



Official Senate Meeting Minutes 9/14/2016

- **Excused Absences:**
 - Maxim Denomme, Brendan Gillhooley, Spencer LaBuda, Charlie Sznewajs, Shelton Hawkins
- **Unexcused Absences**
 - Joseph Wludyka, Michael Kellett, Cameron Denker, Nick Ferrari, Julian Dozier, Reed Michelini, Jonas Padilla
- **Sergeant-at-Arms Jacob Gonzales calls the meeting to order**
 - Prayer
- **President Matthew Toma gives overview on the state of the Student Senate**
 - Class orientations
 - Went successfully, Video was well received and Detroit Pride shirt was nearly sold out
 - Icebreaker
 - One of most successful in history, with over 1,000 people in attendance
 - Students had overwhelmingly positive feedback
 - Spirit Week
 - Class participation was fantastic, Spirit games went well and the new spirit point system was a success
 - Pep Rally
 - Extremely Chaotic and Hype, Highest student participation in recent years for a pep rally
 - Congrats to Seniors who have earned a dress down day, date TBD
 - Homecoming Game
 - Successful first collaboration with the Mercy Student Senate Officers
 - Over 200 mercy girls attended game
 - Cheers were hard to spread with such a large crowd
 - Homecoming
 - Shirts sold out completely for freshmen, juniors, seniors
 - Academy and sophomore shirts still available
 - A new order may be placed for more shirts
 - Attendance at the dance was very high, with over 300 couples in the building
 - Next Big Plan: Pledge Detroit!
- **Co-Chair Current Progress and Future Plans**
 - Student Activities Committee
 - Bishara Randolph spoke on new ideas from the SAC, including movie nights, light up the high, a clothing drive, another dessert bake off, a



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campus wide scavenger hunt, and a throwback video game tournament. Dawson Myers spoke on the successes of spirit week and the spirit games, and noted how hype tug of war was.

- Freshmen activities committee
 - Connor Plagens introduced the Madden Tournament taking place on October 28th, to go along with the football season. JP Bauer spoke on the upcoming events the FAC wishes to undertake, including the pig roast and a possible field day.
- Dance committee
 - Michael Cuschieri spoke on the success of the icebreaker, and estimated that attendance broke a school record. It did not for the record, but did come close. Also spoke on the vast success of the homecoming dance, with over 650 people in attendance. Jack Ploucha announced the date of the next dance, December 9th. The Dance theme will be Christmas, with more details to come in the near future. Ploucha asks that students give him and Cuschieri feedback on how the dances have been received so far.
- Student Section committee
 - Josh Duffy spoke on the success of the tailgate and the homecoming game victory, along with the success of getting 200 mercy girls to attend a U of D football game. Duffy also spoke on the consideration of getting a tent for the next tailgates. Sean Rosler spoke on the success and organization of the pep rally, and announced that the Football team has a big game against St. Mary's at Saint Mary's.
- Media/Promotions committee
 - Jack Condit declares that the media committee has made videos for most but if not all big events so far this year. Matt Piziali wants everyone to know that they are working with the Pledge Detroit Committee currently.
- Pledge Detroit™ committee
 - Sean Butler states that the kickoff for Pledge Detroit is next Tuesday. Ryan Cullen informs that the committee looks to update the Pledge Detroit site with pictures and student testimonials. Cullen also states that they are looking to reach out to recent alumni, to earn even more money for Pledge Detroit.
- **Ian Mulhern discusses committee standards and selection**
 - There will be frequent meetings with attendance taken for each committee
 - Committee selections have been sent out to homerooms. They are also located on the staircase bulletin board
- **Kevin Begic gives a synopsis on a new perspective on open discussion**
 - Open discussion will have more of a focus now, rather than a senator asking to adjourn instantly.



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- **Open Discussion/Questions**

- Vincent Manna asks what committees each member of the Senate can join.
- Chris Pizana inquires about a get out of JUG free card as a possible Pledge Detroit prize.
- Greg Golias suggests money for lunch as a possible prize.
- Jack Ploucha wants a tour of Grosse Ile with Noah Tylutki as a possible prize.
- Ryan Cullen inquires about having the Senate Office being open more.
- JP Bauer asks about the potential of coffee and donuts at official Senate Meetings, President Toma welcomes him to bring them himself and provide them to other Senate members.
- Josh Duffy wants speakers in the Senate office.
- Jon Spunar wants to know about the potential of students revisiting Pledge Detroit sites.
- Josh Duffy incorrectly motions to adjourn.
- Michael Cuschieri wants to get larger attendance at non sport activities.
- Ryan Cullen wants to know when the Plank meeting for co curriculars is being held
- Matthew Piziali asks if the media co chairs receive senate funds - they do not.
- Ryan Cullen motions to adjourn.
- Josh Duffy instantly seconds motion to adjourn.