Wayne State University Student Senate  
General Board Meeting  
Thursday, July 18, 2013  
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Presiding: Adham Aljahmi, President

I. Call To order-  
a. 6:02

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of the Agenda  
a. Shon  
   i. Madhu

IV. Approval of the Minutes  
a. Madhu  
   i. Shon

V. Business  
   i. Dr. Ouellete – Provost  
      1. Introduction  
         a. New associate provost of learning and teaching.  
            i. In a nutshell our job is to improve your experience, working with part time and full time professor to improving teaching methods and the ultimate goal of making your experience much better  
            1. I was looking to meet Student Senate as I am still new
a. The learning resource center will be changing with the goal to

b. The release of the SET scores we have been working on
   i. Laura- The head of the office of intaking the SET scores.
   ii. We are trying to improve the overall process.

c. The example shows the amount enrolled and see the averages of key questions.
   i. Desire to take the course.

d. The END group makes the type that will be released to the general body.

e. Laura-
   i. Sorted it in two different ways (name and popularity)
   ii. The book during my time helped guide my class choice but the cost of printing was extremely high
   iii. Rohit- I would like to include within one number and regarding the class itself (difficulty) into the total in the average score.
iv. Micky- We need a way to make it readily available and known to the students.

f. Dr. Oulette- The goal is not to wait for the SET scores to be processed and we are looking to make sure to take the information we already have. I hope to make it so that the scores actually count will improve the answers. Rate my professor would include

i. Karthik- Keeping averages in percentage would be much easier to read.

g. We ultimately will release it this year then work out the bugs later.

i. Laura- Office in 6th floor

ii. Front desk will lead you to my office.

b. Mike Hawthorne-

i. Pending closing of science of engineering library.

1. Paul-

   a. In our case the cuts are so braud we are forced to look at the S.I. Library and is based off number

   b. 10% drop each year

   c. 200,000 compared to 2 million in UGL.
i. 20-30% are based in the basement labs (roughly)

d. Computer use drop 50% each year

i. Materials would stay accessible and 33% were using the paging system to bring books to the other locations

ii. Documents would be delivered as well online.

1. With all the numbers it would make it into a mediated building.

iii. 800k Ebooks now and 500 Journals

e. The general use is electronic study space and no longer checking out materials.

f. Basement labs would stay open but the ability to go to the spaces

i. By closing the building helps effectively using services

g. By doing so this works to protect the 24 Hour UGL

2. Mike-

a. September 2nd for current students

i. The services would be maintained through this change for WSU current students.

ii. The full time staff would be deployed to other services (document delivery) and use them in high demand areas.
1. Clean up, Databasing, and support would help ultimately increase productivity and create better services.

   a. The Closing date will be July 29th.

      i. LABS WOULD STILL BE ACCESSABLE through this corridor and the total use would likely be much higher.

      ii. The staff would help assist students during the transition

b. Med- What would happen to the space

   i. Mike- 4 & 1/2 floors of material would stay there as a sudo storage area for a few years as we slowly move it down

c. Marwan- Matienence of the building? Will it be maintained?

   i. There will still be employees in the building and the labs will still have a presence there.

d. SEL closing was being prepared was being closed down by adding 100-150 additional electrical outlets in Kresge Library. The student migration is happening.

   i. We understand the ripple effect and are looking to improve the total

e. Adham- Late fees in drop off

   i. DeRoy seems to have a perennial problem.

Sometimes our fault and other times mailing services will use it for boxes since its next to
Mailbox. We will make admends with the scanning and overall processing

ii. Micky- 2 Points. The ugl wasn’t open during finals times and I would like to see that change during the finals.

1. The gate count in the library during times of weekend during the finals was so low and we were baffled. The second year was even lower so with a low budget we decided that the finances were not worth the reality. If we saw an uptick it would be worth.

iii. Micky- Regarding the ripple effect. Would you anticipate overpopulation?

1. In KResge Library we have pulled shelves to make more room and will not have an accurate number until midterms

iv. Med- When you say there was a low gate count and how does that compare to the first couple of days. Why not back up the availability during the first few days?

1. We don’t use it in the beginning of the semester until after Labor Day. There isn’t much wiggle room but for whatever reason weekends in Finals week has been low. Wednesday on has caused a drop and is a consistent trend.

v. Education Rep- What is going to happen to the materials that have been moved?
1. Have been moved towards to storage. Many of the materials we have has been large amounts of low to no use educational value and was sold then donated. We collected so much garbage but we also did collect valuable with intrinsic value some ended up in the vault 56,000 dollar book was available.

vi. Is it possible to extend the hours for PK?

1. Unfortunately we closed the building we find it hard to justify extending the hours

   a. 8am-9pm Hours seems to reflect the use in PK Library. Many times more staff was in the building than the students using it.

vii. Madhu- We have a value as a student body in the PK library which offers quiet space.

1. The feel of PK is to study more so than the UGL.

3. Rob-

   a. This year we added 200 computers to the second floor to the ugl, student technology studio improvements for multimedia projects for collaborative efforts/ AV production with immediate assistance from the English department, as well as the new study rooms.

   c. Project Group updates-

   1. Marwan- SMART check updates in june with corine web and guild Reynolds. They explained the process and took our advice to
change some things to reflect the negative effects of dropping classes

2. Brandon- WSU Online Development regarding towards fixing the app. They will look towards fixing these bugs

   a. Micky and I went to the concept of the Pipeline to allow easier access to other students but does not have a timeline.

      i. A presentation will hopefully come from the guy.

         1. Micky- Academia the general concensis is that the layout isn’t user friendly. This will have a soft rollout in a year to have an optional but eventually will phase out Pipeline. The only pushback is from facilitators and professors. IF you have any interest or suggestions please let me or Brandon know.

   ii. Resolution towards mort harris inability to create fair and equal rates for students when renting athletic facilities.

      1. The rentals through Micky’s use has found that the MHRFC has not offered an effective option for student organizations a proper rate. Rentals have not been at a flat rate and been unobtainable at a fair rate as well as fair categorization available to the general student body.

         a. A vote will take place next meeting.

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VI. Appointments-

   a. SABC- Calvin Sitto, Kyle Youngblood, Brandon Shamoun

   b. Student Affairs in Academic Senate- Roberta
c. Research Affairs in A. S- Ahmad

d. Voter Registration in SAM- Adham.
   1. Approval.

e. Government Affairs Committee-
   i. Erika
   ii. Zekia Seraj
   1. Approval

VII. Reports-

   a. Rohit- Project Lever idea. WSU has Eureka that will help matching students to professors and will come back to
      i. Community Affairs in FAB
      1. Database to coordinate/ organize events.

   b. Madhu-
      i. Airmark is our new service provider with 24hr options in the UGL with new restaurants. The program is Plug and Play. They have great food and will be a large improvement.
      1. Shon- Underground Grill?
         a. They are still unsure and have a lot of concepts.
      ii. The new met is an improvement- Micky

      iii.

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment at 7:20