



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION 2015-2016 SENATE

FEBRUARY 9, 2016
MU 256, BEGINNING 5:15PM

Call to Order at 5:20PM.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Attendance: Alex Pate took Attendance.

Guest Speakers: Madison Union, Planning for the Future

- Moseley/WTW Architects
 - George Nasis
 - Paul Knell
 - Ed Pawlowski
 - Derek Eversmann
- Planning Process
 - Discovery
 - Exploration
 - Refinement
 - Synthesis
- Existing Site Plan
 - What will bring students to this building?
 - What will make this space thrive?
 - Needs will be filled within the context of our campus
- YOUR INPUT: What are your top priorities for improving the Madison Union?
 - Dynamic Public Spaces
 - Lounge space -- used as a “living room” of the campus
 - Performances and events (Grafton currently fulfilling this need)
 - Range of activity spaces
 - Dining and Retail Amenities
 - JMU Spirit
 - Sustainable Design Features
- Our ideas:
 - The floors need to be more accessible to one another
 - More open space -- a “wow” space
 - Outside of the building architecture
 - New furniture that would be conducive to studying
 - Making it accessible for individuals with disabilities
 - “Open-cafe” feel where you can learn and relax



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- Third floor space that allows for more sunlight
- Outside space to relax, study
- View of the mountains
- SWINGS!
- Fire pits
- A uniting presence of all “Union”
- Group study rooms
- Nap nook
- Blending technology with the space (charges, tablets to rent, etc)
- A fancier restaurant
- Spirit store
- More group rooms
- More windows, or better lighting
- Please stay involved with this planning process!

Business:

- Approval of the Minutes.
 - Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2016, were passed by unanimous consent by the Student Senate.
- Contingency
 - Madison Investment Fund**
 - Group Details:
 - How does it benefit JMU?
 - Earn respect from collegiate pers
 - Exposure on CSBC
 - Inspires alumni to reach out and find ways to give back
 - Encourages top employers to recruit JMU students
 - Past seven years they have places first or second in the country
 - Quinnipiac G.A.M.E. VI Forum
 - An investment competition
 - Who is MIF?
 - A purely student-led organization, open to all major, that invest a portion of the JMU Endowment in the form of a low-risk stock portfolio



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- Aim to recruit talented individuals passionate about investing, interested in learning about business, and concerned about giving back to the community
 - An 8th grader in the community looks to these individuals as mentors and come to their meetings
 - \$555 previously fundraised
 - Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Student Senate of James Madison University, that the Student Government Association allocate \$2150 in contingency funds to help MIF attend and represent JMU at the “Quinnipiac G.A.M.E. VI Forum”.
 - Finance passes 5-0-1
 - The request is called to a vote and passed by the Student Senate.
- **Madison American Advertising Federation**
 - Group Details:
 - How does it benefit JMU?
 - JMU students representing the university at a collegiate competition
 - Showcase work at the conference that they have been working on for the entire year
 - Only club on campus for advertising
 - Out of 14 district teams (including VCU, UVA, etc), we have always placed within the top five slots
 - Previous fundraising: \$1,938
 - Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Student Senate of James Madison University, that the Student Government Association allocate \$1400 in contingency funds to allow help MAAF attend and represent JMU at the “National Student Advertising Conference”.
 - Finance passes 5-0-1
 - The request is called to a vote and passed by the Student Senate.
- **Brass Band**
 - Group Details:
 - The North American Brass Band Association holds a competition each year



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- JMU is one of the only collegiate brass bands across the entire country, and receive a lot of recognition for this
- How does:
 - Musical experience
 - Recognition
 - Interaction
- Previous fundraising; \$300
- Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Student Senate of James Madison University, that the Student Government Association allocate \$2150 in contingency funds to help the Brass Band attend and represent JMU at the “North American Brass Band Championships”.
- Finance passes 5-0-1
- The request is called to a vote and passed by the Student Senate.

Senate Reports

- Joe Demski, Speaker
 - Absent
- Adam Minor, Sergeant at Arms
 - Thank you for a productive Senate
 - Continue implementing things learned at retreat
- Micah Smith, Academic Affairs
 - Individual projects starting
- Brooke Price, Community Engagement
 - We have reached 1/15th of our Relay For Life Goal
 - Big Event -- coming soon
 - Please come to CAGE with any questions
 - Dingedline Scholarship Day in this Sunday
 - Sign up for MadiTHON!
 - February 20th, 11AM-11PM
- Alex Pate, Membership
 - Senator of the week: Veronica
 - Rep of the week: Diego
- Matt Mueller, Legislative Action
 - Voter registration: 2,087 puppies were registered in total
 - DC Lobbying, April 14th and 15th



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- Dukes Debate Rd. 2
 - Structured like a presidential primary debate
 - March 23rd
- Thank you to those who helped getting people register -- enjoy your nice, freshly baked cookie!
- Kiersten Schierenbeck, University Services
 - Madison Cooley: Stress balls during finals week
 - Josh Gordon: Revamping transcripts (working with Ac Affairs)
 - John Carr: Reading Days (working with Ac Affairs)
 - Sarah Knarzer: Campus maps
 - James Gilliam: JMU Monopoly
 - Kevin Wood: Dirt walkway between Walmart and East Campus
- Conner Lewis, Communication Director
 - no report

Class Council Presidents

- Senior Class President: Kathy Corena
 - no report
- Junior Class President: Tory Atkins
 - Social media and sticker
 - 2017 design help needed
- Sophomore Class President: Seemran Patel
 - Sophomore class is pushing forward with social media
 - Stickers coming soon
- Freshman Class President: Julianna Boettger
 - T-shirts are coming soon
 - Freshman survival celebration
 - Time capsule

Senator Reports

- Abbie Stempel, Election Commissioner
 - Meet and Eat tomorrow in DHALL
 - Debate Monday at TDU 7:30
 - Voting Wednesday, February 17th from 7AM-7PM



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Advisor Report: Kristen Muncy

- There will be an open forum tomorrow to talk with the architects
 - MU 256, 12:15-1:15

Executive Council Reports

- Student Body President: Ryan Windels
 - Thank you to Adam for doing an incredible job
 - February 15th, first meeting with President ALger and Dr. Warner
 - MU 303, Leadership Meetings
 - Please come join us
- Executive Vice President: Meredith Parker
 - Absent
 - Student Graduation speaker process is beginning
 - Title IX information coming soon
- Executive Treasure: Casey Donnelly
 - Absent
 - Shirts need to be picked up, talk with Casey for details
 - A lot of contingency groups coming this week
 - Still need someone who is not on the Finance Committee to work on the FEB

Staff Reports

- Executive Assistant: Niti Jadh
- Administrative Officers: Heidi Jenkins
 - Respecting the printer
 - What can we use it for?
 - What is frowned upon?
 - Respecting the office?
 - Is it a personal locker room? Probably not
 - Is it a great place to spend free time and make friends? YAS!
 - Winner this week: ZAN!
- Parliamentarian: Haley Aldridge

Motion to Adjourn at 6:25PM.