



# STUDENT SENATE



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## General Body Meeting Thursday, July 20, 2017 Student Center Hilberry C

**PRESIDING:** Nourhan Hamadi, President  
**I. CALLED TO ORDER:** 6:00 PM

### II. ROLL CALL:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CONNOR ASHLEY               | <input type="checkbox"/> JACK MULLEN              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALAN FOREMAN     |   |

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

**LATE:** Ryan, Amal

**LEFT EARLY:**

### III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Moved: Daniel  
Second: Jasmine  
Agenda Approved

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**IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Moved: Abdul  
Second: Alan  
Minutes Approved

**V. GALLERY ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:**

- A. Meyer Gershter incoming Freshman student part of the Med Direct program, came to GBM at recommendation of Jasmine, was involved in high school student government and would like to get involved in one of the new Student Senate Project Groups
1. Nourhan- Happy to see his interest, will get his contact information from Jasmine and add him to the groupchat of whichever Project Group he is most interested in being a part of

**VI. BUSINESS:**

- A. New Senator Seating – Theodora Ziai
1. Moved until Dean Strauss arrived to present Oath of Office
  2. Theodora- Took Oath of Office and was seated
- B. Budget Proposal: Student Senate Gear
1. Nourhan- Dalia presented budget proposal at Student Senate Advance, total cost of \$4,000
  2. Budget Proposal approved unanimously by hand vote
- C. Event Proposal: Gov. Affairs – Michigan Secretary of State Mobile Office
1. Stuart presented event proposal with details in accompanying handout and report
  2. Event Proposal approved unanimously by hand vote
- D. Reinstatements
1. Reinstatement proceedings of Kristina
    - i. Nourhan- Reading Kristina's written statement; she has been unable to attend a meeting in-person or virtually since 5/18 (and won't return until 8/12) as she has been in DC for an internship with hours that conflict with Student Senate meetings, but she has still been doing work for Student Senate while away as evident in her report
    - ii. Daniel- Review attendance policy, reinstatement required after 3 absences in Summer and unlimited number of reinstatements allowed, but reinstatement required after 2 absences in Fall/Winter Semesters and Senators can only be reinstated once per Semester
    - iii. Closed Discussion

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- iv. Reinstatement of Kristina approved unanimously by voice vote
2. Reinstatement proceedings of Mazen
  - i. Nourhan- Reading Mazen's written statement; he has been unable to attend meetings since he has been spending his Summer in Egypt with his family, he eagerly looks forward to returning to Student Senate in the Fall to work on our initiatives
  - ii. Closed Discussion
  - iii. Reinstatement of Mazen approved unanimously by voice vote
3. Reinstatement proceedings of Connor
  - i. Nourhan- Reading Connor's written statement; he has been unable to attend meetings since he left for a Summer job in Texas, he eagerly looks forward to returning to Student Senate in the Fall to work on our initiatives
  - ii. Closed Discussion
  - iii. Reinstatement of Connor approved unanimously by voice vote

**E. Appointments-**

1. Ryan- Need to submit appointment to JED Foundation Campus Program Committee before next GBM
  - i. Committee created as part of grant request approved for CAPS to promote campus mental health
2. In absence of Dalia, Nourhan appointed Ryan to Committee
3. Appointment of Ryan to Committee approved unanimously by voice vote

**VII. REPORTS AND UPDATES:**

**A. Kristina**

1. Stuart read report in her absence
2. Update on Website Redesign
  - i. Website transfer to new server should be complete in 4 weeks after which will coordinate website redesign with C&IT, have begun to develop draft website navigation template, will have to replace "Voice Your Opinion" and "Broken Tip Line" features that will be disabled as a result of server transfer
3. Social Media Update
  - i. Have reached 800 likes on Facebook page, with posts reaching 1,500 people on average, urge

Senators to share posts on social media and invite friends to like facebook page

4. Request Senators submit Bios for website

B. Stuart

1. Had successful meeting with Office of Government and Community Affairs, received their commitments of support for initiatives such as the establishment of polling location on campus, the invitation of the Michigan Secretary of State Mobile Office on campus, the holding of a Detroit Mayoral Candidate Forum before the November General Election, and the holding of another Lobby Day this year; Vice President Patrick Lindsey will attend a future GBM to present to Student Senate, they will soon be rolling out a new software program connecting the campus community with their respective state and federal representatives, it was suggested that Student Senate sponsor a town hall for students to address controversial political issues in a welcoming environment
2. Provided quotes and was featured in a story about Lobby Day 2016 in the Newsletter of the Office of Government and Community Affairs, which can be viewed here: <http://go.wayne.edu/d7dfa2>
3. Will be hosting the Michigan Secretary of State Mobile Office on campus at Gullen Mall on Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11AM to 4PM for a voter registration drive
4. Attended Friends of Wayne State PAC annual kick-off event at TechTown on Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup>, PAC is officially unaffiliated with Wayne State University and supports state and federal candidates in a bipartisan manner that support Wayne State University, they may want to organize future lobbying events and initiatives with student involvement
5. Working with CEEP (the Campus Election Engagement Project, a non-partisan organization promoting student civic participation) on an informal basis to seek information and guidance on initiatives such as the establishment of a polling location on campus, the establishment of an academic holiday on election days, the inclusion of voter registration in new student orientation programs, and both the incentivizing and promoting of student voter registration and civic participation through various means

