Wentworth Student Government- General Meeting Minutes

Date: October 13th, 2011  
Time: 6:00pm  
Location: Conference Room on the 4th Floor of the 610 Residence Hall

OUR MISSION:  
The purpose of WSG is to act as a conduit between the students, faculty, and staff at Wentworth Institute of Technology; to encourage responsibility through democratic self-governance; to work with the administration to influence educational programs, student life, and administrative management of the Institute; and to further the interests of the student body.

I. Welcome
II. Attendance
III. Last week’s Minutes
   a. Approved.
IV. Co-Sponsorship
   a. Wentworth’s Residence Assistants’ is hosting the event: Give Back, Give Thanks and is requesting a $500 co-sponsorship from WSG. This event is a way to help collect canned food and money for the less fortunate. In the past WSG has co-sponsored this event. Students who donate food or money will be invited to attend a fancy dessert night. The RA’s are about $1,250 short of their desired budget. The $500 requested will go toward the chocolate fountain and the chocolate for the dessert night. WSG will be represented as a co-sponsor to this event by being included on the event fliers, as well as being in the sponsor power point that will run during the event. The full $500 was approved by WSG.
V. E-Board Updates
   a. President – Anette Balestrand
      i. Treasurer Position
         i. Viana has resigned as WSG’s treasurer.
         ii. Nick Cole will be taking over her responsibilities until the position is filled.
         iii. Election Applications are on the website, Cori will be emailing it out with the general meeting minutes for anyone interested in the position.
         iv. Election credentials: 2.5 GPA and the student must have at least 12 credits that they earned at Wentworth.
         v. The Applications can be submitted from 10/20 to 10/26
         vi. The decision on who will fill this position will be made during the 10/27 E-Board meeting.
      ii. DTS Representative
         i. Brian Conway is the New DTS representative, any issues or questions you have relating to DTS please email Brian at conwayb1@wit.edu.
      iii. Member Of The Month
         i. Brian Conway is the September member of the month because of his hard work and immediate dedication to WSG.
   b. Vice President – Nicholas Cole
      i. Nick has no updates at the moment.
   c. Secretary – Cori O’Neil
      i. The attendance agreement will be available shortly; the E-Board will be putting together the WSG binders next week so we can hopefully get the contracts out to the eligible WSG members at next week’s general meeting.

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d. Treasurer – Viana Reyes
   i. This position is available for application submission on 10/20 – 10/26.
   ii. Budget Update
      i. Co-Sponsorship balance is currently $4,500.00 – $500 = $4,000.00
      ii. WSG Personal balance is currently $3,528.20

e. Public Relations – Nick Torres
   i. Nick is working on updating the WSG website and is looking for member’s help on this, please email him at torresn1@wit.edu if you have any suggestions.
   ii. Binder covers will be done next week.

f. Student Affairs – Brendan Cioto
   i. Brendan will be meeting with Annamaria next week. If you have any comments or concerns please email him at ciotob@wit.edu.
   ii. Elevator inspection stickers all seem to be expired, where are the updated forms
   iii. Fire alarms in Beatty delayed?
   iv. Because of these physical plant issues, should we appoint a physical plant representative to deal directly with physical plant and WSG?
   v. When will the Beatty construction tour be held?
   vi. The mud on campus because of the construction looks extremely messy and is a inconvenience for some students.
      i. WIT plans on re-paving the walk way crossing the quad to widen the path and to cover up the muddy areas.

g. Academic Affairs – TJ Liveston
   i. There are still no updates from TJ, he is waiting on an email reply from the provost.

