

# STUDENT SENATE GBM MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** 03/22/2018

**PRESIDING:** Nourhan Hamadi, President

**I. CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 PM**

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**LATE: AJANTA DUTTA**

**LEFT EARLY: JACK MULLEN, AMIRA BADR**

**II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Moved: Jasmine

Second: Dalia Ibrahim

**Amendment of the Agenda:**

Reason: In order to properly discuss amendments

Moved: Ryan

Second: Abdul

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Moved: Connor

Second: Abdul

**Amendment of the Minutes:**

Reason:

Moved:

Second:

**IV. ROLL CALL:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOURHAN HAMADI   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DONALD ZEOLLA |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DALIA IBRAHIM    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARICEL GENER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DANIEL KRUPP                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MICHANDA GANT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KATE PARTINGTON             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RYAN LAITH    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ANCHITA SANAM               | <input type="checkbox"/> AJANTA DUTTA             |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KAMIL ABU-SHABAN | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMIRA BADR    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ERIKA RUCH                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMAL RASS     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONNOR ASHLEY    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABDUL HARRIS  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ALAN FOREMAN                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAZEN ZAMZAM  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KRISTINA CURTISS            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JACK MULLEN   |



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### V. GALLERY ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:

None

### VI. BUSINESS:

Guest Speakers:

Dawn Medley:

- Talking with students about pains of financial aid
- First floor is not financial aid (actually student service center)
- Difficulty with email answering about FA
- Difficulty with wait line and phone time
- Financial aid should be a seamless process
- We see an increase number of students selected for verification (10-20% nationwide)
- Students most likely to meet financial aid = most likely to be selected for verification
- How we can assist = let students fill out their FA paperwork even earlier (due to 8-14 week cycle of checking on paperwork by federal government)
- Complete FAFSA's before winter term! That's the timeline we are looking for
- Scholarships: Wayne State access program (WSAA) which is set up as follows:
  - Merit awards given
  - Pell grant is given
  - Students may still have a gap and that is where WSAA fills in the gap necessary

Grant to kresge foundation = new student emergency fund

- \$100,000 given with an additional \$50,000. But we must match the \$50,000 with fundraisers. Lets say tire pops, and you don't have the money. We give the students their money. 10 days to bring a receipt back. Honors system. If you don't bring back receipt we say "shame on us" we wont give you another pick at the money again.

Additional 10 million offered in comparison to last years.

Speakers List:

Abdul Harris: Is it not wise to penalize people for taking money that could benefit others?

Answer: if someone needs the help and tries to scam, they will ONLY GET ONE SHOT. TO LIE OR NOT TO LIE.

Parental income or student income. Number in household and valuables = decided whether they need Pell grant.



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Andrew: Emergency grant program. How do we determine what constitutes an emergency?

Answer: generally we determine it by what things fall out of what FA can cover. We go through database what we have funded in the past and accommodate.

Donald: We are of cycle and a lot of students need to utilize other sources at other times than others.

Answer: We also struggle with law school due to the release of grades. Thus without the grades we could not reward the aid without the grades!  
Two FA officers committed to med school.

Nourhan: Shift form merit to need base. What is the process for the program

Answer: 10 million more awarded in merit this year than the year before. We decreased warrior awards from \$10,000 to \$6,000.

Endowed funds raised by people are given to people at specific qualifications. We are trying to have students get as much access to that money as possible.

We took away money from students, as we do every year. A lot of students have loans to pay for their cost of attendance, so we take away the amount loaned so that they can get more money in a scholarship to pay it off. Reason why is because the students who might have a sport scholarship, merit, and any other, we feel it is unfair that they will get a check for 15,000 to attend this school, while another student gets almost nothing.

Stuart: Many students are being charged late fees for paperwork that they submitted on time, yet were lost by internal departments.

Students can get those late fees waived as long as FA covers the entire balance. We are meeting to streamline the process of it.

Stuart: We are looking for a smoother tracking process. I did X, you are doing Y

Answer: They can look into academica the very next day to make sure it is in the system.

Mazen: International students make a very big pop of Wayne State. Do students who are undocumented need to file a FAFSA If they are applying for a scholarship.



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Answer: We ask them to submit it in paper. Don't email us saying you are undocumented, simply come in and ask.

Dalia: FA with undergraduate research opportunities (UROP). I cannot go because my FA is at a certain level, and we cannot award you this money. How do we fix this?

Answer: We are federally mandated by not going above the given FA. WE look if there is any room to help out with the program you may be looking into. Federal government wont allow us to give above what is already given.

If a student has a scholarship but also receives aid which gets taken first?

We take the institutional money (aka the scholarship).

Ryan: What are other ways we can speed the timeline to get paperwork filed? How many weeks have we cut it back to? How much is the emergency fund accessible to the international student?

Answer: We increased our employees, and also hired a private agency to help out. 2 weeks, if everything is submitted together. A limited amount because we are trying to fit the needs of as many students as we can.

Jasmine: for the 11 students were they private scholarships or Wayne state given? If a student is on a full ride and a private scholarship, will they keep the money?

Answer: Wayne state scholarships. Yes, we do not tap into private scholarship money

Theodora: How are international students given FA?

Answer:

Stuart: Have you been in contact to lobby to see changes in FA. Do you notify people of a missing document?

Answer: Yes. Yes.

Abdul: Is there a way to get the phone call waiting minutes back to the 10 min that are listed on the site.

