- We want to get a campus safety app, and improve sexual assault awareness.
- x. Economic Development- We want to do a food truck day in the near future.
- xi. SET- The new goal is to post a video on how to access the SET scores online.
- xii. Diversity and Inclusion- the Assistant Director recently hired will have a focus on LGBTQ initiatives
- xiii. Warrior Pride/ Athletics- The "Shield" is still a goal and will be rolled out this upcoming semester hopefully around homecoming.

C. College Representatives

- i. S. Ahmed- a College of Education student has approached me with a problem with placement program.
- ii. M. Salim- my current Dean has retired so I will be working with Dean Baker.

D. Senators-At-Large

- i. S. Enaker- I've had a few students complain about the volleyball courts and the state of them is rather shabby, particularly the sand.
- ii. E. Diviney- the Welcome Center is slightly chaotic and disorganized and not very practical for students to handle their issues, can we work on this?
- iii. A. Jaber- Is there any way we can get soccer nets in that commons area between housing buildings?

E. Advisor

- i. If you have any questions about Festifall contact me.

X. Announcements

A. Academic Senate Appointment Application

- i. The application is available online and due by August 19th.

B. A. Eid- Welcome to Senate new Senators and feel free to

XI. Gallery Comments

A. The SouthEnd does a lot, and we want to work with you guys and we want your help with looking into problems and reaching out to problems. If you guys need help with advertisement, let me know and we can help you guys out. We would love some of you to be on our cover so come out on Sunday at 1pm in front of Purdy Kresge to be part of our cover photo.

XII. Adjournment

A. Meeting was adjourned at 9:39PM on Thursday August 6, 2015 in the UGL Community Room.