April 03, 2013: What Do You Want Wednesday Report

The purpose of What Do You Want Wednesdays is to allow Mason students and Mason’s Student Government to interact in a one-on-one basis to facilitate conversations regarding desired changes or questions about campus issues. This month we were able to identify an additional 181 concerns and requests from the student body.

University Services

Parking/Transportation (36)

• More faculty parking (x2)
• More parking decks/garages (x5)
• More traffic signs
• Closer parking (x2)
  o Specifically near aquatic center
• Parking information should be more clear
• More relaxed parking rules
• Loser parking pass prices (x7)
• Limit parking passes sold
• More parking lots (x9)
• Have fundraising to help parking budget (x2)
• Parking tickets should be cheaper
• Better planning for parking during big events
• Shuttles should run more frequently (x2)
• More safe rides at later times

Dining (37)

• More variety in food (x5)
• Healthier food options (x8)
• More vegan options (x3)
• More vegan friendly food preparation (ie using separate knives)
• Bring Chipotle onto campus (x2)
• Southside food should have better quality
• More food locations
• Ikes should open earlier
• More halal options
• Chick fil a and all food places should be open later on Fridays
• Southside should open earlier on weekends
• Mein bowl makes students sick
• Have option to donate meal plans/allow them to roll over (x2)
• Better Passover food
• Have outside dining lounges
• Food quality should be better overall
• Pilot house prices are too high for meal plans
• La Pat lines are too long 9-11AM on weekdays, there should be more workers
• Option for food delivery
• Food prices should be cheaper
• Meal plans should be more flexible
• Southside should be open later on weekdays

Sustainability (3)

• More bike racks near enterprise
• More bike racks
• More recycling bins around campus

Health and Safety (3)

• Better visual aid provided for visually disabled students from office of disabilities
• Enforce a smoking policy
• People should not be able to smoke and walk

Facilities (11)

• Mens restrooms should be remodeled, mirror and urinals are angled in such a way in which men using the restroom can be seen from outside
• More walkways
• Pavement should be leveled
• More outlets in lecture hall
• More 24 hour study lounges
• More chairs in Thompson hall
• Not enough tables in the JC
• Not enough seats in the JC
• Better maps
• Classes should have more windows
• Do not change building names

Outdoors (5)

• There should be more trees
• There should be more grass
• There should be more plants
• There should be more flowers
• Turn the fountains back on
IT (4)

- Better internet connection (x2)
- Better wifi connection in the JC
- Online application should be better

Auxiliary Enterprises (15)

- More fitness expos
- Extend gym hours
- Better equipment for abs in gyms
- Rock climbing wall in gym
- New field house
- Relocate athlete study lounge
- No private rooms in the libraries
- Less construction on campus (x5)
- Less road construction
- No construction on paths
- Construction should end quicker

Mason Police/Drug Enforcement Policies (1)

- Police should be more understanding

Printing Services (1)

- Printing should be cheaper

University Services/University Life

Student Centers (3)

- Hang out space for commuters
- More high fives
- Fancier outside eating areas

University Life

Residence Life/Housing (4)

- Urinals in presidents park
- More housing should be available
- Problem with Head R.A Jessica
• R.As are not around often enough

**School Spirit (8)**

• More events in general (x3)
• More school spirit (x2)
• More free food
• More clear information on clubs
• Have a University Mall on campus

**Events for Students (15)**

• Have a football team/football stadium (x3)
• Have Greek Row
• More events where change of Code of Conduct is discussed for change
• Have social gatherings
• Events with free food

**Mason Atmosphere (5)**

• Create a 4 day week schedule
• People should be encouraged to talk to one another
• Mason should be more inclusive
• Mason is too crowded
• More Mason tradition

**Governmental and Academic Affairs (15)**

• More scholarship opportunities (x3)
• Registrar’s office needs to do a better job of sending everyone emails about class registration
• School should offer a mechanical engineering degree
• Engineering degrees should be more than 120 credits
• Lower tuition (x2)
• Allow more credits to be taken without a tuition penalty
• Bookstore should be cheaper for books and clothing (x2)
• Better communication between students and advisors
• More research advising
• Advisors need to be better trained so they can give more specific answers
• Better academic advising in general

**Courses (4)**
• Better timings for gen-ed courses
• Core classes for majors should not overlap
• More research based classes for undergrads
• Classes needed in order to graduate should be offered every semester or at least yearly, and if yearly- students should be notified

Professors/TA's (7)
• Professors should have better English
• TAs should be more qualified to teach (x3)
• Student to professor communication should be easier
• Professors should be more sensitive towards students
• Professors should be more helpful

University Relations (1)
• Better advertising for everything

Diversity and Multi-Cultural Affairs (1)
• More international events

Shared Governance/Other Task Force Issues (0)

General Notes for Student Government (2)
• Great job with fitness expo
• Great job passing dream act

Other (4)
• Staff should have discounts at gyms
• Process of becoming an organization should be easier
• Sabra humus should not be sold on campus
• Scantrons should be for free