Wayne State University Proceedings of the Student Affairs Committee Amended November 18, 2015

Present: Kristen Carney, Jeffrey Grynaviski, Ellen Holmes, Barbara Jones, Michele Ronnick, Naida Simon, Ricardo Villarosa

Absent with Notice: Vicki Dallas, Avril Genene Holt, Jim Martin, Vicky Pardo, John Porcerelli, Brad Roth, Aashna Sahi, Gail Stanford, David Strauss

Guests: Jorge Chinea, Elizabeth Kondrat, Jim Van Loon

In lieu of an official meeting was a field trip to the Advanced Technology Education Center (ATEC) sponsored by Associate Vice President for Educational Outreach and International Programs Ahmad Ezzeddine. SAC members traveled from Main Campus to ATEC by bus. The center's staff led by Stacy Jackson met us at the door, and shortly after we arrived AVP Ezzeddine joined us. A delicious lunch was served and a discussion of the uses of the facility and future ideas was the lunchtime activity. Lunch was followed by a rather comprehensive tour of the two story facility.

The Center is a beautiful, well-designed facility. It is also a state of the art teaching facility. The furniture, tables, work stations are all modular and moveable. The placement of all electrical wiring beneath removable tile flooring allows for fast and easy reconfiguration of classrooms' electronics. In addition to the classroom space, there are study spaces, quiet spaces, seminar rooms, etc. Natural light comes in from the roof vents in the hallways. The classrooms have side walls that can make the space larger or smaller. Each classroom has a smart-cart, giant screens and state-of-the art technology. The tables are giant post-it notes as the tops are pads of paper that can be taken off. ATEC is a green building; there are charging stations for electric vehicles and hybrid vehicles have designated parking spots.

As we boarded the buss back the campus, the single "criticism" of the building, which AVP Ezzeddine laughingly assured us he appreciated, was that it does not have the décor/ambience of Hogwarts.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 16, 2015, at 1:30 pm in 358 SCB. Please note the room change.