Wayne State University  
Student Senate  
General Body Meeting  
January 16, 2014  
Presiding: Adham Aljahmi, President

1. Call to Order – 6:01
2. Roll Call
   b. Absent – Y. Younan
3. Approval of the Agenda – moved by Brandon, seconded by Rohit
4. Approval of the Minutes – moved by Shon, seconded by Brandon
5. Business
   a. Tim Michael (TM) – Assoc. VP Business & Auxiliary Operations, Chief Housing Officer
      i. TM: Today starts delivery of Jets with Warrior Dollars – order over the phone, present your ID (part of new 2014 meal plan contracts)
      ii. Rohit: Is there a limit? TM: They’ll take it up to the amount of the order.
      iii. TM: Room and board rates proposed to Board for Governors for next year
      iv. TM: Students like expansion of meal plans – reorient back to original purpose – dining environment → social
      v. TM: Swipes on meal plans/exchanges has gone up every year with Warrior Pass, so expanding options
         1. Next year: want to move all freshmen to unlimited plans with 3 different price points
         2. $450 Warrior Dollars will get you a meal a day away from dining halls
         3. Most meal exchanges cost $6-$7
         4. Now meal exchanges are tightly defined at each place – most common complaint: “can’t get what I want”
         5. Substituting Warrior Dollars will get you whatever you want
         6. Financially for WSU, we have so many franchises that unanticipated consequence of meal exchange is royalty (10-12% per purchase) – have to equivalently price meal exchange to be similar to residence hall but account for franchise cost
      vi. TM: Lot of complaints about meal plan period hours – going to eliminate restrictions; now we’ll be doing it by access – selling swipes instead of blocks
   vii. TM: Block plans – selling access to dining venues
   viii. TM: Any student can buy unlimited, plus there are commuter options
   ix. TM: Towers next year: five different food concepts – Mongolian grill, brick oven, comfort food, burgers & fries, salad bar, desserts
      1. Seating has been changed – groupings – build community over food
   x. TM: Going to try to price in same brackets as currently, just more flexibility
   xi. TM: Our unlimited meal plan is $900 cheaper per year than MSU
   xii. Madhu: Does Gold & Greens have any changes? TM: Not in how they’re going to interact with the meal plans, no. Getting very good reviews in current state.
   xiii. Madhu: Are you going to do same concept option in Gold & Greens? TM: No, since it’s a smaller space. Plus, the goal in Towers is to go trayless.
   xv. Madhu: What about nutrition info/allergen labeling? TM: They’re changing Towers entrance – video displays, touch screens with info about meals; a lot of
that exists now with Campus Dish app, but we’re moving toward that in Towers too.

xvi. Will: For places like Late Night Grill, can we swipe for meals or use Warrior Dollars? TM: We’re keeping it on the meal plan, “one swipe a night.”

xvii. Will: Can we expand the menu at the Grill? TM: It’s being redone; when it reopens, it will be combination of burger place upstairs with more variety.

xviii. Brandon: With events in the summer like Orientation, where will students be taken since Towers and SC are both under renovation? TM: Timelines firmed up – Towers start in April, need to be finished by end of June (start of summer session); will probably be closed for a few of the orientations. Might break the kosher in Gold & Greens and then go back to it in the fall; also talking about large tents. We’ll spend whatever money we have to do the temporary dining right.

1. Student Center Food Court will be closed starting May 1; Ground-3 will be closed from May 1-Thanksgiving.

xix. Brandon: What’s the difference b/n $50 Warrior Dollars and $50 on credit card? TM: Warrior Dollars are tax free, often sold at discount.

xx. Raj: If credit card fees are high for WSU, how will that affect student cost of meal plans? TM: We factor in overhead when pricing meal plans, plus university absorbs line item overhead; you pay it, but not direct deduction.

xxi. Kelsey: For residents here over the summer, is anything going to be open during May and June? TM: We haven’t finished that planning yet because we have several new food venues; we will work on a plan with food trucks too. Summer meal plans won’t be sold until July 1.

xxii. TM: We’ve agreed to open Einstein’s To Go in Law School during their exams, but otherwise daily weekend sales are approx. $20.

xxiii. Adham: What is Aramark doing to respond to student concerns about soymilk or different options? Aramark confirmed would be done within two weeks, but it hasn’t happened. TM: If you have those issues, let the managers know; if you’re not seeing something you expected, let them know – e-mail Matt.

