Wayne State University Student Senate
General Board Meeting
Thursday, June 20, 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 Vice President, Brandon Shamoun, at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes and Agenda
A. Micky Motions
   i. Shon Seconds

B. Last Minute
   i. Marwan
      1. Shon

IV. Minutes and Agenda
A. Induction of New Senators

B. Budget Overview
   i. Erika, Adham and Brandon had a meeting last week regarding the upcoming budget approval. This meeting is Wednesday June 26 at 10:30am.
      1. We are looking to approve.
   
      ii. Erika- We took a look at the budget changes and the allocations. The most interesting one was 2/3rd of the budget and now is 23% and the increase is based off graduation rates. The funding continues dwindles and is close to the same as it was 23rd years ago. 50 Million dollars were cut in recent years.
      1. Dr. Strauss- This Wednesday is the vote on tuition and fees for the upcoming year. The student body has a say and should be. Senate has a large say in what happens.
         a. Lansing has additional funds based off 6 year graduation rates. WSU has the lowest and is due to a student population with complicated backgrounds who take classes at a slower rate. WSU received a .29% increase which is the lowest and largely based off that number.
            i. If the tuition is 3.75% or lower they will get that additional funding. It is likely to be 3.75% or higher in a tuition spike.
            
            ii. The budget cuts 18.9 Million dollars. This will cause layoffs in the academic staff with a 16 million dollar budget deficit without tuition
2. Brandon- Tiered and plateau funding.
   a. Wayne State currently has a linear model based off Credit Hours. Based off the credit hours
      i. Plateau Model - 0-12 you pay per credit hour
         1. 12-15 Next step
         2. Above that is based credit hours
      ii. Tear-
         1. 1-5 Flat rate. 6-12 credit hour 13-and up based by range.
   b. ‘Bulk up’ By taking more classes you will actually save more money
      i. The cost would offset for summer
      ii. The class options need to increase in order to make this feasible
      iii. Brandon- Would people consider taking more?
         1. Micky- Marginally effective. I think it all depends on the budget of the student. With a 5-10 year span it might be effective but not at this moment.
      iv. Dr. Strauss- The senate member takes the vote but no gallery comments.
      v. Erika-
         1. The plateau model work?

C. Project Group of Budget
   i. Stemming from the Tuition Vote
      1. Dr. Strauss advised to student senate with leverage and let the administration know that would be happening. I outlined the current project groups and shared the frustrations with the suggestion.
      2. Brandon-
         a. They do not cost a lot to approve and need a staff member to continue dialog.
         b. Margaret Winters gave a powerpoint on each
i. Smart Check is already started and on its way. 
DegreeWorks will replace the current stars and help 
advisors to encode various waivers, plan of works.

ii. Wayne Advisor Management- Advising.wayne.edu to 
sign up

iii. General Education and she outlined the benefits of it. 
She said it helps with employers.
   1. Making classes cover gen eds would be a focus

iv. Voter registration- Talking to TurboVote and putting it 
on through Pipeline.

v. Differential Tuition- Rob gave more feedback but 
continuing research

vi. Smoke Free Campus- We will use surveys

vii. Student Evaluation Forms- Confirming it will be 
released at some point

viii. Declaring Majors- The system is in the process and will 
be introduced.

c. Dr. Strauss- You need to hold the administration to see these 
changes through. DT is an uphill battle but some of the others 
are ‘low hanging fruit’ that can be obtainable. Holding the ‘feet 
to the fire’ is important to see effective long term change.

i. A monthly meeting with student leaders based off of 
Webster University and would give presentations would 
allow a direct voice. This could do significant impact 
during this gathering for student initiatives.
   1. “The Senates Student Agenda” could give a cap 
on the amount of support.

d. In the budget already

i. 2\textsuperscript{nd} floor Manoogian

ii. 12 & Hayes. Wayne State owns the old Farmer Jack and 
will be converted to classroom options

iii. College of Engineering

iv. Addition to Matthei

e. President Wilson scheduling meetings would join us at October 
17\textsuperscript{th}, January 16\textsuperscript{th}, and April 17\textsuperscript{th}.

3. With these changes would you agree to the increase?
a. 13 Yes  3 No.
   i. Micky- The percentage would be a huge factor

b. Erika- The overall percentage has been in line with other public universities

D. Project Group Updates-
   i. Marwan- General Education
      1. Jotted down the ideas and will be presented next meeting. We would be assigned a member of the administration to help us
      2. SMART check- Corine Webb would get back to us when she needs help regarding it/
   ii. Smoke Free Campus.
      1. To have a smoker program to curve the habit.
   iii. SET scores-
      1. Meeting this week
   iv. Online Development
      1. Meeting this week regarding the mobile application
      2. We will see a new tool that will be taking over pipeline.
   v. Declaring Major
      1. The committee members have benchmarked other public universities.

V. Old Business
   A. Business Cards.
      i. Please Update on the Google Document

VI. Appointments
   A. 

VII. Executive Board Reports
   A. 

VIII. Committee Chairs

IX. College Representatives Reports
   A. Business
   B. Medicine-
   C. Housing-
   D. Honors-
X. Members-at-Large Report

XI. Advisor Report-
   A. Sorry for taking so long but it was important to make you understand the ramification of current events.
   B. SWAG-
      i. Denise- swag
      ii. Judy- Business Cards

XII. Gallery Comments
    Nick Board- Nope

XIII. Announcements

XIV. Adjournment
   A. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM.