



WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS STUDENT UNION SENATE

DATE: JANUARY 31, 2017

LOCATION: SIMON 113

RECORDING SECRETARY: DANNY WEINER

TIME CONVENED: 9:34pm -- Speaker Hauser calls to order

AGENDA

1. Convocation
2. Leslie Heusted and Rob Wild: Panel on Recent Events
3. ~~Highs & Lows~~ Peaches & Pits
4. Tyler: Guide to Effective Meetings with Administrators
5. Tyler: Student Union's Transition to Slack
6. Speaker / Executive / Judicial / Advisor Updates
7. Chris, Varun, and Tyler: Committee Updates
8. Open Forum
9. Adjournment

Leslie Heusted and Rob Wild: Panel on Recent Events

- Rob Wild thanks us for our time and sets the tone about the sad, strange, heavy topic
- Rob Wild wants to give us space for questions, since Senate can bridge between administration and student body
- In December, University learned of a very serious investigation involving Justin Carroll
- Dr. White immediately informed Dean Carroll he was no longer admitted on campus and we were investigating with federal investigators
- From that day until yesterday, University didn't really know anything other than they were cooperating with investigators
- University launched a still ongoing internal investigation
- Dean Carroll also announced his retirement, effective tomorrow, during this time
- Shocking and disturbing situation. Details available online.
- He was indicted yesterday and will be arraigned on February 8th
 - Presentation of formal charges
- This is difficult for many administrators, since Dean Carroll had been at Wash U for 36 years and professional/personal relationships developed during that time.
 - Please be respectful of this during this time.
- Rob Wild expresses worry for students because it can cause distrust between student body and administration
- Want to offer support, transparency, and remind us that they are here for us



- Rob Wild reminds us of resources on campus due to shocking and potentially triggering material
 - SHS
 - RSVP Center
 - Uncle Joe's
- Leslie states that they don't have any more information than has already been publicly shared with students
- Most important thing is to keep talking with each other to understand how we're all feeling about this
- Need to understand how and where this is impacting students
- Leslie acknowledges Campus Life isn't the first office you may come to, but they are available and looking to help
- Senator Levinson asks about safeguards for future prevention
 - Rob Wild does not know, because of the fair assumption that there were already safeguards in place
- Senator Hartman mentions the student concern about "sweeping this under the rug"
 - Rob Wild clarifies: the University found out around December 20th and took action from the moment they found out
 - Ban from campus and interacting with students
 - Because this is a federal investigation, the University was obligated to maintain confidentiality so as to not disrupt the proceedings
- Senator Williams asks about X Honorary
 - It is actually a branch of the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH), and was simply renamed back to that original branding
 - All social media, etc. has already been updated
- Senator Levinson asks: "What is the scope and purpose of the internal investigation?"
 - Rob Wild: University is trying to determine if there was any other behavior, related to the allegations but unrelated to what has already been disclosed
 - Current findings indicate no untoward conduct with members of University community
 - Compliance Hotline or WUPD are best options to report additional details
 - WUPD is currently working with FBI
 - President Sng shares contact information
 - Phone number: (314) 362-4998
 - Link:
<https://universitycompliance.wustl.edu/code-of-conduct/online-reporting-form/>



- Senator Tanenbaum asks why we did not receive an email from Chancellor Wrighton (or something similar)
 - Rob Wild does not know exactly, but suggests there was nothing additional for them to add, and thus they did not seek to comment
 - Senator Tanenbaum follows up, asking if there will be some sort of message, indicating the belief that one is necessary
 - We all agree
- Senator Levinson asks if any external partners are being hired for the internal investigation
 - No
- Rob Wild opens the floor for any last questions while he and Leslie are still here
 - Senator Adler asks about Chancellor Wrighton's statement on the recent executive order (immigration and refugee ban)
 - Rob Wild is aware of this feedback, thanks, in part, to StudLife
 - Rob Wild explains that Chancellor Wrighton is an advocate for all students, of all identities
 - Senator Weiner asks why Chancellor Wrighton's statement does not reflect this advocacy as strongly, stressing the importance of having courage in your convictions and touching on the very legitimate concerns of students, for themselves, for their friends, for their loved ones.
 - Rob Wild agrees with Senator Weiner and encourages students to continue voicing their concerns directly to Chancellor Wrighton, while also acknowledging that some students may believe his statement already went too far
 - Email Chancellor Wrighton directly at wrighton@wustl.edu
 - He reads all of his emails, unlike many/most university chancellors
 - Senator Tanenbaum asks about the presidential debate and a cost breakdown
 - There does not appear to be a publicly available itemized breakdown
 - Rob Wild and Leslie defend the worthiness of the debate for the once in a lifetime opportunity, publicity for the school, value of degree, etc.
 - Senator Detloff asks about the new parking plan and if Senate's feedback has been considered
 - Tara Bone (Assistant Vice Chancellor for Operations) came in last semester to discuss with Senate



- Leslie tells us many groups provided feedback and changes have been made to the plan, but a version 2.0 of the new parking plan has not yet been announced
- Rob Wild is forthright in saying that parking on campus will be very difficult for *all* members of the university community next year
 - Students who live off campus in non-ResLife housing will not be able to purchase a parking pass allowing daytime campus parking
 - Shuttle from West Campus
 - Other means of transit
- Rob Wild does remind us that a perk of living with ResLife is the ability to park on campus (on the South 40, most likely) during the day
- Final plan will likely be announced in February
- Senator Kadish asks if residents of the Village and fraternity housing may be allowed to park in Snow Way and Millbrook Garages, shifting other parkers to the South 40
 - Rob Wild explains that grad students and faculty need these spaces for teaching
 - Leslie adds that a lottery system may be implemented or another system to accommodate some parking on the North Side
- Senator Tran asks if Tara Bone could come back in sometime next month
- Senator Kadish asks what the University plans to do for students that may be affected by the aft-mentioned executive order
 - Rob Wild tells us that OISS has reached out to all international students with information and resources
 - Senator Yu informs us that panels are being offered to keep students informed and answer their questions
 - Rob Wild explains the importance of an international network of scholars, stressing that the majority of American higher education operates like this and is fighting against the restrictions and on behalf of their community members

Highs & Lows **Peaches & Pits**

- Speaker Hauser explains that Senators Duran and Tran have proposed a new system: Peaches & Pits

Tyler: Guide to Effective Meetings with Administrators

- Speaker Hauser cedes the floor to Student Affairs / Outreach Committee Chair Tran
- Pre-meeting



- Be prepared!
- Establish clear goals
- Frame your argument
- What problem are you trying to solve?
- Why is this problem significant?
- How will you tackle this problem?
- How will your project improve Wash U?
- Anticipate possible criticisms and prepare responses
- Draft summary of talking points to share
- Tyler reminds us about Directives
- Make sure every meeting has a purpose, though purposes may differ
- In-Meeting
 - Finally done with pre-meeting slides
 - Be early.
 - Dress appropriately
 - Keep things short and sweet
 - Be respectful and friendly
- Follow-Up
 - Send a short email summarizing the meeting and thanking the campus partner for their time
 - Note small things that may be important in the future
 - Clarify best forms of communication going forward
 - Networking

Tyler: Student Union's Transition to Slack

- Senate has been selected to pilot this for Student Union as a whole
 - We may be moving all of SU over to this system
- Slack can persist, transfer leadership, etc., and functions off of channels to unify communication for a system of bodies
- File transfer is much easier via Slack
- Await an email for signup instructions
- Using the free version with no plan to transfer to the paid version (free version is sufficient)
- Senator Smith does another plug for Slack, emphasizing ease of info retrieval
- Slack allows pinned messages

Speaker/Exec/Judicial/Advisor Updates

- Speaker's Updates



- Absence policy
- General Budget Session
 - February 18-19
 - Attendance is mandatory
 - More info soon
 - Allocate \$3.5 million for next year
- We are doing an informal appointment round for two open Senate seat
 - One person *will* have to run for election in March and the other will have to run in October/November
 - Please refer candidates to Ben by *tomorrow (2/3)*
- Exec Updates
 - Chief of Staff Cary recently sent out an email about It's On Us 2.0 Training
 - Kenneth says he cannot think of a more important SU branch to do these trainings
 - Please go.
 - Time/location details in email
 - First Year Class Council President just resigned due to medical reasons
 - Candidate(s) will be nominated by the body and Senate/Treasury will have to confirm
 - Next Tuesday: VP Finance Vikram sends out an email concerning general budget and SU elected officials act as feedback channels between then and General Budget Session
 - Attendance at General Budget Session is one of the most important things we do as officers, so please, please be sure to go and be thoughtful
 - Kenneth commends all of us for asking tough, insightful questions to administration, since we act as advocates for student body
- Judicial Updates
 - Two cases on the docket for Thursday
 - Political statement made by someone in SU
 - Adding on requirements for exec positions
- Advisor Updates
 - N/A

Chris, Varun, and Tyler: Committee Updates

- Projects Committee
 - Had its first meeting last week
 - Getting the ball rolling on various things; more info to come
- Student Affairs / Outreach Committee



- Figuring out which student groups they want to talk with, especially prior to February 18th
- Identifying several major things to feed into Projects/Resolutions
- Parking
- Resolutions Committee
 - Senator Zarazua's Sam Fox printing costs resolution is going well
 - Senator Williams, Senator Mohan, and Senator Kadish are working on reducing the number of multiple choice questions on math exams
 - Senator Kadish is working on project with Green Action

Open Forum

- Senator Mather asks if we will have a practice for the General Budget Session soon
 - Speaker Hauser and Speaker Ragnone will be meeting tomorrow to discuss training sessions (possibly February 10th and/or 17th)
- Senator Mather says CDI wants to come into a future meeting
 - Speaker Hauser will look into this
- Senator Hartman plugs the WUSA program
- Senator Silverman discusses upcoming lunches with administrators -- check the GroupMe and/or message him

TIME ADJOURNED: ~10:51pm -- Speaker Hauser adjourns the session