xxiv. Will: At Late Night Grille, there was issue with fries not being included in meal plan – can get sandwich and drink but not the whole combo. TM: They were adjusting meal plan equivalency, but those changes haven’t been approved.

xxv. Kelsey: Wireless in residential halls has been huge issue this semester. TM: C&IT made changes to network without telling housing. Joe Sawasky talked to the vendor and equipment should be fixed. In December, disabled Clean Access to log into network faster because of bandwidth reshaping. The system knows when music and movies are being downloaded, slows that traffic in favor of other traffic all over campus.

xxvi. Raj: At the Law School, alcohol will no longer be served at school-sanctioned activities; is that a new policy? TM: WSU bought two subsidary alcohol licenses to the Board’s standing one, but rules are very archaic, specific about who is served, where it is served, how tickets are bought. Talk to Catering about events

1. Ricardo (works with Jeff Block in Law School): Jeff Block would have most updates; he’s the one who has to sign off on events.

xxvii. Brandon: Board approved life safety and technology improvements in Chatsworth – what’s happening with that? TM: We’re replacing 80-year-old air system, plus wiring for cable/TV/Internet. Because of way Chatsworth is built (clay tiling), wireless routing during construction will require router in every apartment provided by students (C&IT approved change in policy of no routers in student rooms). We’ve already started in basement, and we’ll be going floor by floor to work with students to go into their rooms and do updates: done by August 1.
TM: Next week SC architects will be here Tuesday-Thursday to do finer programming; spending three days going room-by-room to determine all details – lighting, carpeting, window coverings, etc.

1. Will be looking for student input – forum at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday – going through entire building design, taking suggestions.
2. Specific modules planned for certain times to get specific input.
   a. Student org rooms at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday
   b. Food court at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday
   c. Lower level (games, newspaper, radio) – 8:30 a.m. Thursday
3. Tuesday is about the outside of the building.
4. All meetings in Hilberry A except Thursday in Hilberry C

b. U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) – Evan Foster
   i. Chelsea Maralson is president, in contact with Rohit
   ii. Looking to establish sustainability aspect at the university – composting, gardening, recycling, green management
   iii. First idea: have Senate member sitting on Presidential Green Initiatives Community
   iv. Second: Project group (Green Task Force) for green initiatives
   v. Third: Student subcommittee of Green Initiatives Committee – new idea for recycling, use of materials, composting – like-minded goals
   vi. Last spring, our chapter for USGBC took home 4 of 8 awards at MI conference
   vii. WSU: 2nd university in MI to offer LEEDs certification
   viii. Adham: we would love Chelsea to come in to E-Board and talk more about a project group or what a senator would do on the committee
   ix. Rohit: group has short-term goal of Senate rep on Presidential standing committee – Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. monthly – want student leadership input on what to do with fund money (recycling bins, LED lightbulbs)
      1. Zach Kilgore interested – forward his name to Chelsea
   x. Rohit: long-term goal: optional “green fee” of $10 (opt in/out each semester) to help fund initiatives

   c. Inductions
      i. William Alexander (Housing and Residential Life)
      ii. Naomi Shangle (Senator at Large)

6. 2 minute recess – moved by Brandon, seconded by Rohit
   a. Reinstatements
      i. Karthik Ramaseshan
         1. Madhu: Based on the attendance in the minutes, Karthik missed October 4 & 17 and November 7 & 21.
         2. Karthik: I don’t think I missed four; I only missed two and specifically informed Adham, Brandon, and Dean Strauss – one was an emergency dental procedure, the other was a last-minute call into work. I’m very committed, involved in Governmental Affairs, Voter Registration; I bring in and pitch in ideas from what I’ve seen on campus. I want to keep serving, I’ve been involved with Sam and Erika trying to implement voter registration events.
         3. Adham: Voting will be by secret ballot
         4. Brandon: A senator must receive two-thirds of the vote to be reinstated, not just a majority.
         5. Kelsey: Is it 4 absences? Madhu: Yes, I went through all of the meeting minutes from last semester.
         6. Brandon: We approve the minutes, so you can always look through and contest it with the secretary.
8. Marwan: Has he been involved in the project groups? Sam: Yes, we’ve set up meetings outside of gen body – he’s been there and planning events.
9. Adham: It’s about his attendance, not involvement.
10. Karthik is reinstated.

