

STUDENT SENATE GBM MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 10/19/2017

PRESIDING: Nourhan Hamadi, President

I. CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

LATE: NONE

LEFT EARLY: AMIRA

II. ROLL CALL:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOURHAN HAMADI | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DONALD ZEOLLA |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DANIEL KRUPP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABDUL HARRIS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ALAN FOREMAN | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAZEN ZAMZAM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KRISTINA CURTISS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JACK MULLEN |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RESMA GADDE | |



III. GALLERY ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:

A. none

IV. BUSINESS:

A. Guest Speaker- M. Roy Wilson- Wayne State University President

1. Academic Success Project Group- Presented by Abdul Harris, Kristina Curtiss, and Amira Badr: As the project group for academic success, we have short term and long term goals:
 - i. Short-term: waitlist, syllabus (more structured), knowing grades, mentorship program, advising evaluation
 - ii. Long-term: more flexible class scheduling
 - iii. Advising- has improved a lot; one thing we think can improve advising is student input. Very similarly to how students can review professors, students should be able to review their advisors- other students will know what to expect and advisors will know what to work on.
 - iv. President- this is a great idea! After speaking to several students what they wanted regarding advisors, answers seemed uneven. There is a workshop plan in place for advisors; the one issue that may come into place is a union issue
 - v. Provost- it is ridiculous that we don't already have a waitlist, something will be done about that soon; having some type of video syllabi is a good idea. We have gotten the most people to subscribe to the Guide application- it is supposed to be the pre-advisor element which will make advisor appointments more efficient; Warrior VIP program is going to be a spinoff of a "match" to put alumni and peers together.
2. Black Graduation Rate Project Group- Presented by Dalia Ibrahim and Jasmine Coles: We have seen a disparity of graduation rates what can we do to get a spot at that table and have the student voice heard? We are planning to have a town hall with multiple tables to talk to students and hit the ground running with student problems



- i. President: we have had two goals regarding graduation rates. First is 50% graduation rate by 2021 which we are doing really well on. The second is to decrease that disparity in graduation rates. The African American graduation rate has actually tripled over the past three years. But as long as the progress of the white graduates is going on, the growth is parallel the disparity is still there. The highest percent that we have seen is other school's reality-wise is 50-60% for a 6-year grad rate. A subgroup of black grad rate is black males. I will be going to two conferences soon specifically focused on black males.
 - ii. Provost: You have mentioned the three programs that we are hoping that the peer mentoring might actually be a part of- that these programs will coordinate with one another. "Our University is about a Fair Equitable Opportunity for All" so looking at Hispanic students- make graduation for all!
3. Governmental Affairs Project Group- Presented by Stuart Baum: it has been a long term priority for Student Senate to increase voting/voter registration. But we need to do more. Many students are unable to vote because of where they live, are registered, and can go to vote. We want to work with campus and the City of Detroit to find a place to vote. It is unclear who we should be talking to at the University to get this initiative going. EMU recently did this and it was not only more convenient for students to vote, but voting increased dramatically
 - a. Bill DeCateur is the one to talk to. Let's keep the goal as 2018 Election if not, we will get vans to take students to vote
4. Community Engagement Project Group- Presented by Marical Gener: With the qline and the Mike Ilitch School of Business being built, we are looking to get more transportation and more hours like other schools have in order to increase student engagement with Detroit.



- i. Ned Stabler is the VP of Economic Development- his group is the one which brought the bicycles on campus. Contact him because he has been working with the city for permits and information to get transportation as a priority.
5. Question and Answer Portion
- i. President- it is still fairly early in the year. Now is the time to think about what might require some funds. The budget gets passed in June- there is a lot of preparing that takes place. The reality of the budget is that a certain amount is just needed for slack/set aside. There is usually very little of the budget left for discretionary initiatives. What is most important to the students? Also because of the housing project that is going on, there is money that is now used for the decreased parking.
 - a. Nourhan- not increasing tuition is a priority in addition to study abroad and scholarship opportunities
 - b. Daniel- fixing whatever is broken (such as the lounge in the basement of the community arts building)
 - c. Dalia- increasing janitorial staff which will not stretch them too thin as well as keep our campus beautiful
 - d. Jasmine- Shuttles running on time/for longer from the med school campus to main campus
 - e. Daniel- CCS uses a 24 hour shuttle and a cycle/call system
 - f. Stuart- many students have brought to my attention that the parking structures are not open longer especially with the UGL being 24 hours
 - g. Obaidah- are there any programs to have the alumni be a bigger part of the school? Provost: that has been an increasing trend we are really hoping for more alumni engagement especially at the 150 anniversary



- h. Abdul- space heaters for qline/busses
- i. President- got your notes will do what we can

V. REPORTS AND UPDATES:

- A. Mazen-
- B. Don-
- C. Ryan-
- D. Stuart-
- E. Maricel-
- F. Kristina-
- G. Dean Straus- The office of Community Affairs does a ceremony with awards; nominations are now open for students and faculty to be recognized for community service. Process is very simple; link here: . There have been three events that students believed were hateful/harmful/alarming but those projections were free speech so we cannot make them stop/take it down. What we have to do as a student body is have that dialogue.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Michanda- School of Social Work has a big conference coming up this weekend. Conference on Social Work Education. We are currently between deans as well so there will be a committee for that. I am also about to join a Social Justice committee so will have much more to report.
- B. Dalia- 150th- there will be a lot of events planned but events end..we want to do something more tangible/meaningful like a time capsule which will be revealed in 50 years!
- C. Stuart- had a meeting with someone from UofM and was invited to attend a conference about increasing student voting
- D. Summer- SAFB has been going well; had an event request for \$35,000 and after discussing whether or not they would draw a crowd, we don't know if we can recomment event planning
- E. Nourhan- printer is coming in soon! Connor, Don, and I are meeting with housing and retail spaces; let me know if there is anything you want to know before we go to that meeting; ME/NA- report to come with more data; Wayne Radio reached out and am meeting with him Monday to collaborate- let me know if you are interested; Green

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Initiatives- from last year, still want to see what we can do regarding recycling; don't forget to schedule for winter classes!

VII. ADJOURNED: 7:43

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