Wayne State University Student Senate
General Board Meeting
Thursday, November 7, 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

B. Absent-

C. Moment Of Silence

III. Approval of Minutes and Agenda-
A. Shon-
   i. Approved

B. Calvin-
   i. Approved

IV. Business
A. Ty Stevenson-
   i. I’d like to give you a background. I came to Wayne in 99 as a student athlete and graduated in 2003. It was really exciting to come from the thumb and be a part of the honors college as a peer advisor, coached private baseball, and came back as recruitment in Chicago. I now have the role of Executive Director as Alumni Relations.
   1. Presentation-
      a. I would like to give a background of alumni association and the services they offer.
      b. Alumni get involved, participate and give based on the level/nature of this Wayne State history and affinity it produces! When you cross that state your involvement is based on the experiences
      c. Our job is to create a symbiotic relationship to help you and hope you would like to contribute back in your own comfort zone. We look to create and sustain a relationship among the alumni and the University
      d. We raise awareness through services and various opportunities. Our ultimate goal is for you to Champion WSU ‘know what’s going on, reasons to be proud, opportunities to be in a community, and getting involved.’
e. Success is determined on the amount of champions per year, philanthropy, social media interactions, volunteering, and other various.

f. The office of alumni relations is staffed at WSU as well as Wayne State Alumni Association: a nonprofit organization that is governed by the BOG and funded by dues/now dropped the dues model.
   i. I work as senior director Alumni Relations Office and also work as Director of WSUAA.
   ii. The non dues allows the opportunity to engage the entire base.
      1. Focuses on engagement and communication
      2. Gave sum of previous remaining dues revenue/investments to Office of Alumni Relations to be used as an endowment.

g. Our current status is currently in the middle of the shift and working to decentralize the alumni model as well as diversify the body of engagement programming.
   i. We currently have local & regional programming, and communication with staff

h. AA tries to-
   i. Be a “doer, donor, or connecting”

i. Currently renovating the Alumni House.

j. We are trying to adjust practices to help the needs of young students/young alumni.
   i. Assistance with networking and career growth.

k. Ideas-
   i. Creating a student/young alumni council
   ii. Student champions group within Warrior Nation Alumni.

l. If you would like to get involved through email or let Adham and talk about how this may look and be beneficial to you.

B. Ahmad Ezziddine- Associate VP for Educational Outreach and International Programs-
   i. Anything off the main campus I have a hand in and have worked on several projects.
   ii. Extension Centers- We offer classrooms out of Macomb (Univ. Center, South Campus (open next fall), Macomb Extension Center)Oakland, and various other spaces. We want to be where the students are.
     1. Macomb Community College is our number one feeder of students and now trying to offer consistent schedules at the other campuses. We are trying to create a road map and a program to allow transfers to receive an Associates Degree.
   iii. Schoolcraft- Next year we will be placed at Schoolcraft with Toledo within their student center.
   iv. Why Community Colleges?
1. If we look at the top feeders we are getting less than 1% of the population that is currently enrolled within their buildings. We also started the Transfer Student Success Center: Located in the UGL. The idea is to make a physical space and meet the different needs. While they are in the CC we work with them all the way through the graduation.

v. International Students-
   1. When I was here WSU was #10 in the country because of the Auto Industry.
      a. Those enrollments have since dipped, and now makes up 5% of our enrollment. We have new initiatives to help WSU students to study abroad.
      b. Thursday- President Wilson, also announce new programs for the new students

vi. Online Programs-
   1. Individual Courses and other various offerings through the University.
   2. We are working on the consistency on the class to class experience. This includes the training of the new students.

vii. Q&A
   1. Raj- Performance Standards?
      a. On par, if not better than WSU students who start as freshmen
      b. The large factor is the cost, not GPA.
   2. Raj- Are those classes offered back here?
      a. We are trying to atleast offer one track of a program at the extension center.
   3. Kyle- The Associate Degree. How tangible is it?
      a. It is in place. Talk to the Office of the Registrar,
   4. Madhu- Transfer Students. Problems with advising
      a. We are working to have dedicated transfer advisors.
   5. Madhu- Opening up the opportunities for campus to speak to Office of International Students.
      a. Absolutely, We always looking for people to talk to individuals from other places lacking ELL.
   6. Sam- Helping maintain a Warrior Pride concerns-
      a. We are helping to bringing community college counselors down to main campus to help educate them.

C. Mike Hawthorne & Dean Yee- University Libraries
   i. Updates and start by telling you that safety is front and center.
      Unfortunately we had an incident last week and the camera in the UGL was not working. We have fixed it and make sure we catch issues as quickly as possible.
   ii. The SIL building- we advertised the closing at the end of the semester. We took a look at the usage of the buildings and determined the usage was a large downturn. We are making it a close section of material that will be requested but the Math labs downstairs will remain open.
iii. Adjusting Kresge to create study space on the upper portion of the library.
   1. Mike
      a. The No-Food policy: at one time we had problems with cleanliness and we are starting to see students are trashing the place with food. We are hoping to reach out to you to figure out a way to have students treat the UGL with respect, clean up after themselves and respect the rules.
      b. Questions-
         i. Create a small section on all floors?
            1. We would discourage this. Knats and flies move around.
         ii. Roberta- The food area space is limited and cannot hold the demand.
            1. We could put more furniture in there with smaller furniture.
      iii. Brandon- How often are computers cleaned?
            1. Once a semester
      iv. Maya- Make an example of students who break the rules.
            1. We were processing.
               a. A conduct processing meeting with senators.
      v. Micky- How often are tables and bathrooms cleaned?
            1. They are cleaning the best they can.
               a. M-F 6am-4am
            2. Suggest to have wipes available to self clean computers and signature of cleaning.
      vi. Roberta- Picture ID did not permit me inside.
            1. We will work on it

