Fall 2014 Semester: 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 semester we were able to identify 643 concerns and requests from the student body.

September: Dining Theme

October: Medical Amnesty Program

November: Vision Fairfax Mason

December: No theme

University Services

Parking/Transportation (57):
Top Concerns: More Parking Spaces, Lower Rates

- Lower Parking Rates (11)
- More Parking Spaces (22)
- Bigger parking lots
- More 30 minute parking spots (3)
- Parking app
- Shuttles Noisy
- More late night shuttles
- Bike trails on campus
- More shuttles (5)
- Difficulty leaving campus at rush hour
- Shuttle from Presidents Park to Field House (2)
- Another parking deck
- More lenient parking rules/regulations (3)
- Fix Sidewalks (2)
- Need more lighting at parking lots/decks (2)

Dining (282)

Top Concerns: Wanted Southside on Weekends (CHECK!), Dislike Anytime Dining, More Dining Options

- Open Pilot House on Weekends (11)
- More Food at Ike’s (13)
- Long Lines (4)
- Accept Anytime Dining Meal Plans at more locations (12)
• Too Expensive (16)
• Southside Open on Weekends (24)
• Southside 24/7 (11)
• Want past menu items at Pilot House (17)
• Food Quality at Ike's (9)
• No Jazzman’s
• Better Weekend Hours (3)
• Freshens not accepting meal swipes (4)
• Later Hours at Retail locations (5)
• Dining is Great
• Dislike Retina Scan (5)
• Want Another Dining Hall
• Healthier Options (24)
• Later Hours at the Globe
• Bring Back Gold Rush
• Bring Back Hot Spot (6)
• Discount for RAs for meal plans
• Mason Money not working in some locations (2)
• Rat menu is limited (3)
• Excited about Panera and Starbucks
• Like Chick Fil A (3)
• Bring Chipotle to campus (4)
• More ice cream (3)
• More Forks (6)
• Distance (7)
• Southside Food Quality (2)
• Better Marketing about Dining Updates
• Love the dining options
• Like the 2 Starbucks
• Bring back Original Burger
• Bigger Plates
• Prefer Anytime Dining (3)
• Not using sustainable plates at Pilot House
• More options (18)
• Like new Express store
• Like Southside dessert
• Better/more staffing in Starbucks
• More Off Campus Meal Plan Options (6)
• Want more cafes on campus
• Increase quality of convenience stores
• Add another Starbucks (3)
• Want better food quality
• More breakfast options on the weekends (6)
• More Halal options (2)
• Dislike Anytime Dining (19)
• Better meal plan equivalency (2)
• More options at Late Night Southside
• Open Panera faster
• Want Ike’s open on weekends (5)
• Get a Burger place
• Dislike Sodexo
• More transparency in dining decisions

**Sustainability (7)**

**Top Concern: More recycling bins**

• More sustainable plates at Pilot House
• More sustainability efforts (2)
• More recycling bins (4)

**Facilities (31)**

• Restaurant Map at Clock Tower
• Bigger, Clearer signs (2)
• More seating in the Johnson Center (2)
• Cleaner bathrooms in academic buildings (2)
• Like new layout in the JC
• More tables outside of Northern Neck (3)
• More tables in the JC (3)
• Longer mailroom hours
• Need more trashcans
• Brighter, more lights on campus
• Fix automatic doors (3)
• Want microwaves in the HUB by Corner Pocket
• Loud Construction early in the morning (2)
• Want library to stay open later
• Fix Flooding/Drainage issues on campus (4)
• Like the new tables in the JC
• Need better lighting (2)
IT (13)

**Top Concerns: improve WiFi connection**

- Update Whatsopen.gmu.edu
- Improve WiFi connection (12)

Residence Life/Housing (14)

- Commonwealth Water Pressure
- Water Damage in Student Apartments
- Mold in Student Apartments
- Bad communication
- Improve freshman housing quality
- Walls are too thin in residence halls
- Not enough housing
- Expensive
- Fix Washing Machines (2)
- Help Freshmen adapt
- Greek Housing
- Like the RA's
- Keep the Ridge Open

Mason Police/Drug Enforcement Policies (3)

- Nullify Marijuana Restrictions
- Police need to be more lenient
- Need more police cadets directing traffic

University Life

General: (8)

- Make off campus students more involved and part of the community (2)
- More rooms and event spaces for student organizations
- Nap Areas for off campus students (4)
- Want off campus discussion board

Athletics/Recreation (11)

- More fitness activities
- 24/7 Gym Hours (3)
- Promote sporting events (3)
- More equipment at gym
• Want a football team
• Like Patriot Platoon
• Want a Club Track Team

**School Spirit (4)**

• Love free GMU swag
• Love the school spirit
• Need more spirit (2)

**Health and Safety (12)**

• Get a 24 hour health clinic
• Blue Light Program (3)
• Safe Rides Program
• Advertise campus security and safety services better
• Stricter smoking regulations (4)
• More hand sanitizer dispensers (2)

**Events for Students (13)**

• More widespread mindfulness practice events on campus
• More weekend events (4)
• Bigger homecoming
• Great events
• More school spirit events (2)
• Love late night cart (2)
• Love Gold Rush
• Want Stress Puppy Events

**Academic Affairs (20)**

• More night classes
• Textbooks too expensive
• Want a sign language class
• Want 24 hour study lounges, more study lounges (3)
• Mentors for younger students
• More scholarship opportunities
• More career fairs
• Lack of grade privacy
• More writing conferences
• Extend Thanksgiving Break, start earlier (2)
• Cheaper tuition
• Change CS Honor Code
• More internship opportunities
• Dislike grading system: A+ = A
• Better communication with academic advisors (2)
• Registration help

Diversity and Multi-Cultural Affairs (2)
• Like Mason’s Diverse community
• More Diversity events

Government & Community Relations (115)
• More college town feel (8)
• More retail/shopping options (4)
• Mason Money to be accepted at more locations (4)
• More Mason involvement in Fairfax (9)
• More dining options in Fairfax (3)
• More bike trails (2)
• More events with Fairfax (11)
• Haven’t gone into Fairfax (4)
• More Mason retail in Fairfax (6)
• Discounts at Restaurants/Grocery Stores for Mason students (7)
• More crosswalks
• Better communication between Fairfax and GMU (10)
• More shuttles (6)
• Shuttles are reliable and helpful (3)
• Use Mason ID cards at Fairfax Library
• More trashcans
• Loves restaurants in Fairfax
• Bad relationship (4)
• Good relationship (6)
• More Mason logos/signage around Fairfax (4)
• More community service opportunities (3)
• More Art venues/events (2)
• Supportive, safe environment
• Better parking in Fairfax (3)
• More trees
• More housing in Fairfax for students (8)
• Job Opportunity communication (3)
• Want wider roads

Medical Amnesty Program (41)

• Like it (31)
• Makes students feel safe (4)
• Person being called about shouldn’t only receive amnesty once (6)
• Should add a 24 hour health clinic on campus
• Still afraid to call 9-1-1

General Notes for Student Government

Other (10)

• More free stuff
• Want Dry cleaners (3)
• Want Hair Salon
• No health insurance for masters students
• Remove INTO
• Create statue in memory of crane
• Music in North Plaza
• Send out newsletter updating students about what SG is doing