Answer: Chat box system coming soon! It will be known as W!

Nourhan: Motion to close speakers list

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Second: Abdul Harris

BREAK TIME

Reinstatement of Alan:

Alan: I have been at the hospital, and have had some issues. Been here 2 years and ive never missed a summer session. Ensure the satisfaction for my students.

Motion to move budget = Nourhan

Second = Dalia

How much is left on our budget = around 10,000

Jack: reminder that the money that we don't spend is gone

Vote: Proposal passes

Resolution for ballot:

Stuart: We really feel this will impact voters! & believe that it will encourage people to get out and vote. Guarantee the right to vote a secret ballot. And that voting overseas will be given a secret ballot.

Move to floor: Stuart

Second: Abdul

Vote passes!

Proposal for Bylaw Change

Motion: Connor

Second: Jasmine

Forfeiture of privilege to not get reinstated if you are not there.

Is on skype being physically there? We want to make people to be present at every meeting.

People can also send a statement for them missing!

Jasmine: Why 48 hours instead of 24? Procedure must be accepted within 48 hours prior to that meeting.



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We want people to be physically here for reinstatement.

Connor: If you miss 2 meetings you are off senate, unless you want to be reinstated.

Ryan: who determines whether the excuse is valid or not

Proposal #1: Passes

Proposal #2: If there are not candidates running for school colleges, etc, the provision is that it shall be appointed by the E-board of the next year.

Motion to put it to the floor: Connor

Second: Nourhan

I understand the tricky situation to this, but these seats should then be taken up by the colleges as appointments, instead of reinstatement.

We will make sure we add a job description to everything as well on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Is it truly a democracy when the schools that are supposed to represent are not voting for the eboard? Also, I don't think if someone is an honors student and is asked to represent the school it would be difficult for them to say simply yes or no. If they say yes, it's a simple move from them as GBM to honors, and then the person with the less votes get the position at member at large!

Motion to table this: Abdul

Anthony Eid: This is why you should not table this: (ASK HIM FOR HIS SPEECH)

Aaron: Everything that Anthony said I agree with it. The problem is that we are not reaching out to the students. Want tabled. No guarantee there would be applicants.

Connor: Current (Past) E-board can conduct interviews

Aaron: they will be done on june, before senate?

Connor: the bylaws and the charter are a term paper written by different people. I think it is an important first step, and we have discussed it in detail. It will help us out next semester.

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Ryan: it will be this senate that fills the spot for the next senate. Cant the senators just appoint themselves on the next senate. This can take a bit of a ethical turn.

Dalia: Anthony never sent any shots and everything you said was true. The problem is being solved momentarily with a band-aid. Why don't we include both solutions. We need to do a better job of getting people to run for these positions as well. And while your method works, Trina, what happens when GBM don't actually fit the description? I also believe there was a lot of merit in the creation of the last bilaws.

Aaron: the bylaws were forcing us to make us go and get people for those positions.

Nourhan: we will return to this and we know you are defending your hard work.

Dalia: how are we going to change the bilaws, then change it back again. It would only apply to next next years senate.

Nourhan: this is applying for next senate.

Andrew: Democracy is not about voting. Its about representation. We cannot say that vacant positions being filled without the people voting is not a fair democracy. The only reason to support the proposed bylaw, is that college has the right to be represented by the colleges they represent. I have suggested using the honorary member position giving a voice to the college.

Alan: Why don't all the schools have set up like the law school. We vote for our leadership, rep , and the dean does nothing.

Connor: this bylaw change makes that not possible.

Alan: bilaws change, and we still do our own election

Connor: Good for you!

Stuart: Anthony and Aaron brought up some good points. I will say that I voted for that bilaw amendment. I don't feel this violates that to the extent you have proposed. You can have someone who was voted as a liason of that school, from a student who represents that school. We are paying the price for it right now. I don't think that the schools should choose the senators, because what if the schools did it?

Theodora: I think that we should think of the fact that we are representing a university, so to speak about democracy isn't right. This is about students



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concerns. If I am a nursing student that doesn't mean that I will represent college of engineering. Why people do not run? Because it takes a lot of time! Its not a shitty plan.

Jack: I don't know how we can make more people interested. I don't think this makes the issue any better.

Andrew: I agree that a failure to have the representation is a slap to the college itself. I also agree that a leiason would be ridiculous! In talking with the assistant dean, our single concern is that it is a fiar expetations that the college should be represented by a student in that college.

Jasmine: A lot of people don't know what senate does, and it's the lack of communication, and lack of awareness.

Abdul: Ive heard multiple times that this is a bandaid solution. Well if it is such why settle for a bandaid on a broken arm, when we can put a splint on the wound. Give it till April 5<sup>th</sup>, lets come up with a solution, and let us get a real solution on the table.

Nourhan: On April 5<sup>th</sup> we will make sure that this change will occur. The amount of people who run for election should represent our work done. PR is super important. As a job description this will alleviate the whole issue.

Ryan: If the motion to table goes through we should set up a committee immediately.

Connor: All those in favor of tabling say I

**Tabling passed!!!**

### **VII. REPORTS AND UPDATES:**

- A. Dalia
- B. Don
- C. Kamil
- D. Theodora
- E. Amira
- F. Abdul
- G. Stuart
- H. Athony

### **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

### **IX. ADJOURNED: 10:30**



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Moved: Nourhan  
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