



Wayne State University
Student Senate
General Body Meeting

Undergraduate Library, Community Room
Thursday 5, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Presiding: William Alexander, President

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

- a. Presents: C. Abrams, A. William, N. Alluri, H. Alqattan, T. Bazzi, F. Dubaybo, A. Eid, S. Enakar, J. Fresard, M. Hanna, A. Jaber, S. Johnson, E. Lanni, A. Martin, M. Mohan, Z. Rich, V. Sharman, D. Svinarich, K. Tarp, R. Ukavwe
- b. Absent: A. Al-Zuhd, S. Alluri, R. Anand, A. Sabbagh, M. Sanam, R. Stevenson
- c. Late:

III. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion to remove reinstatements: Zach
- b. Moved: Zach
- c. Second: Shon

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. Moved: Ashraf
- b. Second: Shiv

V. Business

A. Associate VP for Budget, Planning, & Analysis Mr. Rob Kohrman

a. Director of the Budget: Robert Kohrman

- i. Budget- involves students, deans, Board of Governors. Culminates final decision about budget and tuition.

SLIDES

- 1. Majority of Cost= Personnel. We have low tuition rates. Enrollment has been decreasing by 2.4% / yr. We received 1 million from the Government.
- 2. Our increases have been low year to year. State has set of performance characteristics. They focus not on missions. Students are needed to advocate for WSU in Lansing. 0.18% is the increase in our budget.



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3. 32 million dollars were cut from our budget. 22 million dollars short of where we were a couple of years ago. Other Universities have been totally restored.
 4. State Appropriations increased by inflation would increase how much we would have. This is the impact of the State not providing funds.
 5. We have the fifth lowest tuition. This makes it difficult to run a research institution.
 6. Assumption for 2016. This is using the cap. Expecting another enrollment drop. 2.75 increase to salaries. Costs of running campaign, improvement to financial aid, "Bridge" program, and rising scholars program.
 7. \$3.9 million dollars is our revenue. Overall a 4% cut to the University
 8. Reductions: Cutting programming, administrative assistance 4% cut, metrics to decide about cuts for each college and research
 9. Summary: We are having to make cuts because of State cuts.
- ii. Questions
1. Is tuition increases being considered?: Over next couple of months will be meeting with Board to talk about this. It is too early to tell.
 2. What actions are you doing to increase enrollment?: 1.5% decrease. Initiatives include-referring students to advisors and financial aid officers, putting more money in financial aid, completion scholarships. Graduate applications are up and admits are up to 28%. WSU is being more selective about students- this naturally decreases our enrollment. Should invite Monica to a meeting. Really focusing on financial aid packages.
 3. What other schools are you looking at for reductions?: Every school/ college is being reviewed for budget cuts. Range from .5-6.4%. Example: Pharmacy is doing well they are on one side of the equation. On the other end, the College



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- of Education. Everyone else is in-between those two schools. Board has final say.
4. Update on tuition for Nursing and Engineering: Met with Dean of nursing and others. The issues behind differential tuition goes beyond just financial aid, but also with their curriculum. Dean of Nursing has taken this back to the faculty. Should provide a more structured program. We are looking at a plan to see how we can decrease differential tuition. Presentation was put together by the Dean of Nursing. Board will vote. All agree that our rates are too high compared to our peers. Talked to other Universities about their differential tuition. We are doing the same as them.
 5. Financial Aid officers have been re-trained. If they don't have an answer they are now supposed to contact a supervisor to make sure their answer is correct.
 6. Our call times have been re-worked. You can now make an appointment online as to avoid a line. Communication plan laid out for the fall.
 7. Processing Time for Documents: We did not put in hard deadlines for turn-ins. This can delay processes for financial aid. Now if you turn in your documents on time they will be processed on time.
 8. Re-training program: What kind did they undergo?: Next training program is for those on the ground floor. Hope is to have in the next 2-3 months to re-create a training program for student service officers. For Fin. Officer training we went over the state guidelines and University budget.
 9. What happens if paper work is filled out on time, but Financial Aid does not come through?: I have never seen it not come through if all the information is complete. If info is not complete it can delay 2-3 weeks
 10. Suggestion: You should have the registration option clear and present on the website.
 11. Tuition Trends?: President and I are looking at tuition options. Discount system or some type of



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plateau. Discussion will be had with the President and board at the end of this month

12. Training?: Training will now be yearly and there will be a manual.

13. Readjustment packaging for yearly packages for Nursing, students haven't seen it: They should have. Will contact the Director tomorrow.

14. What about astringed students from their parents?: Depends on need of student. We can cover the amount for tuition and books right off the bat. Have the discretion to issue merit packages.

15. Are student files consistent?: You should receive email confirmation that something has been added to your file.

B. Associate Provost for Diversity & Inclusion & Chief Diversity Officer, Dr. Marquita Chamblee

a. Addressing questions First

i. Office of "...inclusion": Re-initiate search for Director. Center will change name to Multi-Culture Office of Engagement. Then will need to work on other staffing including LGBTQA. Ambitious time-line. Would like to have a couple people in place by the Fall Semester. Talked with HR- search for Director will launch in a few weeks. Have a meeting next week about spaces for location.

ii. Low graduation rates for African American students: Will begin to look at how to support students. We need to raise graduation rates for all students. At the engagement center would like to hire staffs to work with African American Students.

b. Questions

i. Suggestion- Would be great to see "that space" in student center.

ii. Fall Semester Higher? For-sure thing as far as I am considered, but it is up to the process.

iii. Development Staff: Will have to work on a plan with Provost office. No direct staff hire.