b. Elections
   i. Adham: positions open for Treasurer and Webmaster
      2. Kelsey: I accept. I took the initiative in planning our Winter Advance and have tried to be at many of our events. I really like everything that Senate is able to do and would love to further my involvement.
         a. Maya: Do you have any experience with finances?
         b. Kelsey: No, but I handle my own as well as a recruitment budget in Alpha Gamma Delta.
            i. Dean Strauss: There’s not a lot of fiscal management in this role; it’s mostly representing on SABC and the budget work group.
            c. Ashraf: You said “pretty involved” at Wayne State; I’ve seen you around and you are – will that affect your involvement here?
            d. Kelsey: No, I’m good at prioritizing and I’ve even stepped down from a few.
   3. Kelsey is voted in.
   iii. Webmaster
      2. Brandon: She was on a committee with Taz, so she counts as a past member. No one else can run if she wants it.
      3. Kristin: I want to get more involved in Student Senate. I’m very active on social media, and I spoke with Brandon so I know I can handle the programming on the website.
      4. Kristin is voted in.

c. Mission Statement & By-Laws
   i. Adham: We fixed the mission statement.
      1. Brandon: Do we want “Student Senate of Wayne State University” or “Wayne State University Student Senate”? Dean Strauss: doesn’t matter.
      2. Vote to accept it as official mission statement.
   ii. Madhu: We can do a closed reinstatement if senator requests. Everyone okay with it? Everyone: Yes.
   iii. Adham: For attendance, meetings start at 6:00 p.m. If you come in after 6:10, you’re late. If you leave early, it’s up to the secretary.
   iv. Madhu: Second option for attendance would be: as soon as roll call is over, you’re tardy. And two tardies make an absence.
      1. After 6:10 22 votes in favor
      2. After roll call: 4 votes in favor
   vi. Madhu: If you leave early, make sure you check the minutes to see if you’re marked as late or absent.
   vii. Madhu/Adham: At transition meeting, if there’s a tie, do you want to keep it as it is and keep voting?
       1. Option 1: new president breaks the tie
2. Option 2: continue voting regardless until tie broken, with speaking in between and questions

viii. Adham: For now, we’re only adding 6:10 and reinstatement.
ix. Adham: Vote on adding 6:10 to bylaws
   1. Majority in favor
   2. Brandon and Ashraf opposed
   3. Added to bylaws
x. Adham: Vote on adding closed reinstatement option to bylaws
   1. Unanimous approval
   2. Added to bylaws

7. Appointments
   a. Brandon: Samantha Scannell – Student Newspaper Publications Board
      i. Samantha Scannell appointed
   b. Brandon: David Hartman (urban studies major) – Leasing & Retail Committee
      i. David Hartman appointed
   c. Brandon: If anyone is interested in SABC, two Senate seats open; SABC meets before general body meetings in Senate office
      i. If interested, e-mail Brandon.
      ii. SABC allocates money to different student orgs.
   d. Brandon: Dominic Nanni – Student Newspaper Publications Board
      i. Dominic Nanni appointed.
   e. Brandon: Treasurer has to sit on SABC, so actually only one seat open.

8. Reports
   a. Adham: Project group reports woven into your regular report
      i. It’s not marketing; try to give it substance.
   b. Executive Board
      i. Marwan: Brandon, Erika, and I met with Corinne Webb today; we talked about SMART Check, grad applications, and scholarship contracts.
         1. Brandon: It’s $40 to apply for graduation, but with dual degree it’s twice that. Corinne didn’t know exactly what that money goes towards, especially since December and August are a lot smaller ceremonies. We’ll try to talk to Jeff Block about it.
         2. Erika: When students who are still working on their bachelor’s have been accepted to a graduate program, their only option when applying for a degree is the graduate degree they’ll be studying for next year; I had to apply for my law degree and then talk to records and registration about it, and they went in and changed it for me. Corinne said it’s an issue with Banner coding and that she’d look into it, but she wasn’t sure how to fix it.
            a. DS: That sounds like an issue for the provost; bring it up at our next meeting.
            b. Will: How will it be affected by transition to Academica?
               i. Marwan/Brandon/Micky: Academica is just a face-lift; Banner will still be in place.
   3. Marwan: 1,500 students came in for a SMART Check, not all of them were for dropping/withdrawing from a course because the withdrawal request numbers were lower.
      a. 1,252 continued the withdrawal process, dropping about 1,100 courses.
      b. Approximately 68 students stayed in 77 courses discontinued withdrawal process.
c. 220 students signed up for SMART Check but never went to get it, either because they didn’t think it was important or because they applied to withdraw they changed their mind about the withdrawal.

d. Results from post-SMART Check survey were positive.

e. They got 10-50 requests a day, with a spike in November before withdrawal deadline, about 150 a day.

f. During the 5-day grace period, they did up to 120 a day.

g. Adham: Is there a way to find out who applied and didn’t go through with SMART Check? Marwan: Yes, they’re going to analyze the data to see who’s having real issues and who’s doing it for the federal money.

ii. Brandon: Met with Online Services last Friday and Joe Sawasky

1. Went over Wayne State customer service surveys for C&IT; results were a little bit lower than expectations, but we’re doing better than our peers – our peer institutions’ expectations are where our results are at, but our students/staff have higher expectations than average.

