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 Crew Team is requesting a $500 co-sponsorship from WSG. The membership has doubled since last season. The crew team has limited funding, and most of their budget is taken up by the boat house and race fees. They have membership dues: $100 per person. Crew does not have tryouts because of the COF sports rules, and they do not want to exclude anyone. There are so many members this year, that the team has started losing money because the race fees run per boat. The team does not want to exclude anyone financially, and in order to keep the dues as low as possible, the crew team needs a bit of financial assistance. There was some discussion on what exactly the money will be used for and how will WSG be represented. One idea would be if the money was spent on fixing a boat, WSG’s logo can be put on the side of it. The team is doing exceptionally well this season and is being recognized for it, along with receiving great publicity for Wentworth. The full $500 requested was passed, because the conclusion that most WSG members came to was that the team really needs the funding, but a follow up is needed from them as to what the money is spent on and how WSG be represented.

V. E-board updates
   a. President – Anette Balestrand
      i. Constitution
         i. The constitution review will be taking place during the general meeting in two weeks (11/10). WSG’s constitution can be found on the following website: http://myweb.wit.edu/wsg/WSG/Documents_files/wsg_constitution_2011-02-25.pdf. Please read it over and come to the meeting on 11/10 with topics for discussion or review regarding the constitution. Anette would like a few people to volunteer for the constitution committee. Russell, Nick T., and Brian volunteered to be on this committee.
      ii. President
         i. Wentworth’s President: Zorica Pantic and the Dean of Students: Annamaria Wenner will be attending next week’s general WSG meeting. They will be there to observe and discuss various issues with WSG.
         ii. Anette met with the President this week and Dr. Pantic is interested in discussing school spirit. She likes how much spirit the first year students have, and would like to make the annual event: Spirit Day a much bigger event on campus.
      iii. Commuter Open House
i. The commuter open house will be held on Thursday 11/3/11 from 4:30–5:00 in the tent on the quad. This will be a very informative open house for the students not living on campus, so please feel free to stop by at that time to promote WSG to the commuters.

b. Vice President – Nicholas Cole
   i. There have been no treasurer applications submitted yet, so the deadline for submitting the application has been moved to next Wednesday (11/2). The responsibilities of WSG’s Treasurer include:
   a. Keeping track of the budget for the year.
   b. Manage and organize what WSG spends the budget on.
   c. Attend biweekly E-Board meetings as well as the weekly general meetings.

c. Secretary – Cori O’Neil
   i. The Attendance Policy Contracts will be available for your signature at next week’s meeting.

d. Treasurer
   i. Budget Update
      i. Co-Sponsorship balance is currently $3,650.00–$500 = $3,150 (split between two semesters)
      ii. WSG Personal balance is currently $3,528.20

e. Public Relations – Nick Torres
   i. No updates at this time.

f. Student Affairs – Brendan Cioto
   i. Beatty Construction Tour Time(s)
      i. Has to be held during regular construction hours M–F 7:00am–3:00pm
      ii. Maybe two tours to give everyone a chance to attend a tour
      iii. Member availability:
         a. Mon, Wed, or Fri: 12:00pm–1:00pm
         b. Tues, or Thurs: around 2:00pm–3:00pm (afternoon time)

g. Academic Affairs – TJ Liveston
   i. No updates at this time.

VI. Representatives of the Colleges
   a. College of Engineering and Technology – John Lindblad
      i. The open forum for this college may be moved to November 30th at 5:00pm, John will know for sure at next week’s meeting.
   b. College of Architecture, Design and Construction Management
      i. Representative not in attendance.
   c. College of Professional and Continuing Education – Brandon Fernald
      i. Representative not in attendance.
   d. College of Arts and Sciences
      i. Representative not in attendance.

