

STUDENT SENATE GBM MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 10/19/2017

PRESIDING: Nourhan Hamadi, President

I. CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

LATE: OBAIDAH, THEODORA

LEFT EARLY:

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Moved: Abdul

Second: Connor

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Moved: Ryan

Second: Connor

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 type="checkbox"/> MARICEL GENER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONNOR ASHLEY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MICHANDA GANT |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KATE PARTINGTON | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RYAN LAITH |
| <input checked="" 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"/> ANDREW OUGHTON | <input type="checkbox"/> HEBA ELSAYED |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KAMIL ABU-SHABAN | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMIRA BADR |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ERIKA RUCH | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMAL RASS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DANIEL KRUPP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABDUL HARRIS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALAN FOREMAN | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAZEN ZAMZAM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KRISTINA CURTISS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JACK MULLEN |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RESMA GADDE | |



V. GALLERY ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:

A. One

VI. BUSINESS:

A. Guest Speakers: *Wayne State University Division of Government and Community Affairs*- Patrick Lindsey (*VP of Government and Community Affairs*), Greg Bird (*Director of State Relations*), and Brianna Ellison (*Associate Director of Advocacy and Community Programs*)

1. Here to share about team, what they do, and work together
2. Federal Level (Patrick Lindsey)- external relations group. A pillar of our mission says we will be engaged in the community (especially in such an urban setting). In Lansing, we are trying to not only get funding but also deal with policy issues. From a federal perspective, we have a college which deals with grants, higher ed acts. Very recently, they are looking at the tax bill. We have to look at that closely to make sure none of it is affecting students or families of students. The fed trio programs are there to help students as a support- we were late on an application for a trio. Based on previous networking/relationships, we were still able to get that grant. We are looking to have a keynote speaker for the Friday before MLK day.
 - i. Daniel- which level of government can we talk to about advocacy? State level
 - ii. Michanda- so for the programs that have ended/expired are they planning to replace them? We are actually making sure that any important/relevant programs are not getting lost
 - iii. Abdul- the state funding comes from two main avenues- grad rates/historical prevalence; how can WSU increase our funding? Greg will go into more detail, but grad rates is just one of the many categories; This is flawed but there is policy and politics to get what we want
3. State Level- (Greg Bird)- our main goal is to promote the relationships and policy for WSU. One of the biggest issues I deal with is the State



Budget. We get a little under \$200 million which is the second to least of the funding compared to other Michigan schools. We also have smaller budgets for other on campus projects like the STEM learning center, iBio, the engineering center. Community college offering four year degrees has been an issue for us. As well as weapon issues for campuses/dorms. Campus Free Speech has been a hot issue right now! There have been efforts to make legislations in the house/senate. We have also been working on getting funding for sexual assault awareness. We want research to be more recognized! Recognizing graduate student activity would also help the University. No other state is using Carnegie and we are hoping to get that address. We are developing an advocacy website to quickly see what the issues are have people voice issues.

4. Brianna- multiple corporations, the mayor's office, and parts of WSU use this site. We can send out announcements/emails about issues that are going to be voted on. It automatically populates your leaders based on zip code and it will be a social media platform as well. We hope to launch in the next two weeks! The community engagement events are not only benefitting each other but our city as well. We adopt a school every year related to MLK day. It's a great way to bring WSU and rest of community together. Spirit of Community Awards coming up this March. Nominations are open until November 17th.
5. Lobby Day March 20th- last year was the first in a while. Representation from all of the schools and colleges. Around 20/25 students did not show up the day of. Pretty successful for doing it after a while- want this year to be even bigger and better- want your 13 school and college reps again

B. Budget Proposal: Diversity and Inclusion Community Outreach- *Ryan Laith*

1. Brings Senate's stance on Diversity and Inclusion to the public eye- visual of our resolutions and stance.
 - i. Dalia-How would we like to spend our budget? This is general funds towards our

- initiatives- this is great idea, but what is the policy regarding this?
- ii. Abdul-Let's try to use this money for something that impacts the life of the students directly
 - iii. Andrew-Is there student org that we can work with for this?
 - iv. Stuart-Flag resolution, pass later?
 - v. Connor-program not event, not student org but represent student org, should not support fin, should work with OMSE/DOSO, they should give funding, we don't do programs unless related to policy
 - vi. Daniel-where go, UGL?
 - vii. Ryan- I don't categorize this as an event, but up to you how you end up voting
 - viii. Did not pass

C. Appointments: *Dalia Ibrahim*

1. Library Space Planning Committee- Connor as representative and Stuart as alternate

VII. REPORTS AND UPDATES:

- A. Nourhan- Race/ethnicity graphs- it is exciting to see being represented (ME/NA) and see that what we are doing is making a difference
- B. Kate- Met with the office of Econ Dvpt regarding Woodward and Warren; they are currently doing a fundraising campaign and are trying to get 25k to get matched. Senate donating 1k and they need volunteers- reach out to Kate!
- C. Anchita- Ilitch Updates- new building/new member voting/new classes offered
- D. Stuart- Had a conference call with Michigan public universities about voter turnout and how to increase turnout- WSU doing pretty well compared to other Michigan schools; discussed different strategies, conferences, and what universities are doing in general- got to present and get ideas from other institutions. Getting a polling location on campus- EMU just got one and we are able to talk with them and get that done for us as well.
- E. Don- LCME results are in and we are reaccredited as a Med School; They are now re addressing the curriculum

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- discussion for first and second years. Shortening the summer for two months between first and second year.
- F. Kamil- Academic Success met with Dr. Ellis about syllabi and waitlist for classes; He said that waitlist is part of banner (registration system) which will actually be updated in 2019. As for the syllabi, the best thing we can do is talk to the academic senate- they will probably think it's a burden. Ellis wanted to look into data and see if putting syllabi up made a difference in academic success. We can formalize as a senate why we need it.
 - G. Michanda- Kristina Dennis is now the Dean of Social Work. Started a masters of social work and social work-joint. This is one of three in Michigan. They are focusing on promotion of healthy behaviors. There will be the 30th annual lecture on November 9th- about Flint and the impact across the community. WSU School of Social Work and College of Nursing received a grant!
 - H. Jack- Preferred Names Committee (might be changed to Chosen Names Committee) we are discussing to differentiate your legal name and preferred name. The timeline "phase 1" won't happen until February but you can go online and change your preferred name. We have already had 1200 name changes.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Alan-Resolution- Equal Tuition Rates
- B. Obaidah/Kate-Calculator/clicker rental discussion
- C. Nourhan-Big Sister-type Mentor program

IX. ADJOURNED: 8:22

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