Wayne State University Student Senate
General Board Meeting
Thursday, August 15, 2013
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Presiding: Adham Aljahmi, President

I. Call To Order
   i. 6:05pm

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of the Agenda
   i. Marwan

IV. Approval of the Minutes
   i. Yousif

V. Business
   i. Cheryl Kollin - Advising Initiative
      i. In my office we are in charge with the large general studies, arts, and other
         various schools.
      ii. If you have any suggestions as students we would love to hear from you.
      iii. I would like to touch on advising progression. In 1955- Does tedious
           clerical and is a most hated task by teaching. 1960- Done at orientation
           1970- Deals with behavioral and academic way. 1984- Systematic process
           on student advisor relationship. As a whole we try to use a plan of work
           for freshmen but moves away from prescriptive solutions and create a
           relationship with students.
      iv. NACADA-
         1. Multidimensional & Intentional-
            a. Grounded in teaching and learning
            b. Has its own purpose and content
            c. Has specified outcomes for student learning
         v. Focus on adviser as learner-
            1. What is it we want our students to demonstrate they-
               a. Know
               b. Are Able to Do
c. Value and appreciate

2. We cannot expect an incoming student to totally understand as freshmen

vi. Advisors teach students-

1. To teach the learning process
2. To apply decision-making strategies

vii. Three basic types of conversations

1. Informational
   a. University Policies
   b. Requirements
   c. Deadlines

2. Conversations about individual students
   a. Aptitude
   b. Strengths
   c. Areas for improvement
   d. Level of involvement

3. About Future
   a. Goal Setting

viii. Why students leave?

1. Academic Boredom
2. Personal Reasons/Financial Reasons
3. Academically unprepared
4. Uncertainty about major/career
5. Transition/adjustment difficulties
6. Failure to connect with institution.

ix. Vision-

1. Advising at Wayne State is a productive, developmental, professional, and intentional practice that promotes and enhances student learning and success. Advising exists to assist students.
2. The Mission.
3. Goals
   a. Advising supports an academic road map
i. This map has ways that students are able to monitor their progress

b. Advising supports the needs of our diverse student population, especially for venerable students and whose needs span multiple colleges

c. Advising is proactive, student centered, and guided by appropriate technology and data.

d. Widely understood as a strategy center to the university

x. We are looking to make sure we get students realistic goals

xi. What we are doing

1. Complete the hiring of 45 academic advisors.

2. Develop a training program for new hires

3. Develop and implement scheduling system for academic advisors.

4. Develop Advising resource website

5. Develop faculty advising support program.

6. Host advising summit

7. Develop academic support program for undecided students.

8. Develop plans for “Last Mile” for students close to graduation.


10. Develop a universal major declaration system.

xii. Signs of success-

1. 45 new hires

2. Students, faculty, advisors all working in context of a four year degree plan.

3. More students meeting important milestones leading to degree

xiii. Adham- Faculty Mentor and how far along as it?

1. Cheryl- We are looking for interested faculty to come to training and able to create a core group that would be able to contact group.

   a. Adham- Have you talked to Academic senate?

      i. Yes the policy committee

   b. Adham- Do you want student help?
i. We are looking to create subcommittees that would be able to help.

ii. What could we do?

   1. Marwan - Talking to Corrine Webb we realized a lot of students come in without a plan and they eventually need to depend on advising. When registering if a student clicks undecided to bring them to a site that would help them.

      a. We have found some irregularities online declaring a plan of work and causes problems (GENERAL causes students to get a general studies degree).

      c. I had a friend trying to transfer who had trouble setting up a meeting and setting an appointment

         i. Online appointments can be made here-Wams.wayne.edu

      d. Yousif - Do you handle the transfer student transcripts?

         i. No we finally meet student who is in and finally be able to tell a student what transfer credits fill requirements.

   ii. Attendance-

      i. This is our last meeting of the summer and the bylaws will be set to go.

   iii. Project Group Updates

      i. Karthik-

         1. Last senate we were working on a smoking survey. We had ten people in the committee. I worked on the survey and will pass it to Dr. Strauss. I am hoping to roll it out by October 1st.

VI. Reports-

VII. Announcements-

   i. The automated messages regarding issues claim issues have been resolved.
VIII. Adjournment-
   i. 6:52pm