VII. Representative Updates
   a. Information Systems Advisory Committee
      i. Representative still needed.
   b. Academic Technology Advisory Committee
      i. Representative still needed.
   c. Laptop committee – Nick Cole
      i. The meeting for this committee was pushed back, Nick will have an update at next week’s meeting.
   d. Commuter – Susan Needleman
      i. There are commuter lockers still available for commuter students.
      ii. Please attend commuter open house to spread WSG’s name to the commuter students on campus.
iii. Please contact Susan (needlemans@wit.edu) with ideas on available spaces around campus that could possibly be used for commuter hangout areas.

iv. 610 basement is not an option because it is too open for commuters to roam around the residence hall

e. Colleges of the Fenway – CT Hannon
i. No updates at this time.

f. Center for Community and Learning Partnership – Cori O’Neil
i. Fall service Days
   i. Saturday, Nov. 5th meet at leopard at 8:15 am, going to volunteer at the JFK elementary school.


g. DTS Representative – Brian Conway
i. Topics to bring to DTS
   i. Midterm grades - Lconnect down at exactly 9:00am
   ii. What are the statistics of this crash? Who, and how many people were affected?
   iii. Student emails, still having number of problems.
   iv. Personal messages having really bad grammar.
   v. Train personnel better, so students do not have to return to DTS with so many of the same issues
   vi. When in doubt just reimage? Bad way of dealing with all problems, and is very inconvenient for students.

ii. Brian contacted DTS, and is waiting on a response. Updates to come in future meetings.

VIII. Old Business
a. Chartwells
i. Email TJ Liveston (livestont@wit.edu) with specific complaints, he will be composing all concerns, comments, and complaints together to present to Chartwells.
ii. WSG needs to keep this process as professional as possible.
iii. When people have complaints, please direct them to WSG so we can keep this as controlled as possible, and not just spread rumors around campus.
iv. During the officer meeting held this week, the Chartwells topic was brought up and there seems to be a lot of support coming from all the clubs and organizations on campus.
v. There will be a meeting regarding Chartwells and their policies with catering for the clubs and organizations on campus held on Nov. 3rd, more updates will be brought to future WSG meetings.
vi. Past open forums with Chartwells have not been completely successful. Not many people showed up even though there is plenty of interest in reforming Chartwells. Also, some problems or concerns mentioned at the forums were not acted on by Chartwells. A future meeting idea is to have Annamaria, Chartwells, and Business Services in a room with students discussing the many issues everyone is having with Chartwells. Hopefully this meeting design will be more successful than past open forums.

IX. Time with Carissa
a. Carissa appreciates the support and the commitment that different members have been showing with the Chartwells initiative.

b. The number of Co-sponsorship applications that WSG is receiving shows that WSG is doing a great job advertising who we are and what we do.

X. New Business
a. Smoking Policy
i. A student in Baker has approached WSG with an issue about the smoking policy on campus. He lives in a room that faces 610, and when students smoke in the circle between the two buildings, his room starts reeking of cigarette smoke.

ii. There is no committee or group on campus who enforces the policy of a tobacco free campus, WIT’s peers are supposed to be the enforcers, but no one really does anything about it. A lot of people feel it is not their place to say something, and the person smoking probably won’t listen to them anyway.
iii. It is not the residence areas of campus that is tobacco free, just the academic and main part of campus.

iv. WIT is an urban campus and people cross through our campus on the daily. They probably do not know the smoking policy on campus.

v. An option for the residence areas is to have students submit something before housing selection, letting housing know that they want a room far enough away from any smoking circle that their room will be more likely not to be affected by smoke. Also, the rooms that are usually affected can be pointed out to students when making a housing selection.

vi. Students doing dipping tobacco in class or on campus would also have to be told that it is not allowed on WIT’s main campus.

vii. This discussion is tabled until next week’s meeting.

b. Wentworth Bottle Opener
   i. Promoting bad behavior: like a koozie.
   ii. If a koozie isn’t allowed to be sold on campus, why are bottle openers acceptable?

XI. Adjournment

Reminder
President Pantic and Dean of Students Annamaria Wenner will be coming to our next meeting on November 3rd!

Your Voice, Our Mission …