

A Bill to establish a “Whatcha Want Wednesdays” Program

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I. **Defining the Problem**

- a. Currently Senators don’t have a personal relationship with various groups of students on campus
- b. Poor communication hinders Senator’s ability to write legislation that directly relates to the student body’s wants and needs.
- c. There is a barrier between Student Government and the Student Body, directly affecting proper legislation being passed to address popular issues and the Student Body issues being heard.

II. **The Solution**

- a. An established “Whatcha Want Wednesdays” Program here at the University of Toledo would inform students that Senators are concerned about their wants and needs, that Senators are continually working to better represent their issues in meetings and through legislation, and are taking a positive step in creating an open relationship between Student Government and the Student Body. This program would officially start Wednesday September 7, 2011.

III. **Methods of Solution**

- a. Therefore let it be resolved that there be a mandatory Senator, elected and at large, requirement to serve their office hours in replace of at least one week as involvement in the program. Although Senators at large do not technically have office hours they will also be held accountable to partake in the program. Student Government Members will wear the “Whatcha Want Wednesdays” t-shirts and openly talk to students, recording all information received.
- b. Also let it be resolved that the Vice Chair of Senate will be in charge of making sure Senators complete their allotted time and report to the Chief of Staff.
- c. Student Government will purchase the “Whatcha Want Wednesdays” shirt at \$5.25 per shirt. Elected senators will receive a shirt automatically while senators-at-large must attend four meetings before receiving a shirt. Fifty shirts will be purchased.
- d. Information will be compiled into a database and shared with Student Government members and the Office of the Student Experience.
- e. A liaison for “Whatchu Want Wednesday” will be appointed by the Executive Branch and approved by the Student Senate.

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