

## STUDENT SENATE GBM MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** 1/18/2018

**PRESIDING:** Nourhan Hamadi, President

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

**II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Moved: Conner

Second: Don

Agenda Approved

Motion to Amend the Agenda: Remove Business items  
Appointments (D) and Reinstatements (E)

Moved: Ryan

Second: Dalia

Amendment Approved

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Moved: Connor

Second: Jasmine

Minutes Approved

**IV. ROLL CALL:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOURHAN HAMADI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARICEL GENER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DALIA IBRAHIM	<input type="checkbox"/> MICHANDA GANT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONNOR ASHLEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RYAN LAITH
<input type="checkbox"/> ANCHITA SANAM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AJANTA DUTTA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STUART BAUM	<input type="checkbox"/> OBAIDAH BITAR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JASMINE COLES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUMMER BARAKA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABDUL HARRIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HEBA ELSAYED
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANDREW OUGHTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMAL RASS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KAMIL ABU-SHABAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAZEN ZAMZAM
<input type="checkbox"/> ALAN FOREMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JACK MULLEN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DONALD ZEOLLA	<input type="checkbox"/> RESMA GADDE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THEODORA ZIAI	

**NOT HERE:** ANCHITA, KRISTINA, ALAN

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** ELYSSA MATHY

**LATE:** MICHANDA, RESMA, OBAIDAH

**LEFT EARLY:**



**V. GALLERY ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:**

A. Introductions:

1. Amad, Amber, and Alyssa

**VI. BUSINESS:**

A. Guest Speakers: Kavya Davuluri, Sergio G. Rodriguez-Valenzuel; WayneEngage Program Proposal

1. Sergio- Here to ask for Senate's support for proposed program, have previously received support from the Provost but he suggested we come to Senate first to ensure there is student support
2. Kavya- Read Proposal Vision Statement, believes program would complement new Innovation Certificate/OptimizeWayne/Innovation Hub
3. Sergio- Read Proposal Introduction, believes program incorporates five values of strategic plan, but will focus most on innovation component, the program will essentially be an adaptation of the DukeEngage civic engagement student/ social organization partnership for Wayne State
4. Kavya- Read Background, Provost comes from Duke and understands its potential, believe in program scaffolding potential at Wayne State
5. Sergio- Provost is willing to commit funds for pilot program, with the goal of having corporate partners fund the program in the future; went over Program Outline, 8 week Summer experience (complement Alt Spring Break), idea for WayneEngage to serve as pipeline program through entire Wayne State ecosystem
6. Questions:
  - i. Don- Can you expand on your initial proposal to the Provost?
    - a. Sergio- Pilot program will run parallel to DukeEngage for pilot, Duke students already come to Detroit with savior complex should be Wayne students helping Detroit instead of Duke students, long term goal as such
    - b. Kavya- Initially presented smaller budget to Provost, but he wanted to also add stipends for students in the program to ensure that Wayne



- State students who would otherwise rely on income from a full time Summer job would still be able to participate in WayneEngage, while DukeEngage students only get food vouchers
- ii. Dalia- What is the benefit to the University of supporting this program?
    - a. Sergio- Students benefit from experiences that foster development along the principles of the Strategic Plan, those who complete the program come back to Wayne State more well-rounded, students who complete the program must present to the University sharing what they learned and how their participation impacted local/global communities
    - b. Dalia- Why should student tuition support a program that only a handful of students would be able to benefit from?
    - c. Sergio- The University will only fund the first-year pilot program as proof of concept, long-term plan for corporate sponsors to cover cost, DukeEngage is fully funded by their endowment
    - d. Dalia- Have you reached out to any potential corporate sponsors yet?
    - e. Sergio- Have reached out to some initial connections, but believe shouldn't pursue further without Senate support
  - iii. Andrew- Believe addition of stipend is a good idea, how do you plan on reaching out to organizations that you want to partner with – perhaps leverage existing relationship some have with Wayne State?
    - a. Sergio- Some potential partners we already have some personal relationships with as well, plan to establish more long term institutional relationships between partners and Wayne State for after



- we graduate, believe potential partners listed in proposal would be easy to get on board
- b. Andrew- What would the application process look like, would it consider merit or financial need?
  - c. Sergio- Will likely adapt the DukeEngage application procedure to Wayne State, may adjust to better respond to needs of Wayne State student applicant demographics, will determine closer to implementation
- iv. Ryan- Could the WayneEngage program be adapted as a for-credit course that could satisfy the new Gen-Ed Civic Literacy Inquiry requirement, fit desire to create more experience-based learning classes and allow flexibility for students to pursue opportunities in the community as a result of Gen-Ed Reform, perhaps defer cost of tuition?
- a. Sergio- Difficult to make a tuition-free for-credit course, Provost concerned that the stipend would then go to cover cost of tuition which would defeat the purpose of it, making it a class may inhibit the choice for students who only want the experience, but will defer to Senate's input, Provost may consider allowing WayneENgage to stand in for another Gen-Ed requirement
  - b. Nourhan- Perhaps allow student applicants the option to choose the stipend or to have the program count for a major-specific internship requirement with the stipend deferring the cost of the tuition for the course
- v. Nourhan- Concern with cost of pilot, how University justify funding when basic needs are still unmet on campus?