C. Associate Provost for Undergrad Affairs Joseph Rankin

a. General Oversight Committee wanted to create a new pathway to math competency. Waiting for departments to come through



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with statistics classes that can fulfill math competency. Statistics class will be used to fulfill university math competency requirement.

- b. Staggered Registration has moved forward. Just needs to be taken to policy committee. Staggered registration should be passed by Spring/Summer 2016.
- c. New Course Scheduling matrix: for all semesters. Was taken to council of Dean's. Would be happy to come back and go more in-depth about this and get feedback.
- d. Course Bulletins: Right now we have "three bulletin" rule. If we change to a "fourth bulletin" rule more students will be able to graduate.
- e. Questions
 - i. Priority/ Staggered Registration: It will take in account post-back students
 - ii. Wait Lists?: No plans right now. Second Concern I have heard this week. We will work on this next year with registrar office.
 - iii. How long does process with policy committee take?: depends on level of feedback
 - iv. Bulletin?: It will be University wide. Advisors will be affected, but are excited.
 - v. With new registration can syllabuses be made earlier?: It is difficult everyone to do this. Supportive, but beyond our control.

D. Provost & Senior VP for Academic Affairs, Dr. Margaret Winters

- a. Excellence in teaching: How we recognize excellence-President's award decided by committee of faculty of past recipients, distinguished professor award, mentor award. All part of AAUP. GTA award through graduate school. Educational Development Grant (AAUP). Development grants distributed by Department.
- b. New Award Ideas for Awards: "Risk Taking" Award (guidelines developing). Developing "Academy of Teachers" modeled after Academy of Researchers.
- c. Questions
 - i. Class does not prepare individuals for the workforce-what do you plan to do help shape our student's experience to better prepare them?: Committee is looking at General Education Curriculum. Culture change at the



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University. Taking advantage of what the “Academy” could do.

- ii. Advisors/Staff Awards?: Professional Development Committee give out awards. They are often under nominated. Recognized at same meetings. Log onto Provost website to nominate.

E. Motion for a 5 minute recess- Ashraf

F. Associate Director for Curricular Services, Mr. Christopher Wolfs

a. New Degree Audit Software being implemented this Summer

- i. “Degree Works” updates in real-time, provides completion dashboards, and connects with academic plan.
- ii. Increase retention by having a better road map. 675 other Universities use “Degree Works”. Proven Success.
- iii. Winter 2016 TESS available for prospective transfers
- iv. Substitutions can be made right away by advisors

b. Questions

- i. Will “Degree Works” be able to make suggestions directly to students about ‘what if’?: No- make it easier though
- ii. Link with course scheduling?: Yes, this function exists
- iii. Analyze Departmental Honors?: Yes. Right now doing data cleanup to make sure the honors classes are indicated.
- iv. Credit Indication?: Only credits that count towards degree will be noted

G. Reinstatements

H. Bylaw Changes (Parliamentarian Zachary Rich)

a. Article and Title: *Article VII, Section 1 Elections*

- i. Moved to Vote- Ashraf
- ii. Second- Shiv
- iii. Did not pass

b. Article and Title: *Article VII, Section 1 Elections, part D*

- i. Move to vote- Shon
- ii. Second- Elizabeth
- iii. Did not pass

c. Article and Title: *Article VII, Section 1 Elections, part B*

- i. Entertain the idea of tabling vote
- ii. Moved- Fatin
- iii. Second- Arielle



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VI. Reports & Updates

A. Executive Board

- a. William: Please respond to emails in 24 hours. Having one on one meetings
- b. Ashraf: Some SET scores are now available online. Kristin and I want to arrange a committee for the banquet
- c. Elizabeth: Join Celly!

B. Project Groups

- a. Fatin: Sign the petition
- b. Shiv: Working on shuttle for the weekends. Contract is being signed again. Created marketing materials. Parking structure one is going to get new LED lighting. All will be addressed at April 2nd meeting.
- c. Tarek: Recycling committee met. Want Mr. Wrench to come in April
- d. Kristin: Focus groups for food advisory are still open. Concerns/questions about new Starbucks, email Kristin.
- e. Ashraf: Meeting to discuss new email details

C. College Representatives

- a. Diana: Talking to Academic Senate about potential LGBTQA coordinator position
- b. Roberta: Reduction of Nursing Credit hour = \$100/credit hour. Waiting for approval from Board.

D. Members-At-Large

- a. Tarek: Facilities group from Academic Senate is still wants to know more about LGBTQA. Fatin will send information.

E. Appointees

F. Advisor

- a. Last day of exams May 5th. We will be grade checking after. Need to look at when we want to vote in E-Board
- b. Lots of weekend programming happening for the Spring

VII. Announcements

A. Senator of the Month Announcements

- a. Sam Alqattan

B. Ashraf: E-Board will take a look at By-Laws for our next General Body Meeting.



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VIII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to Adjourn-Arielle
- b. Second- Shiv
- c. Vote/Motion is acknowledged---- Adjourned: 9:52pm

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