

**Wayne State University**  
**Proceedings of the Student Affairs Committee**  
**March 27, 2019**

**Present:** Deanna Cavanaugh, Jennifer Crystal, Kelly Driscoll, Bilal Hammoud, Carolyn Herrington, Michael Horn, Amanda Levitt, Sandra Oliver-McNeil, Victoria Pardo, Rachel Pawlowski, Shauna Reeves, Naida Simon, Jennifer Wareham,

**Absent with Notice:** Margit Chadwell, Pamela Dale, Barbara Jones, Brad Roth, Michele Ronnick, Krysta Ryzewski, Ali Salamey, David Strauss, mark wenzel

**Guests:** Linda Beale, Kristina Curtiss, Victoria Dallas

**Presenters:** Tim Michael, Associate Vice President for Student Auxiliary Services and Chief Housing Officer, Eric Ruelle, Community Director Anthony Wayne Drive Apartments and Jon Cawthorne, Dean of University Libraries and School of Information Sciences

Naida called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. The Agenda was adopted. The Minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting were adopted as written.

**Introduction:** The meeting was held in the Community Room of the Anthony Wayne Drive (AWD) Apartments. As we had a new member added to the committee, Amanda Levitt representing the GEOC, introductions were made. Tim Michael gave a brief synopsis of 2018—19 housing highlights.

1. The Covias partnership continues. The key to the partnership is that there will no longer be deferred maintenance in any WSU owned housing. A market study was completed several years ago that showed we have an unmet demand for 800—1,000 beds. The survey also showed what amenities students wanted and were willing to pay for.
2. Phase I of the AWD Apartments opened August 25, 2018 and is fully occupied with 401 residents in furnished apartments. Phase II is on schedule early July 2019 and is on budget adding 440 additional furnished apartment beds.
3. DeRoy Apartments will close May 1, 2019 after 45 years of service and will be demolished this summer. The site will be restored as part of the enlarged Keast Commons green space which will stretch between Chatsworth Apartments and Anthony Wayne Drive. DeRoy has 272 apartments and all are unfurnished,
4. Chatsworth Apartments will close on May 1, 2019 after 96 years of service and will undergo a full “gut and rebuild”, reopening in August 2020 as the Chatsworth Suites for 360 residents. Currently there are 86 apartments there.
5. University Towers (on Cass) has 900 beds. Because of the new housing for undergraduate students, the number of floors set aside for undergraduate students has been reduced.
6. There will be a pilot program to allow graduate students to pay monthly instead of half at the beginning of each semester.
7. The first two WSU Corvias Scholars were selected for 2018—19 and each received a \$12,500 scholarship towards his/her cost of attendance for freshman year and can be renewed for second year. There are always two—a freshman and a sophomore.
8. Currently the lowest form rate is \$5,500 plus meal plan for a 1 bedroom 2 beds and a private bath. AWD 1 bedroom furnished is \$8,500 for fall and winter. Residence hall

rates (Ghafari, Atchison, Towers, Thompson Home, DeRoy and AWD Furnished Apartments are charged per person. Unfurnished apartments are charged per unit and divided by the total number of assigned occupants.

9. The Board of Governors has veto authority if Corvias raises rates more than 3%.
10. An expansion of the Towers Café dining room will create a 340 seat space to support large campus events. It will begin September 2019 and open for use January 2020.

There is a lack of affordable graduate housing near campus. Is the University driving up rents or is it that Midtown is “hot”? Are we charging market rates? Housing costs can be found at [Housing.wayne.edu](http://Housing.wayne.edu) under Costs. The handout had three rendering of the new Towers Café addition.

We then had a tour of the AWD Apartments and were able to go into a one bedroom apartment. There are gorgeous views from the overly large windows and the furnishings in the one bedroom were nice including a full size refrigerator and stove with oven, couch and a large wall-mounted television. The bed was full size. Only one person can live in the one bedroom.

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The second hour of the meeting was an update of the library systems. Dean Cawthorne shared his vision for the Libraries which was to make us the best library in the world. He asked 273 library and archive employees in a 54 question survey what makes us a good system. 125 responded. He created a Library Vision Support Team to come up with ideas to facilitate the accomplishment of the vision. Several ideas such as a roof top garden in UGL, seed libraries throughout the community. He wants to show that we are listening to our local communities. One member of the committee suggested that we have a tool library so students can borrow tools to fix things in their housing units. A major problem exists in that many students are unwilling or do not know that they can ask librarians questions about resources, research tools, etc. Dean Cawthorne states there is a need to think about other models for the libraries. Students think they “know” how to research, but many do not. He stated the willingness of librarians to come to speak to classes, at school/college orientations, etc.

He then spoke about Open Textbook Network (OTN). Currently 36 institutions are on it. The library system has 3 pillars: Student Success and retention, Scholarship and Community Engagement. He wants to add a fourth pillar, Organizational development of people. There is a need to look at a new model of scholarship. The idea of making the library a hub is very important to the dean. This year the Libraries ran the STEAM Challenge; it was the second year that it was held at WSU. He want to have the Libraries organize and run it in the future. He also stated that he is in the process of hiring a new Associate Dean.

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Mike Horn reported that the Golf Team finished fourth out of twenty two teams at regionals. They are ranked fourth in the Midwest region of forty teams. Naida reminded members that the Member at Large election was taking place and urged committee members to vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

**Next meeting April 10, 2019 at 1:30 pm in 3339 FAB.** The speaker will be Monica Brockmeyer, Senior Associate Provost of Student Success