Wayne State University Student Senate  
General Board Meeting  
Thursday, November 21, 2013  
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Presiding: Adham Aljahmi, President

I. Call to Order  
The meeting of the Wayne State University Student Senate was called to order by the President, Adham Aljahmi, at 6:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call  
A. Present- Aljahmi, Dawdy, Sitto, Meheidli, Vasudevan, El-Moussa, Jaber, Singh, Giroux, Alqattan, Tarp, Sanam, Asghar, Boulis, Hanna, Alluri, Ukavve, Anand, Younan, Johnson, Kilgore, R. Singh, Skinner  
B. Absent- Shamoun

III. Approval of Minutes and Agenda-  
A. Shon-  
   i. Seconded  
   ii. Approved  
B. Calvin-  
   i. Seconded  
   ii. Approved

IV. Business  
A. Dr. Wayne Raskind-  
   i. I’d like to start with when I interview in 2012 and I was told that meeting with students would not attend but it was a huge turnout. It colored some of the things I want to do here.  
      1. They mentioned they were not happy with Student Services. It was clear to me that I needed to address this  
         a. In some departments WAM-  
            i. Wayne Online Advising Management.  
               1. The current system was extremely bulky and varied from department to department.  
               2. It is a universal system and will roll fully in the winter term  
         b. The Major Declaration-  
            i. It was extremely difficult and tedious to change once you are a student.  
               1. C&IT has worked with us to make a live version in Winter Semester.  
               2. Once you declare you will be assigned an advisor within a department.  
            ii. We expect to have an Advisor in every CLAS department by the winter.
1. We hope this will help make it easier for students & felt we were behind by not doing this practices

ii. Questions-
   1. Madhu- As a double major, the page on Wayne.edu was extremely outdated and could we put it on the Q&A section?
      a. Absolutely
   iii. Adham- If there is anything you would like to run by us we would be more than willing to help out.

B. President Wilson & Wayne State University’s BOG
   i. We have a few concerns and questions. We would like to open it to you guys
      1. Adham- when I met with the faculty advising committee and met regarding the SET.
         a. Does not provide accurate information for the students.
            i. We would like to move forward with new questions on what will come up.
         b. We do not want this to be cast aside.
      2. Smoking Ban- We have created a committee. Rohit- Madhu and I have ran with the idea of enforcement of the 25ft rule and over a long period, create a smoke free campus.
         a. We are currently creating a survey asking students what they thought.
         b. Dr. Wilson-
            i. An update- we are looking to make a comprehensive system to help it. We looked into the building heads working to enforce the rules.
               1. When the employees do it they do have a system.
                  a. The Students provide an unknown system on how to ask them to move away
               2. We are going to get in touch with our committee head on how to enforce this
      3. General Education-
         a. Adham- Thank you and Provost Winters for allowing us to be a part of the general education meetings.
      4. Computer Literacy-
         a. Adham- They are now allowed to have two chances to take the test within a semester.
      5. Critical Thinking-
         a. We talked to Dr. Rankin regarding more availability and Philosophy will be moving forward
            i. We would like to extend the variety that is required.

ii. Kim-
   1. We are grateful to be here and listen to some of your concerns. We are happy to hear president Wilson is following up on them. We
also would like to keep in touch with you regarding these issues to
go into further discussions

iii. ---

1. Thank you for volunteering your time. You are going to make future Warriors’ time at the University a much easier time.
   a. In my own opinion, the answer regarding SET is scores, continue to push for it because the information will make it a better marketplace for students to make better choices.

iv. Dryker-

1. I have been on the board for 11 years and one area I believe you can lead the students to more enforcement. I don’t think the students realize how powerful their voice can be in Lansing. When you are getting your tuition bill remember that Lansing is lessening the funding to the University.
   a. It doesn’t take much to talk to a legislature. We spend more on prisoners than our students. I urge you to charter buses, use internet, and use organization skills to let Lansing know your displeasure.

