General Meeting of Wentworth Student Government
Date: Thursday, February 17, 2011
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
   a. Joe Kobrianos opened the meeting at 6:02 PM.

II. Attendance
   a. E-Board: Carissa Durfee (Advisor); Joe Kobrianos; Anette Balestrand; Nicholas Cole; Katie McCarthy; Nick Torres; Brendan Cito; TJ Liveston
   b. Members: Alejandra Garcia; C.T. Hannon; Tanner Jones; Ruslan Khachatrian; Samuel Kim; Nick Martin; Susan Needleman; Corrine O'Neil; Jesus Rivera; Carlo Schmidt; Luke Seiferth
   c. Excused Absent: Leslie De Leon; Matt Guntrum; Jonathan Lindblad; Viana Reyes; Spencer Seiferth

III. Approval of February 10’s Minutes
   a. C.T. Hannon motions, Susan Needleman seconds.

IV. Special Guest
   a. Melisa Gillis, Consultant to the Provost, Strategic Planning Day
      i. The Strategic Planning process happens every five years. We want to make it a valuable, enjoyable process for everyone.
      ii. There will be tables of ten people (students, faculty, staff, board members, etc.). Each table will have a laptop available with Microsoft Excel open. There can be up to 40 tables.
      iii. Tables will choose their top three ideas to add to an Excel workbook that everyone in the room should then be able to access.
      iv. The day will begin with the results of the video contest. The top three videos will be shown and prizes awarded. Then, there will be four different conversations during the day:
         1. Context – What is important to know as you look at Wentworth? How has technology changed the landscape compared to five years ago?
         2. Programs – What current programs should be kept? What new programs should there be?
         3. Implementation – What ideas that everyone came up with can have the best impact? How do we make them happen?
         4. Evaluation – How do you know it’s a success?
      v. Everyone will remain at their same table for each of the four conversations.
      vi. The Strategic Planning Steering Committee may consist of about 30 people maximum. The Provost will set up a blog.
      vii. Some ideas that were mentioned:
         1. Put paper covers on the tables so they can be drawn on with pencils, crayons, markers, etc.
         2. Have people change tables between conversations to keep them active. Drawback: Reintroducing yourselves for each conversation. Compromise: Change tables after two conversations?
         3. Have activities for people at a table to get to know each other.

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4. Have a way for people to still submit ideas if they can't attend all day.
5. Have an open-ended table just for everyone to draw and collaborate on.
6. Advertise a breakfast or lunch if the meeting will last several hours.
7. Table sitting outside (weather permitting) to publicize the event.
8. Advertise how people (in the next few years?) will directly benefit.

viii. How can we continue the conversation beyond the one day?
ix. How can we engage others from the community who aren't here?
x. What's been implemented from the last strategic plan that current students can see the benefit of?
xi. Why would you or wouldn't you go?
1. Would breakfast or lunch be offered for staying the day?
2. "Strategic planning" might be a buzz word that people don't understand.

V. Co-Sponsorship Requests
a. OHRL Diversity Carnival
   i. Katie McCarthy motions, TJ Liveston seconds – vote passes for $500.00.

VI. E-Board Updates
a. President (Joe Kobjianos)
   i. Strategic Planning – Saturday, March 19 in Tansey Gym
b. Vice President (Anette Balestrand)
   i. Public Safety – being worked on.
   ii. Chartwells Open Forum – Thursday, February 24 at 6:30 PM in Beatty Cafeteria
      1. May use boomerangs and/or table tents to advertise.
c. Secretary (Nicholas Cole) – No update.
d. Treasurer (Katie McCarthy)
   i. Some people still have not picked up their sweatshirts ($15)!
   ii. Co-sponsorship budget decreases to $530 after tonight's vote. Personal budget is $2,700.
e. Public Relations (Nick Torres)
   i. Did the Chartwells poster and will have an elections poster by next week.
f. Student Affairs (Brendan Cioto)
   i. Meeting with Annamaria Tuesday; if you have any concerns, let him know.
   ii. An issue with printers was raised where they would take a long time between clicking Print and something actually coming out of the printer. More information needed.
g. Academic Affairs (TJ Liveston)
   i. Last week we discussed having an academic structure open forum and tabled the discussion to this week.
      1. We thought part of the President's presentation would be on the academic structure, hence why we tabled, but she may have changed her presentation.
      2. General consensus remains there hasn't yet been enough time to evaluate the structure. Will consider for some time next academic year; tabled until then.

VII. Representatives Updates
a. Information Systems Advisory Committee (Corrinne O'Neil)
   i. Having two meetings in March.
b. Academic Technology Advisory Committee (Nicholas Cole) – No update.
c. Laptop Committee (Nicholas Cole)
   i. The first meeting of the semester will be

d. Commuters (Susan Needleman)
   i. Susan met today with Jim Levesque, head of the commuter task force.
   ii. The commuter task force was temporary but trying to come up with ideas (Commuter Club, sub-committee for events?).
   iii. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 23.
   iv. The full notes of Susan's February 17th meeting will be posted on the website.
e. Center for Teaching and Learning (Susan Needleman)
   i. They had a meeting on Tuesday. They don't feel they need any more tutors right now, but they would like to increase communication.
   ii. Could we use the Leopard Booth again like last semester? March 23, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM was proposed, but not sure yet who would be available at that time.

f. Colleges of the Fenway (C.T. Hannon)
   i. Nothing new to report. Please look at the 15th Anniversary ideas and let him know your feedback before the committee meeting on Saturday, February 26.

h. Club Athletics (Spencer Seiferth)
   i. Difficulty in finding open/outdoors/practice/green space
      1. Work with the COF to see if there are other open areas, parks, high schools, fields
      2. Any ideas, please contact Carissa or Spencer
      3. Boston Park & Rec don't take reservations until April

i. Electronics/Mechanical (Jon Lindblad)
   i. An Electronics/Mechanical Open Forum is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 17 from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM in Beatty Hall 401. Another announcement will be made once the details are confirmed or changed.
      1. Cori said she would be able to attend and take notes.

VIII. Old Business
   a. Charity / Community Service Event (Anette Balestrand, Katie McCarthy)
      i. Decided to do a small community service event. Will talk ideas next week.
   b. Laptop Testers
      i. An update on Intel’s recall situation was sent to everyone who submitted an application. Once we know more, we can send an update to more of the student body.

IX. Time with Carissa
   a. If you want something (tutors, lockers, etc.), please be sure to ask – advocate for yourself!

X. New Business
   a. Susan Needleman’s notes from the Ira Allen Open Forum will be posted on the website.

XI. Adjournment
   a. Nick Torres motions, TJ Liveston seconds – meeting closed at 7:06 PM.