

Thursday, May 7, 2015 Puck Building, 295 Lafayette Street, Rudin Conference Room, New York, NY

ATTENDEES:

- WSA Executive Board: Bakar Ali (President); Jessi Luckett (VP of Events and Operations); Julliard Lin (VP of Student Groups Program/Specialization); Ruhi Momin Bengali (VP of Student Groups Professional/Interest); Pam Campos (VP of Student Groups IDPS); Raquel C. Reynoso (Secretary); Hannah Peterson (Treasurer); and Carlos Ouirola (Ombudsman).
- Student Groups: ACE; ALAS; BSA; Bridge; IPSA; SPA; PASA; UPSA; Wagner+; WCG; WEFA; WEPSA; WFPA; WHN; WISS; WMLO; Wagner Philanthropy; WPA; Wagner Review; WSAFA; WagVets

ABSENT:

- Student Groups: WPA and WWC
- I. Introduction
 - a. The WSA president, Bakar Ali, welcomed the student groups and provided an overview of the meeting agenda.
- II. Summary of the 2015 Survey on the Student Experience of NYU Wagner
 - a. The Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, David Schachter, presented the results of the "2015 Survey on the Student Experience of NYU Wagner." Also present were Dean Sherry Glied and the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs and Research, Anthony Bertelli.
 - b. General facts about the survey:
 - i. Began in 2005 and conducted biannually;
 - ii. Web-based and first time mobile-based; and
 - iii. Anonymous and based on Likert scale.
 - c. Major topics reviewed from the survey questions:
 - i. Things we're doing particularly well
 - ii. Trends since 2005 where we've made the most progress
 - iii. Open-ended questions: What students value most
 - iv. Employment status and sector
 - v. Interesting challenges
 - vi. Biggest declines
 - vii. Things students would change/enhance

- viii. Average course evaluations of core course
 - ix. Issues needing more attention:
 - 1. Timing and location of activities
 - a. Recommendations: Adjust timing and location of events to allow part-time students to engage in events.
 - b. Suggestion: Hold events closer to campus (for example, at Kimmel).
 - 2. Students supporting our diverse community
 - a. Student groups should continue the dialogue of diversity on campus.
 - 3. Opportunities for faculty/student connections
 - a. The administration is currently working with student VPs to increase the number of events with faculty members.
 - 4. Consistent teaching quality
 - a. It is important for students to fill out the course evaluations for feedback.
 - 5. Academic preparation and support
 - a. Wagner will begin offering free quantitative prep courses.
 - 6. Diversity and cultural sensitivity
 - a. How do we support a diverse community?
 - 7. Website
 - a. An RFP for a new website is in the works to be launched next year.
 - 8. Classroom space and set-up
 - a. Survey feedback has been shared with the greater NYU facilities department.
 - x. Open Discussion on Survey Results:
 - 1. Student groups are encouraged to continue the conversation over the summer to bringing change.
 - 2. There are several concerns about the timing of classes during the day versus at night, as there are less daytime courses in the Fall 2015 semester.
 - 3. Encourage professors to adapt curricula/syllabi to current events in order to apply experiences in the classroom.
 - 4. Extend the classroom time to allow for more classroom discussions.

III. General WSA Discussion

- a. Encourage the WSA E-board to track the progress of the above-recommendations and provide updates to the student body about the survey results and deliverables.
- b. The classroom situations need to be adapted to accommodate the needs of students.

c. In order to allow for greater participation in the WSA General Meetings, students should be given the option to call-in, and have a second session that meets in the evening after 6:15pm to allow daytime working students to attend.

IV. Next WSA General Board Meeting

- a. All meetings are scheduled 5:30-6:15 p.m. in the Rudin Family Forum for Civic Dialogue unless otherwise noted. All NYU Wagner students are welcome at WSA general assembly.
- b. The first meeting of the WSA general meetings for the 2015-2016 academic year will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2015.