v. Wilson-

1. I will second Dryker’s concern and help organize towards Lansing.
2. I would like to say this is a great student senate and has been constructing great policies.
3. I would like your input on the food vendors coming to the student center, particularly Chick-Fil-A.
   a. The comments were unsettling but universities have sided on good food and that it was freedom of speech.
   b. Students at Universities with CFA were asking administrations to take out the facilities from the campus.
      i. Adham- I do know a large group of students that are going against it. They do not open on Sunday and that is a concern as well as Halal chicken. U of M Dearborn has stated they will protest it here.
         1. Towers does offer halal as well as several community restaurants.
      ii. Raj- As universities moving forward I don’t feel like we should disassociate with businesses that make these types of remarks.
         1. Dr. Wilson- Either way we go this will have negative repercussions.
            a. This has been very helpful to me.

C. Beverly Butler- Gift of Life

i. Julianne Smith- We would like to thank you for having this. We would like to talk to you about Gift of Life, this will be our third year and have competed for 2 years for organ donation. We would just like to talk about it.

ii. Shelby Sniffen- We have done it the past two years and has won the past two. We are hoping to reach out and looking for ways to get campus
involved. We are extremely passionate and have had help of Mr. & Mrs. Butler with this effort. We just would like to have a broader base.

iii. Kelsey Skinner- We have gotten positive light for this but not the university.
   1. Adham- What would you like us to do?
      a. We would love to get any help we can.
   2. If you are passionate about it you can register people outside of WSU.

D. Mission Statement-
   i. Adham-
      1. We will have one the next meeting

E. Sam Conference December 6-8th
   i. We need an approval but December 7th DHIVE will be giving a tour.
      1. Approved

F. Meeting Time
   i. Thursday at 6pm conflicted with classes
      1. Rohit- a lot of semesters have delayed classes or gone elsewhere to take them
         a. Roberta- I was supposed to take a class. Clinical rotation is on Fridays so I would be unable to go ahead.
         b. Micky- Speakers go home as well and a viable option.
            i. WSU is transitioning to staying throughout the weekend.
      c. Marwan-
         i. I don’t think you will be able to change the time and senate should accommodate that kind of hardship in classes.
      d. Kelsey-
         i. We could change the time and have adapted a clause for seniors for on time graduations. Just because you aren’t here and should be responsible outside of this time.

ii. Rejected

G. Project Group Updates-
   i. Marwan- Last week was the SMART check dropout 5 day period to complete the process. I am curious to see how that went and will be contacting Corrine Web.
      1. Daniel- With the smart check, students are in a dilemma with the assessment and will be unable to know their grades?
         a. That is a responsibility of the students to check with the professor. Students sometimes do not understand the consequences of dropping the classes. I will still bring this up to Corrine Webb but ultimately is taken up with the professor.
            i. DS- This is something is unfair but is the prerogative of the professor.
   2. Micky-
a. I do remember a meeting for GTA orientation and had mixed reviews on the plus minus system.

V. Appointments-
   A. Zach Rich - General Education Oversight committee.
      i. Approved
   B. Ryan Merchant - Budget Committee
      i. Approved

VI. Reports
   A. The CLAS had a research fair and wanted to get feedback
      i. What do you suggest to make it better?
         1. Rohit - Do they have a system to match up undergrads with professors.
            a. It is in the process
         2. Adham - I’d like it open to less technical fields.
            a. There was one regarding math and you can apply to present from others.

VII. Appointees
   A. Roberta - Academic Senate meeting feedback from John Woodward.
      i. On the current page of scholarships they have limited the application to Michigan residents but has since been removed
         1. The funding comes from Michigan tax payers. They were wondering about how Senate Feels about this?
            a. DS - I suggest more research regarding this subject before discussing it. You should have an overview on it before making a decision. The wording is extremely complex and is very confusing.
               i. Marwan should have Webb come to senate and set up a meeting with Roberta to meet first

VIII. Member at large-
   A. Shon - Kristin and I meeting with housing 10am on December 6th.
      i. Kristin - Regarding Roommate conflicts and create programs

IX. Announcements-

X. Gallery Comments
   A. Evan Foster-
      i. The reason I am hear regarding starting a new organization and how to go about it

XI. Adjournment at 7:24pm.