

## September 5 What Do You Want Wednesday Report

The purpose of What Do You Want Wednesday is to allow Mason students and Student Government to interact in a one on one basis to facilitate conversation regarding desired changes or questions about campus issues. This month, we received a total of 166 comments/suggestions.

### **University Services (119)**

The University Services committee focuses issues that arise with the services on campus used most by students. These include the Offices of Housing, Dining, Parking, IT, Mason Police, Print Services, and The Office of Health and Student Safety.

#### **HOUSING (5)**

Improve the housing selection process (communication about the process)

Better maintenance response times within the Housing office x 2

Lower the costs of living on campus

Better communication with the RAs and students

#### **PARKING (29)**

More/cheaper parking x 22

Have more parking lots located closer to the center of the campus

Why is half of Lot J reserved (from an off-campus student)

Have a better way to find empty/available parking spaces in the different lots x 2

Have more metered parking

Turn Lot J into a general parking lot

What is the difference between the \$300 and \$600 parking passes?

#### **DINING (39)**

More food options (ethnic foods, soul foods, more pasta options, vegan, etc.) x 11

More food trucks and have them in more spaces than just outside the JC

Full Chick-fil-a menu (spicy fillets? Milkshakes?) x 5

Lower food costs x 3

More coffee shops (especially a second Starbucks) x 4

Get a Chipotle on campus x 2

More seating in dining venues

More choices/variety of food options in the JC

More options for La Pat and Pilot House menus

Have less fast food options

Why doesn't Panda Express take meal plans? x 2

More free food

Earlier hours for dining venues

Have more outside dining areas

More snack options

Have more dining options closer to President's Park

Extend the hours of dining halls to later in the evening

Southside should be more of a pay for what you get facility (for instance, the cost of coming in for a bowl of ice cream should not be the same as sitting and eating a full meal)

### **IT (7)**

Improve Internet Access (has a tendency to cut out a lot) x 4

Poor Internet connectivity in Dominion

Improve the functionality of the new Mason app (may not be IT, so much as it would be general University Services)

Mason websites are too confusing to navigate/understand

### **MASON POLICE (2)**

Mason Police are too aggressive/unfriendly

Mason Police are too over eager on enforcement

### **FACILITIES (34)**

\*\*Have covered bike shelters at the Student Townhouses

More and clearer to read campus maps located around the campus x 4

More caution/warning signs around where construction is taking place

Too much construction (also causes walking routes to change each semester) x 10

There isn't AC in Krug Hall (it's too hot)

AC in Fenwick isn't working properly (it's too hot)

Improve drainage problems on sidewalks x 4

Have a cut through in Science and Tech II from outside Enterprise to outside The Hub

Install a light at the Hampton Roads volleyball court

Add more lighting around the campus x 3

Stop changing building names (it is confusing to students) x 2

Build more/a new clock tower (or at least repaint it) x 3

Have more green space/quads/courtyards

Use solar panels on buildings

### **CLASSROOM SPACE (2)**

More piano practice rooms (can we have them in more places around the whole campus?)

Classrooms are too tightly packed

### **PRINT SERVICES (1)**

Lower the costs of printing

### **University Life (27)**

University Life works to encourage student involvement, improve cohesion of student organizations, foster school spirit, and support of student athletics.

Better treadmills in the gyms

Newer weights in Skyline

More events geared towards freshmen

More Welcome Week events/activities

Have an outdoors club

Rental kayaks available at the RAC

More Mason community mingling events, such as Fourth Night

More Mason community-based programs, maybe a weekly or monthly event, that is free and just a space to mingle outside of Welcome Week

More sporting events

More on-campus events for Off-Campus students

We need a football team

More inclusive events for all students and more collaboration with student orgs

More events for Off-Campus students (maybe different student orgs can send people so that off-campus students can see what kinds of options they have to do)

Make club sports more competitive

More weekend events (for both on AND off campus students)

Provide a place for mothers who are students on campus to meet other students and better connect with the student body

Careful about what kinds of speakers are let onto the campus. Overly radical persons of faith are highly disruptive to the learning environment.

There's not enough school spirit

More student clubs and orgs

More free stuff

More events at the Johnson Center

More activities within North Plaza

Have more concerts in the Patriot Center with well-known artists

Get a football team

Mingling of student orgs should be better

Have more social activities where people can just meet and mingle outside of Welcome Week

Bring more comedy groups to do performances at Mason

#### **University Relations (4)**

The role of the University Relations committee is to help advertise for Student Government events, as well as to facilitate with the public relations needs of the organization.

More advertisements of different clubs, not just the Greek Life orgs

More advertisements of different events and shows on campus

More advertisements and better information regarding Mason Secure

Have clearer information on the different charges for parking violations (partner with University Services)

#### **Government and Academic Affairs (11)**

The Government and Academic Affairs committee is responsible for dealing with many of the policies that affect students, such as the class add/drop date. They also handle political subjects such as elections.

Extend the class add/drop date so that we have more than one week in class x 3

Lower tuition rates by not having so much free giveaways

Lower costs of textbooks

More accountability within the Office of Financial Aid

Include more (text)books in the library x 2

Lower costs of tuition

Add more study areas around the campus/24 hour study areas x 2

**M.A.S.O.N. Committee (1)**

The Mason Affairs and State Outreach Networking Committee is responsible for outreach to the surrounding community and other groups outside of the university itself.

Advertise more events taking place in DC in order to provide options for student activities (perhaps partner with University Relations on this)

**Smoking Task Force (2)**

The smoking task force was formed in the 2010 to 2011 school year to address the issue of smoking on campus. Their focus was on finding a balance between the smokers and non-smokers of the campus by enforcing the 25ft smoking rule or creating designated smoking areas on the campus.

Too much smoking on campus (asthmatic students have a major problem with it)

Enforce the 25 foot smoking rule, especially outside the Johnson Center

**General Notes for Student Government (2)**

Student Government should be more involved on diversity issues

Have sugar cookies at WDYWW