Wentworth Student Government - General Meeting Minutes

Date: September 29, 2011
Time: 6:00pm
Location: 4th Floor of 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. Members In Attendance

III. Last Week’s Minutes
   a. Approved.

IV. Co-Sponsorship
   a. Representatives from the spirit day committee attended this week’s WSG meeting to present their application for a co-sponsorship to help fund the upcoming WITs Spirit Day. The main goal of this event is to encourage Wentworth pride and spirit across campus. The event will be held on 10/25/11 from 7:00pm–10:00pm in the 610 lobby. They requested $500 to help fund the draw string bags, contest prizes, and giveaways. WSG’s logo will be printed on the draw string bags that the committee will be giving out during the event. The full requested amount was approved by WSG.

V. E-Board Updates
   a. President – Anette Balestrand
      i. Procedures
         i. Please keep general meeting procedures in mind during the meetings, like: do not talk while others are talking and raise hands.
      ii. T-Shirts
         i. FYS will receive the posters soon in the upcoming week, and the contest will be open for t-shirt design submissions following the distribution of the posters. The designs are due by 10/12/11, and will be narrowed down to two designs by the E-Board, and the final design will be chosen at that week’s general meeting.
      iii. Charity Event
         i. This event is in process and is coming up quickly. If you would like to be involved in the planning and setting up of this event, please contact Bryan Conway at conwayb1@wit.edu
   iv. DTS
      i. The E-Board had a meeting with DTS faculty reps and WSG will need a DTS representative. Leslie De Lion is interested in this position.
   b. Vice President – Nicholas Cole
      i. In a few weeks there will be a WSG constitution review and revise gathering during the E-Board meeting. Nick is interested in changing the constitution and to have more goal setting this year.
   c. Secretary – Cori O’Neil
      i. To become an official WSG Delegate with voting privileges, members must be in attendance of at least three general meetings and sign a contract with an attendance agreement. This agreement states that if a delegate receives three unexcused absences they will then have to have a meeting with the E-Board discussing these absences and

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what will be done for the next step will be determined then. These contracts could possibly be passed out to the members in the binders they will receive after they are in attendance for three WSG meetings.

d. Treasurer – Viana Reyes
   i. Budget Update
      i. Co-Sponsorship balance is currently $5,000.00–$500 (from today’s co-sponsorship) = $4,500.00
      ii. WSG Personal balance is currently $3,528.20

e. Public Relations – Nick Torres
   i. Check out WSG’s website updates! Don’t forget to register for OrgSync and join WSG!

f. Student Affairs – Brendan Cioto
   i. Brendan will be meeting with Annamaria soon and will be bringing any non-academic issues that come up around campus to her to discuss.
   ii. The access to Beatty Hall is still an issue
      i. The traffic during peak hours is slow and aggravating
      ii. Sunday night when students are coming back from their weekend home, Beatty becomes full and there seems to not be enough staff on hand during this time.
      iii. Some design students coming from their studios are complaining about the side entrance of Beatty not being opened on weekends.
   iii. Construction
      i. If there are delays in construction, there needs to be better communications to students
      ii. The tour of Beatty construction seems very popular and should be happening in the near future.
      iii. Should there be a student representative on the steering committee?
   iv. Motor Cycle Parking
      i. Spots being used by people who have not paid for the parking.

g. Academic Affairs – TJ Liveston
   i. TJ emailed the provost with issues, and will get back to WSG when he has a response.

VI. Representatives Updates
   a. ISAC – Bryan Conway – These two committees may be combining in the near future.
   b. ATAC – Bryan Conway
   c. Laptop committee – Nick C.
      i. No updates at the moment, but the next meeting for this committee will be held on 10/17/11.
   d. Commuter – Susan
      i. Commuter Study Space started last week in Watson Auditorium, It will be available every Wednesday from 11:00am–2:00pm.
      ii. Last Thursday was the first Commuter Connection.
      iii. Susan is meeting with Mallory (new Coordinator of Commuter Student Programs) on a weekly basis starting this Friday, minutes from these meeting will come in the near future.
      iv. If anyone has any commuter related issues or ideas, please email Susan at needlemans@wit.edu.
   e. TLC – Susan
      i. Leopard Booth
         i. The TCL are requesting a Leopard Booth: all it is: is sitting at the leopard booth with the TLC telling people about them and WSG. It’s a great way for both of us to get the word out about ourselves!
         ii. Dates and Member Availability:
            a. Wednesday 10/12
               i. Susan 11–1
               ii. Russell 11–1
               iii. Cori 11–2
            b. Thursday 10/13

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i. Susan 12-2
ii. Nick T 11-1
iii. Cori 11-12
c. If you are available for either of those days let Susan know at needlemans@wit.edu.

f. COF – CT
   i. No updates at the moment.

VII. Old Business
   a. CLP
      i. Cori is now the new CLP representative on WSG. She went and talked to the CLP and they are interested in setting up a meeting time for a rep from the center to come to one of the WSG general meetings.
   b. Print Quota
      i. It seems as though only the new students received their fall print quota. DTS will look into this issue.
      ii. WSG requested a print increase but did not receive it yet.
      iii. Students can get to the DTS website for the print quotas for each major.

VIII. Time with Carissa
   a. Hazing is a horrible practice that Wentworth shouldn’t find on its campus. The administration isn’t saying that hazing is a big issue on, they are simply ensuring that everyone knows about anti-hazing laws and working to prevent it from happening. To see the hazing policy WIT has in place go here: http://wit.edu/SLP/docs/Student%20Org%20Manual%202011-2012.pdf, it is located in the second section. Remember, if you see or know of any hazing on campus, you are just as liable as the people dishing out the hazing.

IX. New Business
   a. Appointed College Representatives
      i. A representative will be appointed from each college around campus to be a delegate on WSG. The student’s names from the colleges will be announced at next week’s meeting.
   b. Tap Chip In ID Cards?
      i. Best person to discuss this with is Jeff from physical plant
      ii. WIT may have just resigned a contract with the swipe machine company, so this might not be able to happen anytime soon.
      iii. One idea would try to get the apartments on this system first, they are still using keys to access the buildings.
      iv. This brings up the idea that WSG should have a public safety representative on our committee.

X. Adjournment

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