

Final Senate Report: Student Affairs Committee, 2009-2010

The Committee met six times this academic year. We met on a rotating basis as to day so that all members of the committee could attend at least one meeting. Student Affairs took up the following issues:

1. **Smoking survey:** This was also a joint project with Faculty Affairs and the Elections Committee. A 28 question survey was devised by these committees. It was administered by Student Voice. The final report is being written; 5,910 people took the survey. Earlier an initial report of the results was given. The final report will be available on line once it is completed. During the March Senate Meeting, Mr. Woodyard gave a presentation on the draft of the results of the smoking survey.
2. **Calendar survey:** This was another joint venture with the Elections Committee. The survey, consisting of fifteen questions, was drafted by members of the Student Affairs Committee and approved by the Elections Committee. The survey was administered by Student Voice. The survey began on January 25, 2010 and ended on February 10, 2010. A total of 5,456 individuals responded to the survey and 5,299 respondents, 97%, completed the survey. Responses to items in the survey diminished with progression through the survey. A PowerPoint presentation, Report on the Calendar Survey, was given at the March 10 Senate meeting. A copy of the presentation was forwarded to the Senate. A final report will be forwarded to the entire Senate once the Elections Committee agrees to it.
3. **Housing:** Tim Michael, the Director of Housing came and presented the changes in Housing and answered the questions that the committee had posed to him earlier. The new mission statement for housing is "Residential life at Wayne State fosters student learning and success through engaging residents in an intentional living-learning environment. Residents grow in self-awareness and cross-cultural understanding as they practice social and group development as members of a diverse group of Wayne State learners." Residence hall occupancy has grown from 87% for Fall 2008 to 99% for Fall 2009, while apartment occupancy has fallen from 97% to 89% respectively. Mr. Michael spoke of the dining changes for Fall 2010 where there will be a Constant Pass meal plan, the meal plans were re-priced and repackaged and that the Grill will be opening on Friday nights. All dorms will be open to freshmen and upper class residents.
4. **Other Student Services Units:** There was a plan to invite the directors of Advising, Academic Success Center, Disability Services and CAPS to speak to the committee, but due to lack of time and the cancellation of two meetings (March and May) these invitations will hopefully be issued for the next year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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