Student Senate Minutes

8:05- Welcome, Introductions- Chris
8:07- wake up game led by Liz
8:18- budget review- Bridget and Ellie
8:20- survey results-
   8:24- 10 minutes to discuss in small groups
   8:35- group discussion around survey
      • Academic advising- 20% negative
         o Validate parking at WBOB
      • Mentors
         o Better matching of mentors
         o Screening for mentors- do they have time to be a mentor
         o Having some guidance for what each meeting might include: resume, cover letter, public health issues, informational interviews, networking, etc.
         o Potentially not enough mentors
         o Issue with some “not knowing” about the mentors—making sure emails get read
      • Resources
         o Assistantships- more guidance (prof development) or session with Darren to address ways of finding assistantships. Quality of assistantships- some students have several, while some have none. Making it more available to all
         o Connecting with employers through SPH- mock interviews and panel interviews with alumni. Rolling this into the mentor program or through guest speakers in classes. Address at program level-
      • Communication
         o Emails, social media- too much. Better to be condensed
8:50- Derek discusses Michele Simons JD possible talk on food policies, talk with Derek for further information

8:54- Wrap up- Chis: On the agenda for the next meeting: brainstorming for next year’s senate
MPH 1st and 2nd year Mentor Program—talk with your program directors to start the ball rolling on this, sign up at next meeting for leading this project

8:56- Travis announces we received a grant for student appreciation