VI. Representatives Of The Colleges
   a. College of Engineering and Technology – John Lindblad
      i. John met with Professor Driscoll earlier this morning.
      ii. They have been discussing the possibility of an open forum for this college on 11/1 or 11/8 for the entire college, possibly being held in the new manufacturing center in Williston 001.
      iii. One goal that this college is interested in is to have more interest in engineering around WIT, by encouraging different engineering projects around campus.
      iv. The master programs is being looked into and being worked on slowly but may take a while to get fully accredited. Student input needed; How to structure masters program? Like the arch. Department has or another way
         i. The Electromechanical major is being looked over to possibly modify the major as a four year program with a 5th year masters program.
      v. There will be a robotics lab added to the campus in Rubenstein 101 once the Math department moves out of that location.
      vi. A senior design area is needed for the students in senior design in the BELM major.
      vii. If you or anyone you know has a question or an issue with John’s college, come to the meetings to discuss them with him, or email him at lindbladj@wit.edu.
   b. College of Architecture, Design and Construction Management – TBA
      i. Student representative coming soon.
   c. College of Professional and Continuing Education – Brandon Fernald
      i. Brandon was not in attendance at this week’s meeting but will try to come to the WSG general meetings every other week. If you or anyone you know has a question or an issue with Brandon’s college, come to the meetings to discuss them with him, or email him at fernaldb@wit.edu.
   d. College of Arts and Sciences – TBA

VII. Representative Updates – Anette requests that no one holds more than one rep positions to give others a chance to get involved and not to overwhelm you with different responsibilities.
   a. Information Systems Advisory
      i. No updates at the moment. Representative needed.
   b. Academic Technology Advisory Committee

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i. No updates at the moment. Representative needed.

c. Laptop committee – Nick Cole
   i. There are no updates at the moment; the next laptop committee meeting is going to be held on Oct. 17th.

d. Commuter – Susan Needleman
   i. There is a commuter study room opened in Watson Auditorium everyday provided there isn’t an event scheduled that day.
   ii. Susan will be meeting with Mallory tomorrow, so if you have any questions or concerns regarding commuters, please email Susan at needlemans@it.edu.

e. The Learning Center – Susan Needleman
   i. Susan has stepped down as the TLS representative, and there will be no one replacing her. If any problems or questions come up regarding the center, Cori can contact Karen Britton. If you have any questions or concerns with the TLC please contact Cori at oneilc1@wit.edu.

f. Colleges of the Fenway – CT Hannon
   i. No updates at the moment. The COF committee is trying to organize a meeting with the colleges’ representatives as soon as possible, so email CT at hannonc1@wit.edu if you have any questions or concerns regarding the COF.

g. Center for Community and Learning Partnership – Cori O’Neil
   i. The Fall Service days have been announced and sent out through a personal message. Cori will contact the center so WSG can get involved with these service days.

h. DTS– Brian Conway
   i. Leslie has stepped down from her original offer to be the DTS rep, but Brian is still interested in this position, so he is our new DTS representative.

i. Chartwells– Joe Kobrianos
   i. Joe met with the Director of Business services to discuss Chartwells, but the director is going on vacation on 11/3.
   ii. A lot of Chartwells’ information that affects the various clubs on campus is not readily available to anyone.
   iii. Chartwells helped fund the Flannigan Center, so they have a least a 10 year agreement to be in contract with WIT. But other contract redesigning periods will be available possibly in 2012 or 2015.
   iv. There needs to be a student’s voice on the contract committee for Chartwells because it affects the student body directly.
   v. When Joe tried to discuss idea with Chartwells, they were very unpleasant and said it was just the way business works, a student shouldn’t be involved in our business decisions.
   vi. But: Annamaria is on board with our idea of getting a student involved in the contract discussions with Chartwells.
   vii. There will be a strategic planning committee meeting tomorrow, and Joe will try to find a complete list of the rights Chartwells have at events on campus, possibly having small events able to go off campus for catering.
   viii. The next contract should already be discussed 95% through, but we have till next semester to try and amend the contract at all.

VIII. Old Business
   a. Charity Event – Brian Conway
      i. Penny Wars jars are distributed and the event is going to be held on Saturday 10/15 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Please come by to help set up at 3:30pm.
      ii. The registration deadline has been taken away to hopefully get more involvement.
      iii. The donuts could not be donated; we had to go through Chartwells for all food.
   b. Add/Drop Period – TJ Liveston
      i. TJ is waiting on a response from the provost.
   c. Print Quota
      i. DTS will get back to us.

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d. Tap I.D. Proximity Cards
   i. Waiting to hear back about this topic.

IX. Time With Carissa
    a. Carissa presented us with a portion of the Chartwells contract; this is a very solid contract with little room to deviate. More information on when the contract will be up for renewal will be coming in the near future.

X. New Business
   a. Is a Physical Plant representative needed?
      i. To be discussed at a later time.

XI. Adjournment

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