D. John Fredrick- Director of Parking and Transportation.
   i. One of the times I look to from Senate is the promotion of different types of parking and let peers know we have plenty of spaces.
      1. 5 year plan-
         a. Providing safe & Convient parking at a reasonable price and maintain services.
         b. RFI Tags, New equipment, Lot 40 & 50 at Matthei. Repairs, App on WSU Mobile.
            i. We are trying to maintain spaces rather than total shutdowns.
      2. Let your peers know: If you use your one card you save yourself a large amount of money.
         a. Looking into: Installing Electric Chargers. Intercom and video. Asphalt repairs. Looking to moving an outside source to handle communications. Working with staff to be more visible.
i. Project on hold to change routes due to Light Rail expectations.

3. Q&A-
   a. Roberta-
      i. Making parking pass for different lots?
         1. It becomes challenging logistically.
   b. Brandon- Staff have access to multiple lots?
      i. A small area.
      ii. DriveThru One Card
         1. We have talked about it and need to put it in the budget.
   c. Maya- I would love to have prices on the website or app
      i. We will look into it for the app.
      ii. Rates will be revised on the website.
   d. Raj- Renovations on structure 1?
      i. Another 3 years but will make it much better
      ii. Extending hours?
         1. We are working on a tighter window of in and out to change those types of things accordingly. The situation occurred is unfortunate but know we were working on these changes before then.
   e. John- Are you responsible to replacing the lights in the structure?
      i. I was under the impression Public Safety takes care of that.
   f. Shuttle times?
      i. They are listed on the app and takes 15 minutes.
   g. Daniel- Bike racks?
      i. They are a liability near structures on the inside. We are weary of the accidents that may come from it.
   h. Erika- In structure 5 the outdoor parking area is extremely dark at night.
      i. We had some issues but I will be checking that tonight to make sure it has been corrected.
   i. Brandon- 94 service project?
      i. No timeline but wouldn’t affect the facilities.

E. Advisory Board Committee-
   i. Smaller group to meet with faculty to help make meetings shorter and help work between meetings. Anyone can lead it.
   ii. It eats up a lot of time during general meetings. It helps engage in a subject and advisory groups get 4-5 students/senators to meet with the heads of departments. They then report to Senate. The service chairs model is extremely dated and now is a more hands on campus.

F. Senate Involvement Committees-
   i. This is something that would like to help
1. Rewards- Thank you’s for faculty and administration on a monthly basis. Speaker Thank Yous- Follow up with the faculty that comes in.
2. Delegates Agenda- Community outreach to create combined community forums for all students. Erika & Kyle
3. Get together- To help create foster social interaction

G. Bylaws-
   i. Creation of an International student seat-
      1. The BOG must approve this CHARTER change.
   ii. Bylaw revision- It will call for a break or ask for now.

H. Project Groups-
   i. Blue Lights- 276- Blue Lights and 21 are down. They do monthly audits and asked for expansion down cass. It wasn’t feasible to build more. Ride arounds with the lights on will happen now. Cost of phone is 550 and try to keep up to date.
   ii. Smoke Free- Working on revisions to the survey and need to get some approvals.
   iii. Online Services- We have been in contact with FlocTag but will try to reschedule. We will be requesting a pilot program for one year.

V. Appointment-
A. Rob Pfaff- Student Newspaper Publication board.
   i. Approval

VI. Reports
A. Executive Board-
   i. Karthik-
      1. Sam compiled voter registration laws and working with TurboVote. Erika will be the primary person to talk to the city clerk. We also will SOS during 2014.
         a. Erika should speak to Mark Krewman.
   ii. Adham- President Inauguration April 4th. They would like to create a program for him to dedicate for him.
   iii. Brandon- Marwills is closing and I hoping that senate would be able to purchase all the blue books to distribute to students.
   iv. Madhu- Freshii is opened.
   v.

B. College Reps
   i. Roberta-
      1. Dr Strauss spoke with the Sophomore class and they have all their grades drops. The university has no standard for widespread cheating. We feel like the disciplinary process has been unfair and need your support to create formal protocol.
         a. Sam- We have a committee to deal with it and I will get you in touch with them
   ii. Maya- Hosting a tailgating event for the veterans day game.
      1. Ty- This is in collaboration with the SVO. This is trying to create critical mass to help students, prospective students and alumni come out.
iii. Brandon- COLIS dean meeting and one question is differential tuition. They had issues with some of the fees and implementation has been problematic.

C. Members at large-
   i. Ashraf- U of M and WSU game was a success with 140 tickets sold.
   ii. BOV- Meeting was for CLIS and met well established
   iii. Daniel- We had a brown bag meeting today and will be passing information as it comes to the secretary.
   iv. Shon- Met with Housing Director. We talked about the application in housing and meeting again next month.

D. Appointees-
E. Advisor-
   i. 2 weeks from now BOG & president in A & B.
      1. Dress Formally

VII. Announcements-
   A. Email- We are all individually invited to the presentation of Gilmour Mall.
      i. RSVP is needed
   B. This Saturday is open house.

VIII. Gallery Comments

IX. Adjournment at 8:33pm.