November 5th, 2014: 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 184 concerns and requests from the student body. The theme was Community Relations, preparing for #VisionFairfaxMason. Traci Kendall and Sara Gallagher of GMU’s GCR attended, as well as Kelly O’Brien- City Planner of City of Fairfax, and a former councilwoman.

Community Relations (116)

- 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
University Services

Parking/Transportation (15)

- Bike trails on campus (2)
- More crosswalks on campus
- Lot A too small (2)
- More parking (4)
- More shuttles to the other campuses (2)
- More spots in Rappahannock Deck
- Cheaper parking (2)
- More lenient parking rules

Dining (20)

- Better deals for meal swipes
- Late Night Southside needs more options
- Anytime dining should extend to Pilot House
- Open Panera faster
- Healthier options on campus (4)
- Want Ike's open on weekends (3)
- More cultural variety
- More ice cream
- Get a burger place
- Happy about food changes
- More retail locations on campus
- More options (2)
- Anytime Dining accepted elsewhere
- Fresher food

Residence Life/Housing (1)

- Get washing machines fixed

Health and Safety (5)

- Blue light program
- More lenient police (3)
- More police cadets near Lot K and Patriot Center
Facilities (4)

• More trashcans
• More, brighter lights on campus
• Doors in Robinson don’t work
• Clearer signage for buildings on campus

Sustainability (3)

• More recycling on grounds (2)
• More sustainability efforts

IT (4)

• WiFi needs to be better at the JC (3)
• WiFi needs to be better in Fenwick

University Life

Athletics/Recreation (3)

• 24 hour gym
• more equipment at gym
• Better inform students and community about athletic events

School Spirit (1)

• Need more school spirit

Events

Academic Affairs (5)

• More writing conferences
• Change CS honor code
• Cheaper tuition
• Change Thanksgiving Break to start on the Friday prior
• More internship opportunities

Professors

Diversity and Multi-Cultural Affairs (1)
• Diverse community

General Notes for Student Government

Other (6)

• Better career services events, more professionals
• Mason cannot support community of International Students
• International Students of INTO not being integrated
• Remove INTO building
• Want Dry cleaning on campus
• Create statue in memory of crane