- a. Sergio- Provost believe that since civic engagement is used when the State calculates how much to fund the public universities that investing in WayneEngage may ultimately result in greater state funding for WSU even after the corporate sponsor begin funding the program
- b. Nourhan- Is the goal to place students at organization in Detroit or to send the outside the city?
- c. Kavya- DukeEngage over time has expanded to global placements, but at least for the pilot program believe WayneEngage should stay in the city, later corporate sponsorship may allow WayneEngage to expand abroad, want to emphasize helping ourselves as a Detroitier instead of the problematic savior complex other programs foster
- d. Sergio- long term want WayneEngage to expand everywhere, but should serve our own community first
- vi. Jack- What criteria is used in the DukeEngage application process?
  - a. Sergio- Duke requires students to have good academic status and at least be part-time students during the program
  - b. Kavya- There may be additional requirements for those placed at international locations
- vii. Michanda- Perhaps qualify for study abroad opportunity?
  - a. Sergio- Possibly partner through future expansion, want to keep program separate if possible, serve own purpose, investment in WayneEngage not come at expense of study abroad programs
- viii. Jasmine- How will you ensure that student applicants don't all have the same



major/are from the same school or college?

- a. Kavya- Will reach out to all students, partner with organizations with opportunities for students with all majors
  - b. Jasmine- What will you do if businesses don't commit to fully funding the program after the pilot ends?
  - c. Sergio- Will make a serious effort to reach out to corporate sponsorships, believe make strong relationships, success of pilot will validate program and convince corporate sponsors to invest in program, sponsors will value student placements at their institutions, anchor long-term relationship with WSU, relationships will stick and ensure longevity of program
  - d. Kavya- Will measure success and quantify impact of pilot to make the case for sponsorship support, measure progress over time
- ix. Abdul- What would you do if a host organization wanted to pull out in the middle of the program, how would you ensure that a diverse variety of host organizations are offered through the program?
- a. Sergio- DukeEngage has already been sending students to many of these host organizations for years, host organizations recognize value and often compete for student placements, WayneEngage would build off of, pilot program will send Wayne students to host organizations that already accept Duke students, future expansion outside of Detroit may be more difficult but will build off of reputation and track record of success



- b. Abdul- What if a student is not satisfied with their placement and wants to switch host organizations or drop out during the program?
- c. Sergio- Will learn from Duke how they treat such a situation in DukeEngage, adapt best practices to WayneEngage
- x. Dalia- Make sure it is optional for a student to choose the stipend or tuition deferment for-credit, avoid issue of overfunding students with full-ride which defeats the purpose of the tuition deferment
- xi. Dalia- Will the administrative positions described in the proposal be filled by hiring new employees or assigning tasks to existing employees, if so would additional tasks require additional compensation?
  - a. Kavya- Provost said he wants to combine the different positions into just one administrative position for the program, plan to assign tasks to existing employee instead of hiring a new employee, would save costs
  - b. Dalia- How secure is the funding from the Provost, need firm commitment for rollout planned next month in proposal, may want to rollout in 2019 instead of 2018 since current timeline is very restrictive
  - c. Sergio- Provost supports program, and will find funding to make it happen, may have to re-evaluate timeline though
  - d. Kavya- There is a current shortage of DukeEngage student placements at Detroit sites, ideally this Summer can still start by working in parallel to DukeEngage, sending a few additional WSU students to fill shortage
- xii. Andrew- Would WayneEngage seek to partner with smaller local organizations



alongside larger organizations with national footprint?

- a. Sergio- Ideally WayneEngage would seek sponsorship funding from larger organizations that are more capable of affording the cost while partnering with smaller local organizations for student placements, may still seek inverse as well

xiii. Nourhan- Where would the Provost get the funding for the pilot program?

