General Meeting of Wentworth Student Government

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011  
Time: 5:30 PM  
Location: Board of Trustees Room, Beatty Hall (BEATT 103)

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

a. E-Board: Carissa Durfee (Advisor); Joe Kobrianos; Anette Balestrand; Nicholas Cole; Katie McCarthy; Nick Torres; Brendan Cioto; TJ Liveston
b. Members: Leslie De Leon; Alejandra Garcia; Matt Guntrum; C.T. Hannon; Samuel Kim; Jonathan Lindblad; Nick Martin; Susan Needleman; Viana Reyes; Jesus Rivera; Luke Seiferth; Spencer Seiferth
c. Guests: Dr. Zorica Pantic (President); Annamaria Wenner (Dean of Students)
d. Excused Absent: Ruslan Khachatrian; Corrinne O'Neil

III. Approval of February 3’s Minutes

a. C.T. Hannon motions, Nick Torres seconds – motion passes.

IV. Special Guest

a. Dr. Pantic will give a presentation on the upcoming strategic planning. It will be posted on our website when available.

V. Co-Sponsorship Requests

a. RACE Wiffle Ball Weekend – Vote passes for $500.00.
   i. They hope to hold the event the weekend of April 16 but the date is unconfirmed.

VI. E-Board Updates

a. President (Joe Kobrianos)
   i. Student Affairs Officer – congratulations to Brendan Cioto!
   ii. Thanks to Nick, Cori, and anyone who attended on an amazing job at the Ice Sculpture Contest!
   iii. Strategic Planning / Dance Marathon – March 19th
   iv. Paragon Awards – April 13th
      1. WSG members frequently win some of these awards, so please be sure to nominate someone if you see them making some great contributions and think they deserve recognition!
      2. Announcements about the program should start to go out in a few weeks.
   v. Information on elections and the Constitution will come in two weeks.

b. Vice President (Anette Balestrand)
   i. Public Safety – still working on it.
   ii. Chartwells Open Forum – The tentative date and time for an open forum is February 24, 6:30 PM, location TBD. It would follow a 30-minute WSG meeting.

c. Secretary (Nicholas Cole) – No update.

d. Treasurer (Katie McCarthy)
   i. There are still a lot of people who have not paid for sweatshirts. Cost is $15.00 and you can pay by check; cash; or credit card or Fenway Cash in the SLP Office.
   ii. About 50 people attended Casino Night and it was a great success.
   iii. $1,030 remains in the co-sponsorship budget after tonight’s vote.

 e. Public Relations (Nick Torres)
   i. Nick reports that he is working on posters and recruiting flyers for elections.

 f. Student Affairs (Brendan Cioto) – No update.

g. Academic Affairs (TJ Liveston)
i. TJ was approached by the Provost to find out if there is any interest in an open forum about the new academic structure.
ii. There is some confusion between whether the purpose would be to inform students of the changes or to find out whether there have been any issues.
iii. General consensus is that the new structure has not been in place long enough (this semester) to determine whether there are any problems.

VII. Representative Updates
a. Center for Teaching and Learning / Commuter Representative (Susan Needleman)
   i. Susan will meet Tuesday to discuss improving collaboration with the CTL. Contact her with any comments or ideas.
   ii. Susan will also meet with Jim in Student Life, head of the commuter task force, so if you have any comments or concern please contact her by next Thursday.
   iii. The Commuter Breakfast ended early because so many people showed up.
b. Colleges of the Fenway Committee (C.T. Hannon)
   i. The next committee meeting is February 26. If there’s anything COF-related (cross-registration, intramurals, 15th Anniversary, etc.) that you want brought up, contact him before then.
c. Club Athletics (Spencer Seiferth)
   i. There have been issues with finding times for athletic clubs to practice, as facilities are usually occupied by varsity teams.
   ii. Tansey Gym also does not have a schedule posted for when it is open.
      1. We can try to work on this, but there isn't really a set schedule between weeks.
      2. There was another comment that open hours during breaks are not published.
d. Academic Technology Advisory Committee (Nicholas Cole)
   i. A print quota presentation given at January’s meeting will be posted on the WSG’s website.

VIII. Old Business
a. Charity Event (Anette Balestrand, Katie McCarthy)
b. Apartments Improvement (Corrine O’Neill)
c. Laptop Testers (Nicholas Cole)
   i. Deferred in the interest of time for Dr. Pantic’s presentation.

IX. Time with Carissa
a. The Institute Strategic Planning Meeting will be held Saturday, March 19 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Tansey Gym. More information will come out in the following weeks.
b. There’s a contest coming up where you can make a video (about two minutes long) to answer the question, “What should learning at Wentworth look like in five years?” Students and clubs may enter; clubs can win $250 for their budget. More information about this will also come out in the next few weeks.

X. New Business

XI. President Pantic’s Presentation
a. The President gave an overview of the future of Wentworth, the Flanagan Center, Ira Allen renovations, and more. It will be posted on the WSG website when available.

XII. Adjournment
a. The Board of Trustees Room is unavailable next week. The meeting will likely be in the 610 4th Floor Conference Room; announcement to follow.
b. Susan Needleman motions, Nick Torres seconds – meeting adjourns at 6:37 PM.