2. Survey module will be put on Blackboard about changing e-mail: want to do Microsoft 360 or G-mail; committee with Kristin and Ashraf to figure that out.

3. Improving cell services on campus inside buildings (free program with a partner)

4. WAMS: decreased no-show advising rate from 40% to 13%

5. DegreeWorks will be implemented in S/S ’15 to replace Degree Audit in STARS – will show you your advisor’s plan of work for you and integrate it with class schedule website to help you know which classes to choose.

6. Academica doing a soft pilot this term, full pilot starting in the fall, roll out next year – will replace Pipeline, use more social media

7. Number of devices using wireless grew exponentially over the last three years, which was why there were some problems in the beginning of the year with the WiFi

8. Going to try to make the Wayne State iPhone app look like Android because the graphics are better and add WAYN Radio

iii. Rohit: Going to go over smoking survey, want to send out February 1

1. Rohit: At the Advance, there was a suggestion to move demographics to the end.

2. Ashraf: Can you add option to #5 about living slightly off campus?

3. Adham: Can you have #5 open up to residence hall options?

4. Sam: Can you change class standing question to “years at Wayne” or by credit hours?

5. Roberta: Can you change the wording on #15? It seems wordy.

6. Micky: I think you’re going to get the same responses to each of the options in #15

   a. Rohit: I know what you’re saying, but we’re looking at designating selected smoking areas

   b. Will: Could you add different options to not bias information?

   c. Ahmad: Could you list the areas and put a scale next to them?

7. Karthik: I think we should ask number of years on campus because credit hours might be skewed by transfer credits.

8. Micky: What are the critical questions you guys are looking at and what analysis are you really trying to get from this?

   a. Rohit: We’re looking at where students would be okay with pushing smokers too.
9. Roberta: For #6, there should be a follow-up question because some people don’t consider having a cigarette being a smoker; for example, at the hospital we ask “are you a smoker” and they say no, but then we ask, “when was your last cigarette?” and they say “this morning.”

10. Kelsey: Can there be a question about the residence halls: do you like that you can smoke in the building?
   a. Rohit: They weren’t too agreeable to that idea because of printing costs.

12. Brandon: Did you invite any smokers to your committee meetings?
   a. Madhu: We haven’t done so yet, but that’s a good idea.

13. Madhu: We originally had questions about interest in a cessation program, but we took them out; should we re-add them?
   a. Kristin: Add them back in.

14. Brandon: Western Michigan University said it only took them a year to implement smoke-free including tobacco, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, etc.

   iv. Karthik: Turbo Vote voter registration event is next Wednesday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the south entrance of the Student Center (facing UGL)

C. Committee Chairs
   i. Ashraf – Athletic Committee – we want to meet with Mort Harris Rec Center and Nicole Blaszczyk, Jason Clark, Chris Nolan, Justin Harden to talk about intramural sports.
      1. Brandon: Can you invite Chris Nolan and Rob Fournier to Senate meeting? March would be good.
      2. Dean Strauss: Why do you want Rob to come? You’re going to get the same information. Ask Chris Nolan because the bigger issue is the fees at the RFC for student orgs.
      3. Daniel: Have we ever had buddy pass system at RFC? If you bring someone non-WSU, they have to pay $10.
         a. Kelsey: You can get a membership now. Even if you aren’t a WSU student you don’t have to be sponsored anymore.