- a. Sergio- Provost said he will set funding aside from his own budget

B. New Senator Seating: Elyssa Mathy, CFPCA

1. Elyssa took the oath of office administered by Dean Strauss and was seated

C. Elections – Treasurer

1. Nominations:

- i. Abdul- Nominate Mazen
  - a. Mazen- Accepts nomination
- ii. Summer- Nominate Amira
  - a. Amira- Accepts nomination

2. Candidate Speaking:

- i. Amira- Interested in position, learned a lot about it from Kate, will graduate this year so only have one more semester on Senate but is committed to learning and doing job well, believes has the skills needed for the job, is well organized and driven

a. Questions:

1. Ryan- What experience do you have that you believe prepares you for the position?

- i. Amira- Serve on 2 Project Groups, believe have made good progress in both

2. Stuart- Do you have any experience managing a budget?

- i. Amira- Manages personal budget, has worked with





- treasurers handling money on other student orgs, fast learner too
3. Abdul- Why are you interested in the position?
    - i. Amira- Learned about position from Kate, will execute all duties
  4. Nourhan- Will you commit to replying to my emails within 24 hours?
    - i. Amira- Yes
- ii. Mazen- Believe have already learned a lot through first semester on Senate, hope to gain experience and apply it to Senate in service through future years on Senate, good at math, well-organized, will take job seriously
- a. Questions:
    1. Ryan- What experience do you have that you believe prepares you for the position?
      - i. Mazen- Member of other student orgs, does research at SOM, works at Karmanos
    2. Stuart- Do you have any experience managing a budget?
      - i. Mazen- Served as secretary on high school student government, haven't directly managed a budget but can learn to do it
    3. Abdul- Will you be able to make the time commitment?
      - i. Mazen- Taking lighter semester course-load, believe



- have enough time  
for position
- 4. Nourhan- Will you commit  
to replying to my emails  
within 24 hours?
  - i. Mazen- Yes
- 5. Ry: Are you good at  
organizing and  
communicating?
  - i. Mazen- Yes, able to  
communicate well  
with anyone
- 6. Heba- How would you deal  
with a mistake?
  - i. Mazen- Would own  
up to it instead of  
hiding or trying to  
make up an excuse,  
would try to fix as  
soon as possible,  
goal not to get to  
that point at all by  
double-checking,  
recognize need to be  
responsible when  
working with  
University money

- 3. Closed Deliberations
- 4. Voting
- 5. Results: Mazen won

**VII. REPORTS AND UPDATES:**

A. President- Nourhan

- 1. Distributing feminine hygiene products with  
Period student org
- 2. Winterfest will be on 1/24, will hand out  
scantrons and blue books to students like we did  
at Student Org Day, need Senators to volunteer at  
booth to cover time slots not yet filled
- 3. Will have a Senate Advance on 2/8 at 6PM, have  
not yet decided the location, will put together  
agenda soon
- 4. GVSU student government conference will be on  
Saturday 2/24, need 2 more Senators to join, will  
not be staying there over night
- 5. Need 2 more Senators to join NY ASGA trip on  
2/24 as well



### B. Governmental Affairs- Stuart

1. Working with counterparts at other MI public university student governments in a collaborative effort to lobby the State for more higher ed funding. Will send letter to Governor saying as such, and will circulate petition to gain student support
2. Working with the non-partisan Campus Vote Project to fund two student fellows to organize civic engagement activities and voter registration drives on campus for 2018 election season. Will also partner with faculty and administration in this effort. CVP will completely fund the two student fellows
3. Lobby Day will occur on Tuesday 3/20, students will leave on buses at Dunkin Donuts at 8AM, and will return to campus by 5:30 PM. Includes fully funded transportation, t shirt, breakfast, and lunch. Will schedule meetings between students and their own State Reps/Senators to request. Need College Senators to reach out to students in their respective schools and colleges to bring to Lobby Day to ensure a diverse representation of students from all over the university at Lobby Day, hope to get good turnout from Senate on Lobby Day
  - i. Nourhan- Really want Senators to attend Lobby Day if they can, need to represent students well there
4. The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute program organized by the Division of Government and Community Affairs was a success, raised a significant amount of money, the keynote speaker former Attorney General Loretta Lynch was well-received

### C. SOM- Don

1. New revamped M1-M2 systems-based curriculum reform will start in July
  - i. Concerned that there was a lack of student involvement in the decision, will speak to SOM Dean to address concerns
2. Continued issue regarding lack of student badge access to VA clinical site, has now been on-going for 6 months, still working to solve issue
3. Questions:



- i. Abdul- Will current students need to retake any classes?
  - a. Don- No, curriculum will be phased in incrementally for incoming students, with a special bridge curriculum developed for current M1s, all other current students will stay on same paths
- ii. Kamil- Is this new curriculum good?
  - a. Don- Believe systems-based curriculum better, leads to better scores on exams and boards, leads to better student mental health, more relevant/better preparation for actual careers as it cuts irrelevant material and focuses on the more important material doctors use, complies with LCME recommendation, believe any issues will be ironed out gradually as the curriculum is implemented
- iii. Andrew- How have faculty reacted to the change?
  - a. Don- Clinical faculty favor the change as it has little impact on their current teaching habits and favors their classes, while the basic science faculty oppose the change because it reduces their role in the curriculum and may lead to cutting some of their classes or positions in the future

