



Wayne State University Student Senate General Body Meeting

Undergraduate Library, Community Room
Thursday April 2, 2015
6:00 p.m.

Presiding: William Alexander, President

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Presents: C. Abrahms, W. Alexander, N. Alluri, S. Alqattan, R. Anand, T. Bazzi, F. Dubaybo, A. Eid, S. Enakar, J. Fresard, A. Jaber, E. Lanni, A. Martin, M. Mohan, Z. Rich, A. Sabagh, M. Sanam, D. Svinarich, K. Tarp, R. Ukavwe
 - b. Absent: M. Hanna, S. Johnson, V. Sharma, R. Stevenson
 - c. Late:
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Moved: Ashraf Jaber
 - b. Second: Kristin Tarp
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Moved: Shiv Enakar
 - b. Second: Arielle Martin
- V. Business
 - a. President M. Roy Wilson
 - i. Presentation on Legislator and history behind the cut in funding provided by State- Based on old metrics. It is not about performance. They look at how many critical (STEM) degrees an institution awards- not including graduate degrees. If they reclassified then we would be eligible for additional funds. Advocating for an independent review of the metrics to meet the needs of the state
 1. How can students be effective advocates? Organize the support. Wants to create committee made-up of strategists. Made up of Alumni, Business Leaders and Students
 - ii. Students Comments:
 1. Roberta- Differential Tuition.
 - a. Response: Budget meetings are happening now. There will be a reduction in the tuition next year for nursing students.



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2. Zach- 16th advocacy day at the capital. Trying to get a message across with numbers.
 - a. Response: Need to make sure a Wayne State message gets across. We need to make sure that it is known our student services are up- we want to continue to improve, the fear is that a cut in funds will put a stop to this
3. Ashraf- what are you doing to help the decrease in enrollments?
 - a. Response: New students and transfer students numbers are trending up. New housing unit is going to be built. The budget cuts will affect this though.
4. Anthony- what happens if the metrics does not change?
 - a. Response: There are points for improvements that we have not been “using”. Currently making sure that graduation rate improves so that we can get points. Money from legislator is only one part of the component. In the last 15 years our research has been going down. I’ve been trying to build this back up. I’ve also changed the policy of indirect cost of research.
5. Will- how are we as an institution being transparent with our funds?
 - a. Response: Anything specific you can ask me. Robert is creating “Dashboard” with info graphics that will live online. Very transparent. If there is anything additional that you want to see you can reach out to me.
- b. Daryl M. Pierson, Sustainability Coordinator & Donald Wrench, Director of Grounds & Custodial Services
 - i. Presentation on current recycling process
 - ii. Questions
 1. Chevy: New bins? New layout?
 - a. Response: We don’t have the funding
 2. Arielle: Recycling in Matthai?
 - a. There are six bins
 3. Ashraf: where are the blue bins?
 - a. FAB, Labs mainly, some offices



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4. Fatin: Suggestion to create info graphics about how much we have done environmentally
 - iii. Slide presentation by Pierson
 - iv. Evan- Building a recycling center on campus similar to MSU
- c. Robert Thompson, Director of Academic and Core Applications
 - i. Presentation on email on campus—Microsoft 365
- d. Jon Fredrick, Director of Parking & Transportation Services
 - i. Slide Presentation and over view of budget
 - ii. Questions
 1. Will- Siblings weekend can we make sure bus drivers are aware and allow students without onecards on
 2. Mukund- Residence subsidized parking passes?
 - a. There is a discount, further discounting would be hard on the budget
 3. Tarek- Initiative for shuttle to Oakland and parking
 - a. A survey will be released. Right now we are in the information gathering stage. While it might be expensive, it also leads to sustainability
 4. Roberta- Could medical shuttle begin earlier so that students needing to get to clinical could use it
 - a. It comes down to can we afford to add those extra hours on a long-term basis.
 5. Roberta- can debit/credit card options be added to the lots
 - a. Yes, we are trying to squeeze that into our budget. We are trying to update all of our parking technology.
- e. Proposed Recess
 - i. Motion-Shiv
 - ii. Second- Roberta
- f. Bylaw Changes
 - i. Article IV Election of Senate Members, Section 1 Qualifications, Part C
 1. Discussion
 - a. Motion to vote- Kristin
 - b. Second- Shiv
 - c. Motion to hand vote
 - d. Second- Kristin
 - e. I's have it
 2. Amendment approved



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- ii. Article VII, Section I Elections
 - 1. Discussion
 - a. Motion to vote- William
 - b. Second- Mukund
 - c. I's have it
 - 2. Amendment approved
 - iii. Article VII, Section I Elections, part D
 - 1. Discussion
 - a. Motion to vote- Shon
 - b. Second
 - c. I's have it
 - d. Motion to move to a paper vote
 - e. Second
 - f. I's have it
 - 2. Amendment to the bylaws are not approved
- VI. Reports & Updates
- A. Executive Board
 - a. Will- I want to hear from ASGA, Make Opportunity Affordable, Lansing Lobbying Day
 - i. Make Opportunity Affordable: If you are unable to make it you have to have someone go in your place.
 - b. Rohit- smoke free policy has been approved by general council. Next step adding permanent signage. Flyers for hand out. Also creating website.
 - c. Zach- when an amendment proposal is sent out please review ahead of time
 - d. Ashraf- There was a hiccup where information was released early. Also, they want to make a video tutorial with volunteered student participation.
 - e. Elizabeth- make sure you attend meetings
 - f. Anthony- need committee heads to email me a description. Senate website traffic is up.
 - g. Madu- Goal is to have 30-40 students participate. Transportation via busses will be provided. If you could help by recruiting 2-3 friends to attending. Would also like to have an information meeting and or email.
 - h. Ashraf- App MyDrive, you can see traffic. Live Safe App, campus safety



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- i. Kristin – spoke with head of food and nothing can be done about Wing Stop being closed on Sundays, but will potentially do a weekend test during Saturday. Because of different contracts.
- B. Project Groups
 - a. Banquet- Awards will be voted on. Strauss will be invited to next committee meeting
 - b. Fatin- LGBTA
 - i. Have reached our goals, but now need to hold the powers accountable
 - c. Shiv- For shuttle need to push forward and encourage students to use it. Also, started a new committee for testing materials. Will amend the budget and bring it to e-board because it will be under \$1,000
 - d. Tarek- Wants to get a green team together to help promote recycling
- C. College Representatives
 - a. Diana- Brought up the LGBTQA committees goals to a FAC Committee. They voted unanimously to support us.
 - b. Roberta- Have a new nursing Dean. Really hopes that new Senators will take differential tuition and tuition reduction seriously.
- D. Members-At-Large
- E. Appointees
 - a. Madu- BoG meeting. Brought up concerns about increases in housing and food. The increase was approved 3.5-4% approx. \$15/week
- F. Advisor
 - a. Denise on staff is leaving the University.
 - b. Had a town-hall with Greek Community. Just a note, Armark did a really nice job with food. It seems as though catering has it together, but the dining does not.
 - c. Email about co-curricular survey, encourage you to please fill it out
 - d. Budget- Transparency is key. Especially with fees.
- VII. Announcements
 - a. Food Survey
 - b. Meeting Procedures and Conduct
 - c. Veterans Spring Event
- VIII. Adjournment
 - a. 9:43pm