

Student Government Council

University of Michigan-Flint

Friday, September 5, 2008

Minutes

Attendance

Executive Board

President- Owen Agho

Vice President- Nic Josey

Treasurer- Bob Routhier

Secretary- Tamera Dandachi

Director of Student Relations- Krystal Long

Director of Student Organization Partnership Board- Saad Qureshi

Director of University Affairs- Marcus Batson (absent-excused)

Representatives

Felipe Andrez

Shawntae Harris

Martin Portillo

Absent Representatives

Fellows

Brian Welch

Ex-Officio Members

Sarah Al-Shabani—Genesee Early College

Guests

Jennifer Profitt—MTimes

Fawn Skarsten

Laura Staudacher

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 12:26 pm

Presided over by President Owen Agho

Agenda Acceptance

- Josey moves to accept
- Martin seconds
- Vote: all in favor

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- Krystal seconds
- Vote: all in favor

Public Comment on Agenda

Resignation of Representative Matthew Washington

- Josey moves to accept
- Martin seconds
- Vote: all in favor

Member Appointment

- Tamera moves to appoint
- Josey seconds
- Vote: all in favor

Installation of Appointed Member

Guests

Laura Staudacher- Self-Study and Reaccreditation Project

- We are here to talk about the self-study, which is a self critique of our university.
- Fawn Skarsten is going to talk about the results from the self study
 - This is the third year of the student satisfaction survey. It will be coming in November
 - This is information from faculty and staff. I pulled out questions that are relevant to you, as students, to present. The full results will be out sometime soon.
 - There was a 53% response rate by faculty and staff
 - Overall the faculty and staff are satisfied with above 4.0 on a scale of 1-5.
- We are planning for a visit from the higher learning commission in October 2009.
- Our goal is to educate the campus in the next year
- We are going to have a kickoff on October 28
- What experiences at UM-Flint stands out to you?
 - Josey- knowing not only the faculty and professors, but also the staff and being able to go to them with my concerns
 - Owen- the diversity here on UM-Flint from
 - Josey- when I was dual-enrolled I was invited to go to France with a professor and I had to tell her that
 - Owen- we were all here when we had to make our own fun
- Do you feel like you've had adequate access to faculty and staff?
 - Owen- when you have good news it's easier to get a hold of them
 - Shawntae- I've had professors that have been really bad about getting back to their emails
 - Josey- the professors that still use Proldata frustrate me
 - Owen- overall the relations are good, but it's going to be interesting as we transition from a commuter campus to a residential campus.
- What is something you've done specifically that you are really proud of?
 - Owen- it was cool to see the group participation for the 24/7 night
 - Felipe- I was excited to see the interest in the international Tastefest yesterday
 - Josey- the MFuse concert last year kind of transitioned campus and it seemed like a big moment for campus

- Owen- I was excited to see school spirit and see that people know that they are part of the Michigan tradition
- What about the fact that there has been such a large movement to change the UCEN?
 - Owen- the UCEN is outdated and the furniture has been here since the building was built. We want to see change more quickly.
 - Saad- the Ontario Room is not a permanent location for the Organization Center and the rooms that are vacant now are not guaranteed to the students.
 - Shawntae- there is very little space to hold events in this building. Anytime you want to plan an event there are fewer rooms to do so
 - Josey- working with EBS as a student. They make it very difficult for us to get rooms.
 - Owen- sometimes it seems like EBS isn't the most student friendly group on campus.
 - Krystal- when we have meetings on weekends EBS doesn't have good communication with Public Safety to make sure the room is unlocked
 - Owen- the first floor is not really geared toward students
- How do you feel about the results presented?
 - Josey- well the faculty have designated spots, and they don't really have to look for spots like we do.
 - Saad- they built the residential hall on top of the parking lot and then they're putting a road through it
 - Shawntae- I tried to catch the campus bus, but it wasn't reliable at all.
- If someone doesn't know anything about UM-Flint what do you tell them?
 - Josey- I tell them that it is part of Michigan and that there are also a lot of exciting things happening
 - Felipe- I like the fact that groups intermingle
 - Saad- I like the smaller population

Constitutions

Volleyball Club

Software Developers Club

Cycling Club

Student Michigan Education Association

Colleges Against Cancer

- Saad makes a motion to accept all constitutions
- Josey seconds
- Discussion
- Owen- there are no clubs close to these?
- Saad- no
- Vote: all in favor

Officers' Reports

Director of Student Organization Partnership Board

- The financial board is full, so I would like to know who is interested in SOPB
- The opening is on September 17 and furniture has not come in yet
- I'll be ordering the supplies soon

- Yield to Shawntae
 - We included the SAA into it so that there would be more people around the first floor.
 - Also, we are not having pizza and we're having subs.

Director of Student Relations

- Nametags are in, and I have mine on.
- Ashley McQuarters will be helping me out
- I got in contact with Renee Zientek about the voter drive

Director of University Affairs

- I'm not sure where he is with placing people onto committees.
- He's starting to plan the dinner with Chancellor Person

Director of Government and Legal Affairs

Treasurer

- Old Allocations
 - There was an old allocation from Campus Crusade for Christ still in the works
 - Table Top Gaming was passed (\$85)
 - IVCF was passed (\$134.50)
- New Allocations
 - The radiation therapy club allocation needs to be looked over and discussed more thoroughly (\$2840)
 - Video Gamers' Club (\$100)
- Online allocations are being put up and will be the new way for clubs to submit requests
- At large member applications are out and are due by September 16
- Pool supply order has been put in
- Clubs need to sign up for audits soon
- Ginny July will be getting the actual balance so that the budget can be altered

Secretary

- No Report

Vice President

- I emailed out the office rules and we'll be looking over them later

President

- I'm glad school has started and I hope that you will be in the office more.
- We need to watch how we are handling the pool sticks and balls.
- The furniture for the 2nd floor is supposed to be in October 17 and the Ontario Room should be in sometime next week.
- We have work-study students starting next week.
- I am looking forward to getting our goals done

Advisor Brian Proffer

- You have a table at the welcome back picnic
- The 9/11 fundraiser concert will be the next day
- We have to get the dates for the audits settled by next week
- Possibly have a club meeting before October

Advisor Jessie Hurse

- Saad and Shawntae, make sure you meet and are on the same page
- It should be almost time that we let the students know about the constitutional changes

- I was contacted by Paul on Tuesday in regards to the second floor.
- We have work-study students for the office and the organization center but we need a couple more with morning availability
- The comedy show is tonight and will be opening around 7:30pm
- The office of student life will be providing transportation to the Michigan home games starting tomorrow. It meets in the loop.
 - even if you don't have tickets to the games you can take it to Ann Arbor

University Committees

- I will be sending an email to the Space committee and asking them what kind of plans they have for the spot by accounting

Ad-hoc Committees

Ex-Officio Members

Old Business

New Business

Office Rules

- There are 10 rules I'm going to read them and then we can vote on them.
- Proffer- you should add that only SG stuff should be in the office.
- Felipe moves to accept the office rules as presented
- Martin seconds
- Vote: all in favor

Voter Drive Co-Sponsorship

- Josey moves to table until next week
- Krystal seconds
- Vote: all in favor
- Tabled until next week

Public Comment

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:07pm