D. Pharmacy- Maricel

- 1. Eugene Applebaum passed away
- 2. Bringing CAPS to medical campus, more than just the 15 minutes “Let’s Talk Campaign” drop-in sessions currently offered on medical campus, both Pharmacy and SOM students will be able to use, new enhanced presence on medical campus due to increased funding
- 3. New Special Olympics Detroit student-Physician Assistant partnership program opportunity
- 4. Questions:
  - i. Don- Is there a schedule of days/times where CAPS will be on the medical campus?



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- a. Maricel- Schedule will be based on appointments

### E. Nursing- Theodora

1. New Nursing courses introduced, including clinical residency program and review courses to help students prepare for exit exam/boards
2. There was a 100% passing rate of exams and boards among Nursing students
3. Two new construction projects:
  - i. Building new Student Commons, completely funded through donations, Nursing Student Org holding fundraisers
  - ii. Classroom expansion project funded by the University
4. Two Nursing students received prestigious grant-funded scholarships to earn their Ph.D.'s

### F. Dean Strauss

1. Next GBM on 2/1 Provost, Chief of Police, and Michael Wright (VP of Marketing/President's Chief of Staff) will come to talk about safety/crisis management issues on campus to respond to concerns shared by Senate in letter sent before Winter Break
2. 150<sup>th</sup> celebration kick off on Friday 1/26 at 2PM in Community Arts, include speech from President and theatrical production journey through history of WSU performed by CFPCA students and Melodytroit student org, urge Senators attend
3. Thursday 1/25 will be Thursdays in the D: Sesquicentennial Late Night Breakfast, will make up for having had to cancel Late Night Breakfast last semester due to Snow Day, will have another Provost sponsored Pay it Forward challenge to collect W Pantry donations
4. WSU Climate Study went live, commissioned to determine students' views on issues pertaining to diversity and inclusion on campus, need to promote survey and ensure large student data sample response rate, feedback from survey will determine changes for the better, strong changes dependent on strong data
5. Activity Awards have been dispersed to Senators, need to be sent up-to-date roster to make changes after Treasurer election and after new seats are filled



6. Working with C&IT to implement last year's Bylaw/Charter change in 2018 Senate elections, will use new OrgSync election module, students' ability to vote for school/college specific Senators will be determined by major they had on March 1 to avoid abuse of the system through major-changing, students' ability to run in the Housing Senator election is dependent on whether or not they have already signed their contracts and committed to living in housing for the next academic year
  - i. Which Senators are still appointed?
    - a. Connor- SOM/Pharmacy/Law/Information Science are either appointed by Deans or selected by student councils
  - ii. Decided that any student can run or vote for Extension Center Senators since students can always take classes at Extension Centers
    - a. Connor- DOSO has discretion on this matter as the Bylaws and Charter are vague, Senate can discuss and recommend options
  - iii. Abdul- Can Honors students run in the Honors election as well as their School/College election as determined by their major?
    - a. DS- Students have to choose to run in only one of those elections
    - b. Dalia- Can Honors students votes in both Honors and their School/College specific elections?
      1. DS- Students can vote for elections in every constituency they are a part of
7. Kristina previously brought up issue regarding outside organization funding of Senate campaigns, currently don't have rules against such behavior but Senate could explore making rules to be implemented in 2019 elections, may be able to limit money spent from outside groups but can't stop them from lobbying



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8. Received email from Provost office, looking for student to serve on Tenure and Promotion committee as well as the Teaching Excellence Awards Selection Committee, if no Senators are interested/available to serve on either committee then will reach out to students at large, need to make appointments at 2/1 GBM
9. 2/1 Basketball Game Teal-Out for Domestic/Sexual Violence awareness

### VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Stuart- Spirit of Community Awards coming up
- B. Kamil- Engineering Senate has not meet yet, will discuss first meeting in report at next GBM
- C. Don- SOM will have their own 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, featuring ethnic fair food/dance/karaoke at Scott Hall
  1. SOM Blood Drive on 2/1 at Scott Hall
- D. Obaidah- This will be my last official Senate meeting, resigning due to class conflict.
- E. DS- President and BOG want feedback on revamping smoking policy
- F. Ryan- The drafting of the new campus master plan will begin this semester, requesting seat for Student Senate representation on committee, hope Senate appointees will promote increasing the amount of gender inclusive bathrooms in the new master plan

### IX. ADJOURNED: 8:16 PM

Moved: Connor  
Second: Dalia



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