Wentworth Student Government- General Meeting Minutes

Date: September 22, 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. E-board updates
   a. President – Anette Balestrand
      i. T-shirts
         1. WSG has run out of last year’s T-Shirts. This year we plan on having a contest within the FYS (First Year Seminar) classes. Students will be given a template and the allowed colors to design the new WSG T-shirt. The student whose design we choose will win a $100 gift card, and perhaps their name printed on the shirt. This contest will get our name out there to the freshman who may not know anything about student governments, and it is a good way to include the campus in our endeavors. Posters are now made and will be dispersed to the FYS classes in the near future.

      ii. CLP representative
          1. CLP is the Center for Community & Learning Partnerships. WSG plans on closely working with the CLP this year to get all members more involved in the community. Ideally WSG would like to have at least one community service project a semester, maybe more! In order to meet this goal WSG would need a CLP representative to work directly with CLP to help set up these community service events. Cori O’Neil has volunteered as the CLP representative.

      iii. Charity event
          1. The charity event is finally here! We will be fundraising for the Jimmy Fund by setting up Penny Wars across campus. Penny Wars is a competition (probably between departments) in which each team tries to get the most pennies. Dollars, quarters, dimes, and nickels all take points away from the team’s total. This completion has been successful in the past but the only problem with it would be students rarely carry around change. SLP has a Fenway Cash machine which could be used, or even a coin machine. The main even would be at the end of the week during Alumni and Family weekend, so there will be chances for everyone to donate. Bryan Conway (conwayb1@wit.edu) is committee head for this event, so please contact him if you are interested in helping out at all! It would be greatly appreciated if WSG can get as much help as possible for this event! Penny wars will start on Oct. 11th and run until the main event on Oct. 15th.

   b. Vice President – Nicholas Cole
      i. DTS Meeting- Anette and Nick met with Tony from DTS to discuss some apparent issues students are having with DTS related subjects. He will be attending next week’s (9/29)

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E-Board Meeting so that he can discuss these issues with the entire E-Board. One main issue is with this year’s laptop distribution. So many students are in the “grey area” and they did not receive a new laptop, some solutions for these issues would be to outsource personnel to help distribute the laptops. This is good because it will allow the regular DTS faculty to be available to answer any questions or issues students may have.

c. Secretary – Cori O’Neil
   i. Cori will be taking unofficial attendance for the first few meetings, once a member reaches three meetings in attendance they will be added to the official WSG roster. If you are expecting to miss a meeting please email wsg@wit.edu to be considered for an excused absence.

d. Treasurer – Viana Reyes
   i. Budget Update- The budget from last year does not get transferred over to this year, but we ended up spending last year’s budget on WOW week gifts and a projector for the second floor of 555. WSG has $5,000 in the Co-Sponsorship fun and $3,600 in WSG’s personal fun. If anyone needs the money from the budget for WSG needs, they need to go through Viana (reyesv@wit.edu) and she will discuss the proposal with the E-Board.

e. Public Relations – Nick Torres
   i. Nick has worked a lot with the WSG website and updating WSG’s public image. There is now a section on the WSG website; the WSG Accomplishments section, which needs more entries, so if you have any ideas let Nick T. know at: torresn1@wit.edu. Also, don’t forget to register on OrgSync and sign up for WSG, this site is a good way of connecting all the different clubs and organizations on campus. Nick has the FYS t0shirt contest packet coming in the near future.

f. Student Affairs (non-academic) – Brendan Cioto
   i. Brenan met with Annamaria Wenner this week, and answers to the issues he brought to her will be coming soon. Brendan brings any kind of issue that students may have with Wentworth’s community and he discusses them with Annamaria to find possible solutions to the problems. If you or anyone you know has an issue to bring to Annamaria let Brendan know at: ciotob@wit.edu. One thing that Annamaria was curious about how students were adjusting to the new flow of the café, and was it inconveniencing many. WSG feels that the entrances and exits of Beatty are confusing at first but once you are used to them they really aren’t that difficult. Some are having issues with Beatty be locked on the weekends to use the library and the café.
   ii. Brendon will try to set up a tour for WSG of the Beatty construction, plenty of interest from most members. Time and Date TBA.

g. Academic Affairs – TJ Liveston
   i. TJ has no updates this week but if you or anyone you know has academic issues that you would like to bring to the provost please let TJ know at: livestont@wit.edu. One issue brought up was about the tiny classrooms and the excessive amount of chairs and students being squished into these small class rooms ex: Rube 104!

IV. Representatives Updates
   a. ISAC (Information Systems Advisory Committee)
      i. ISAC and ATAC may be combining sometime this semester so WSG needs one student to sit on both committees.
   b. ATAC (Academic Technology Advisory Committee)
      i. A student representative is needed for this committee, if you are interested in this position, please bring it up in the next meeting or email: wsg@wit.edu.
   c. Laptop Committee – Nick C.
      i. No updates at the moment.
   d. Commuter – Susan
      i. Susan was not at the meeting this week but will be sending Cori the minutes from her last commuter meeting soon.
e. TLC – Susan
   i. No updates at the moment.

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

g. Clubs Sports – Spencer
   i. No updates at the moment.

V. Old Business

VI. Time with Carissa (durfeec@wit.edu)
   a. Carissa believes that WSG should work closely with the CLP and develop more community skills as a whole group. A lot of students on campus are not familiar with the CLP or WSG, working together could help get both club names around campus.
   b. Don’t forget about the professional development grant that is available for students in financial needs for a project they are working on or a development they are trying to achieve.
   c. The selection committee to select a new athletic director needs a student rep on the board. This is a good way to get a student’s voice in the matter and to meet the different candidates for the position. If you or anyone you know is interested let Brendon Ciotto know (citotb@wit.edu).

VII. New Business
   a. The print quota seems to have not been dispersed to students yet? Good question to discuss with Tony at next week’s E-Board meeting.

VIII. Questions, comments, suggestions?

IX. Adjournment

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