Wentworth Student Government- General Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2012
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: 610 Huntington Avenue, 4th Floor Conference Room (610HA 440)

Our Mission: The purpose of WSG is: to act as a conduit between the students, faculty, and staff of 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. Opening

II. Attendance

III. Approval of Last Week’s Minutes
   a. Approved minutes from 1/12/12 and 12/8/11.

IV. Special Guests
   a. Peter Fowler [Associate Dean of Students]
      i. New Assessment Project
         1. Student Satisfactory Inventory
            a. A survey connected deeply to Wentworth
            b. Roughly 15 minutes
            c. What is your experience on campus each day?
            d. Indicate how important each topic is to you
            e. Highlight importance and level of satisfaction
         ii. Previously done in 2000:
             1. Students indicated challenges with Financial Aid and Registration
             2. Waiting in line to register for classes
             3. Financial Aid: waiting in multiple lines for 1 objective
                a. Low satisfaction
         iii. Your feedback and information provided can help improve Wentworth!
         iv. Survey Closes February 3rd
         v. What it is and what is its purpose
            1. National Assessment to improve your institution.
            2. The survey will give really good data for Wentworth to improve the institution.
            3. During the construction of the Flanagan Center, gathering student input across campus will be helpful in planning.
            4. Hopefully Peter Fowler will come back in later this semester to present the data and changes to Wentworth in result of our feedback.
            5. Hoping for a 35% of the school to respond of the Survey; Currently at 13%

V. Co-Sponsorship Requests

VI. E-Board Updates
   a. Acting President (Nicolas Cole, colen1@wit.edu)
      i. Activities Fair- Thursday January 26; 12:00pm- 5:00pm
         1. Students sign up during their free times to help out at the fair. Those who sign up just be there and answer questions that some students may have about WSG
      ii. WAA Ice Sculpture Contest- Saturday February 4; 10:00am
         1. Registration form and deposit of $20 by Monday, January 30th to the Office of Alumni Relations

Next General Meeting – January 26, 2012, 6:00 PM in 610 Huntington Avenue, 4th Floor Conference Room
2. WSG members interested: Cori, Susan, Sam
3. Are the members still interested? Only prize is 4 Bruins tickets

iii. Elections
1. Election Committee
   a. Consists of WSG members who are not running for a position.
   b. The committee comes up with the rules and the procedure for the elections as well as reviewing the applications submitted.
   c. The committee needs to figure out how to bring the elections to the student body.

2. Elections Timeline:
   a. Feb. 1–Feb. 22: Applications Accepted
      i. 22 days
      ii. 16 weekdays
   b. Feb. 27–Mar. 16: Campaigns
      i. 19 days
      ii. 12 less spring break
      iii. 10 weekdays
      i. 3 weekdays
   d. Mar. 22: Announcement
      i. 3 meetings for transition

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b. Secretary (Corrinne O’Neil, oneilc1@wit.edu)
   i. No updates at this time.

c. Treasurer (Sam Kim, kims3@wit.edu)
   i. Budget Update
      1. Co-Sponsorship: $2,650.00
      2. WSG’s Personal Budget: $3,324.69

d. Public Relations (Nick Torres, torresn1@wit.edu)
   i. Nick is working on a WSG brochure.

e. Student Affairs (Brendan Ciotto, ciotob@wit.edu)
   i. Brendan met with Annamaria and discussed the issues that were brought up in the previous meetings with her.
   ii. Annamaria will work on putting up more recycling cans around campus, wherever there is a trash can, there should be a recycling can.
   iii. Concerning the smoking policy, Annamaria does not think there can be any changes to the policy; there is too much conflict behind the policy. She believes it is the student leaders’ responsibility to enforce the policy and help others obey the policy.
   iv. One issue to bring to Annamaria is concerning the increase in the parking passes prices, and why it went up so abruptly.

f. Academic Affairs (TJ Liveston, livestont@wit.edu)
   i. Who would like to run for Academic Affairs for next year once TJ graduates? TJ would like to introduce whoever is interested to the provost and the AA position.
VII. Representatives of the Colleges
   a. The College of Arts and Sciences (Vacant)
   b. The College of Architecture, Design, and Construction Management (Vacant)
   c. The College of Engineering and Technology (Jon Lindblad, lindbladj@wit.edu)
      i. Jon is waiting to hear from Dean Driscoll to set up a meeting.
   d. The College of Professional and Continuing Education (Brandon Fernald)
      i. No updates at this time.

VIII. Representative Updates
   a. Information Systems Advisory Committee (Vacant)
      i. Student Representative Needed!
   b. Academic Technology Advisory Committee (Vacant)
      i. Student Representative Needed!
   c. Laptop Committee (Nicholas Cole, colen1@wit.edu)
      i. No updates at this time.
   d. Commuters (Susan Needleman, needlemans@wit.edu)
      i. Hopefully there will be more commuter events this semester, any ideas please let Susan know.
   e. Colleges of the Fenway (C.T. Hannon, hannone1@wit.edu)
      i. Waiting to hear from the committee, 15 year anniversary coming up.
   f. Division of Technology Services (Brian Conway, conwayb1@wit.edu)
      i. No updates at this time.
      ii. ISAC and ATAC?
   g. Center for Community & Learning Partnerships (Corrinne O’Neil, oneilc1@wit.edu)
      i. No updates at this time.
   h. Chartwells (TJ Liveston, livestont@wit.edu)
      i. Joe is transferring the Chartwells representative responsibilities to TJ.
      ii. Beatty already changing
      iv. Chartwells wants to keep their workers consistent

IX. Old Business
   a. Smoking Policy
      i. Our job is to spread the word around campus on the policy.
      ii. No repercussions for students to be motivated to obey the policy.
      iii. Current way ineffective
      iv. Start a task force made up of students and faculty, come up with ways to motivate other students to follow the policy.
      v. Can we move the smoking circles within the residential part of WITs campus.
   b. Motion To Vote: Line of Succession
      i. President> Vice President> Secretary> Treasurer
      ii. Motion Passed

X. Time with Carissa
   a. No updates at this time.

XI. New Business

XII. Adjournment