D. College Representatives
   i. Maya: recent complaint – Old Main classes are freezing – there is no insulation on the windows, and heat comes out as A/C; sidewalks on that area of campus are also being neglected.
      1. Dean Strauss: There’s complaint area on FPM website, also write Jim Sears and his secretary about the sidewalks.
   ii. Ahmad: I want to meet with CLAS chairs – online declaration of major is good, but there’s not really anything being done to lead people to their major; I want to suggest a program at orientation to help the freshmen.
      1. Adham: There’s a 40-credit track toward a major where they help you figure out what you want to do.
      2. Kelsey: Orientation leaders are generally someone from your major
      3. Madhu: Academic resource fair is great for them
      4. Daniel: CFPCA is doing explanatory track – lets students take classes that they’re interested in to see what they want to major in
         a. Brandon: There’s going to be a science one and a humanities one, etc.
   iii. Maheen: College of Engineering had break-ins last semester; a lot of technology and money/donations were stolen, so student access is limited now.
      1. Brandon: Why is new ramp in the front not ADA-accessible? Maheen: I think it is now.
2. Dean Strauss: You have a lot of facilities issues just at this meeting, maybe you want to make a standing work group with Jim Sears.

e. Members at Large
i. Lucky: Hand sanitizer machines around campus are always empty
   1. Adham: That’s facilities again.

ii. Micky: With regard to the UGL, I don’t think any of our suggestions have been implemented
   1. Third floor monitoring is getting excessive; too many people being escorted out.
   2. Adham: Library committee supposed to meet Wednesday, but there was a lot of miscommunication/confusion, and we didn’t meet.
   3. Dean Strauss: Bring Micky to the meeting.

iii. Nishanth: At an R1 institution, there’s a misconception that everyone is eligible for tenure, but that’s not true, and a lot of people go unrecognized; what can we do to make sure that more instructors get recognized?
   1. Dean Strauss: there are a lot of academic excellence awards in the university, including the President’s Award, but there are a lot of part-time faculty and GTAs who aren’t recognized; mention it to the provost.
   2. Will: there are a lot of ways to honor them beside just certificates, like artistic pieces.
   3. Dean Strauss: there are a lot of creative ways – search it online; you could implement new initiatives, but you’d have to work with the deans/chairs, and it has to be sustainable.

iv. Zach: Working on student comment boxes project – I need help with getting them built, finalizing the design.
   1. Adham: Can we create a small committee to figure out the feasibility and location of these?
   2. Rohit: It’s a good idea, but wouldn’t it maybe be a better idea to just publicize our Twitter and Facebook?
   3. Karthik: It’s a challenging task, but the physical presence is a good idea.
   4. Adham: Who wants to be on the committee?
      a. Ashraf and Ahmad

v. Kelsey: There was no plan for Winterfest (winter semester version of Festifall); now DOSO is working on Winterfest in Student Center basement.
   1. Shon: Is there going to be enough space? Kelsey/Dean Strauss: Original issue was not enough space, but if you use entire basement, there’s more than enough.
      a. Dean Strauss: DOSO is working on making it festive – ice cream, popcorn, giveaways every 15 minutes.

vi. Naomi: General concern from a lot of students is food for students with dietary restrictions and allergies – lactose intolerance, gluten-free, meat that’s marked halal cooked with bacon.
   1. Dean Strauss: write Matt, Sionone, and Tim Michael

vii. Roberta: Bathrooms on campus are not wheelchair accessible and in Structure 8, the elevator never works even though there’s handicap parking on every floor.

viii. Brandon: I want to start elections committee for Senate
   1. Dean Strauss: you can write the election committee, but you can’t make the rules about how the elections are conducted

f. Appointees

g. Advisor – Dean Strauss
i. Ricardo Villarosa is on DOSO staff as Coordinator of Student Life for Student Organization Services
1. We were not servicing student organizations as well as we should have, so we brought in an expert to oversee everything related to student organization services – development, recognition, etc.

2. Ricardo’s also the point person for EACPHS on SABC

   ii. Tiny Sebastian taking on role of coordinating GLBTA initiatives on campus; there are some, but they’re scattered and don’t coordinate with each other
       1. Safe zone training and offices
       2. Allies training
       3. Pride week
       4. Gender and sexuality resource office

   iii. Tiny Sebastian also talking on drug and alcohol education coordination
       1. Meeting with lots of people around campus about it – residential life, CAPS, public safety

   iv. Close to posting student conduct officer position for hiring – going to take on more of a rights and responsibilities role
       1. Asking Senate to participate in interviews

   v. If we can provide more services to student orgs, they do better in the classroom

   vi. Also developing a DOSO assessment team

9. Announcements
   a. Brandon: as of January 1, black and white printing has increased from $0.10 to $0.11 and color printing has gone down from $0.75 to $0.50
   b. Brandon: next meeting is February 6, hopefully we’ll have a new business rep by that point
   c. Dean Strauss: e-mailed Linda Zaddach, and she will appoint someone.

10. Gallery Comments

11. Adjournment – 8:36