C. Dean Strauss

1. Met with Women's Services Committee
  - i. Discussed next steps and goals for the year, overview of current initiatives

- a. Maintaining Women's Services as a focus area to build upon and promote by DOSO
- b. Will launch website by Fall Semester with list of Women's Services resources currently available on campus, will promote website and resources in ongoing DOSO promotional activities (such as features in continual Get Involved emails, placement in table tents/building signs/digital signage and posting on social media)
  - 1. Will promote Women's Services and initiatives with the Campus Health Center, CAPS, COSW, and OMSE (RISE program)
- c. Currently exploring the feasibility of establishing lactation rooms on campus, assessing the current landscape and seeking future options
- d. Currently providing free feminine hygiene products at The W Pantry that can be taken an unlimited number of times without having to register as a Pantry customer (do not count against rolling limit)
- e. Partnership with MI Dept. HHS; 2 caseworkers coming to Welcome Center every Tuesday and Wednesday in the Fall Semester, can help connect students with childcare and WIC/SNAP benefits
- f. WSU Facilities, Planning, and Management assessing current availability of restroom baby changing stations and determining how to expand availability
- g. Continuing to push for establishing childcare center on campus
- h. Determining feasibility of procuring 'basic needs products' 24 hour open and discreet vending machine on campus with affordable and appropriately packed quantities of scantrons/ blue books, school supplies, hygiene products, over the counter medication, etc.
  - 1. Was told that Oakland Center had a similar vending machine but found out that machine was not

owned by WSU but was owned by a small store that recently moved out of the Oakland Center and took their vending machine with them; may be worth exploring as precedent

2. Daniel- Can share contacts to get vending machine in libraries
  - i. Dean Strauss- Would have to work with Tim Michael to get a vending machine in other high traffic areas like Student Center, Manoogian, Old Main, and State Hall
3. Nourhan- Should ensure vending machine accept OneCard funds
4. Abdul- Concern with affordable product pricing
  - i. Dean Strauss- First must find vendor that offers desired products to service machine, then see vendor price sheet and negotiate contract
  - ii. Nourhan- Should try to provide option more affordable than Mad Anthony's
  - iii. Dean Strauss- Should explore potential cost savings by selling products in vending machines using conspicuous emergency kits/variety single quantity packs like those provided at The W Pantry
5. Michanda- Would we still try to get feminine hygiene products vending machine in women's restroom if succeed in getting one in main lobby?
  - i. Nourhan- Previously tried to get vending machine in women's restroom, but struggled with finding

space for a freestanding machine once disallowed from affixing it to the wall, and struggled to find vendor to install/stock/manage the machine, still plan to stock feminine hygiene product baskets in women's restroom with collaboration from another student org as stop-gap compromise

6. Jasmine- Could scantrons/blue books be sold in vending machine in same building as Mad Anthony's?
  - i. Dean Strauss- Would have to ask Business Operations, determine if conflict with contract stipulations
  - ii. Daniel- Book Store has rights to sell scantrons/blue books on campus, grants license to Mad Anthony's to sell in Student Center, would have to ask for license to sell in vending machines from Book Store, but Mad Anthony's does not have sole rights
- ii. Office of Economic Development hiring student ambassador to promote transportation options on campus (DDOT/SMART/MoGo/QLine/Zipcar)
- iii. Submitted order for purchase of Student Senate gear approved at this meeting
  - a. Discussed potential issue with faculty accepting blue books with Student Senate stickers on the cover with Provost office, believe there should not be any issue with faculty accepting blue books, if not then faculty can peel off stickers and issue can be addressed after the fact, believe does not deface/manipulate blue books
  - b. Provost really liked idea of Student Success Pack, should present one to him

## VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### A. Abdul

1. Met Daren Hubbard (C&IT Chief Information Officer & Associate Vice President) about slow/inconsistent campus Wi-Fi speeds
  - i. Overview of buildings serviced and access points system, concern with limited budget allocation inhibiting ability to service/upgrade access points
  - ii. Goal to update access points in top 25 buildings with heaviest Wi-Fi usage, improve Wi-Fi connection quality/speeds, better handle increase in traffic in most heavily trafficked buildings
  - iii. Explained how quality of device, condition of building, and various types of obstacles may interfere with strong signal
  - iv. Should promote student Wi-Fi outage report form submission
2. Kamil- Are the student housing buildings included in list of most trafficked buildings? Will the Wi-Fi in the student housing buildings be upgraded?
  - i. Daniel- Housing used to have their own network but now share the same network as the rest of campus, continue to push in-dorm use of Ethernet instead of Wi-Fi for best connection
3. Stuart- Should reach out and ask Darren to come and present at a future GBM

B. Daniel- Need to begin setting up Parliamentary Review Committee to review the Bylaws and Charter and submit recommendations for the first meeting in September, email if interested in joining committee

C. Nourhan- Project Group members need to begin contacting each other and setting up their first meetings within the next 2 weeks, those Senators who haven't joined a Project Group should sign up for whichever one they are most interested in as they must join at least one according to the Bylaws, due to lack of interest and low amount of Senator sign-ups the Food and Nutrition Project Group will not be formed but those Senators still interested in the cause can continue to work together outside of a formal Project Group

1. Ryan- Do we need to vote to approve the final Project Groups?
  - i. Daniel- Project Groups do not have to be voted on and approved
2. Heba- Can Senators join multiple Project Groups?



