



STUDENT SENATE AGENDA

January 29, 2019

Joslin Senate Chamber

- I. Call to Order
 - a. This Meeting will be livestreamed on Facebook
- II. Two Minutes of Silence
- III. Roll Call
 - a. Sen. Meissner is present
 - b. Sen. Edwards is here
- IV. Announcements from the Chair
 - a. Thank you for braving the cold to be here.
 - b. If you would like to change your office hour, please email asgprotempore@miamioh.edu
 - c. Please promote the special elections. This is a great opportunity to get some new ideas in our body
 - d. Sign up for winter mega fair tabling
 - e. If you are interested in hearing any guest speakers than email Speaker Hankins
 - f. President Murtagh: I've been working with the health and wellness center. If you are interested, we have a grant to promote health and wellness in Oxford. I would love help.
- V. Consent Calendar
 - a. Approval of Student Senate Minutes from December 4, 2018
 - b. Approval of Administrative Committee Minutes from December 4, 2018
 - c. Approval of Steering Committee Minutes from January 27, 2019
 - d. Calendar approved
- VI. Student Concerns
 - a. Sen. Reitenbach: The lights by Ditmer are out. The bus routes are bad in the winter
 - i. Committed to the Off-Campus Affairs Committee. Please report back in 2 weeks.
 - b. Sen. Frye: Duo mobile is a hassle

- c. Sen. Small: Duo mobile is hard for international students to access when they are not in the U.S.
 - i. Committed to the Steering committee. Please report back in 2 weeks.

VII. Reports

- a. Cole Hankins, *Speaker of Student Senate*

Monica Venzke, *4th District Off-Campus Senator*

- 1. 11 open seats in senate. We need to make sure we are marketing to more diverse students. I created a marketing plan. We will do the usual tabling but also unofficial tabling in different places. Sec. Zele is creating flyers. If you would like to help with unofficial tabling then let Monica Venzke know. Petitions due on Sunday at noon. Student body president elections are coming up and the committee will be meeting to discuss it and election rules. The Student Body President debate is mandatory. Senators can endorse candidates but not on behalf of ASG. You cannot use ASG materials to endorse them. If you make a mistake in campaigning then it can ultimately be the candidates held responsible for your actions.
- 2. Questions:
 - a. Sen. Waugh: Can you campaign for a senate seat?
 - i. Yes
 - b. Sen. Parthasarathy: Can you wear campaign materials?
 - i. No
 - c. Par. Mellott: If you are on elections committee, you cannot endorse candidates.
 - d. Sen. Mitsch: What are the contribution limits?
 - i. We will vote on those

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- a. Steering Committee Election

- i. Mariana Neikamp

- 1. I believe I will be a good asset to this committee because I listen to multiple perspectives and I will bring that to the committee.
 - 2. Questions:
 - a. Sen. Venzke: What have you learned from writing legislation and going through steering committee?

4. Sen. Turk: Do you think the chair will spend their money on safety?
 - a. I think it will incentivize the chair to spend more time on safety related issues

iii. Debate:

1. Sen Davis: I am a big fan of this bill and I think it will provide a lot of accountability. If you do not have safety, then you cannot achieve a lot of things as an individual
2. Sen. Venzke: I think Sen. Koenig does an awesome job but I miss what a safety secretary deals with that other committees cannot already do
3. Sen Davis: I think having more people working with a larger jurisdiction will help
4. Sen. Koenig: Obviously it would be great to be paid for everything I do but it doesn't need to be me, I want it to be for people after me. The position was created 5 years ago because we needed to focus on safety. Having someone on cabinet that can be held accountable for this will help safety on campus
5. Par. Mellott: Safety deals with SDS, office of student wellness, the women's center and RHA. There are also several smaller responsibilities. This bill is a big deal, this is a lot of money. I would encourage people to understand that this does not come free and to decide how you feel about safety before making a decision
6. Sen. Small: This is something our constituents care about. If we are going to sit here and say
7. Sen. Kamara: Money does not equal accountability
8. Sen. Venzke: If we pay someone and they don't do well then, we take their pay check and impeach them
9. Sen. Turk: I would rather this money be used for something that can help on campus for safety
10. Sen. Small: You cannot say you care about safety if you do not want to allocate these funds. Other cabinet positions do not have the time or resources the way that a safety chair would
11. Sen. Koenig: I want someone in the future who has been doing as much work as I do to be rewarded
12. Sen. Davis: A point has been made if this could go to other safety initiatives on campus but I would argue this point could be made for any cabinet position.

13. Sen. Lui: I agree that the secretary of safety does a lot of work and this position can prove to parents and our constituents that Miami is putting safety first

iv. The bill is passed

c. **SR 181913** “A Resolution for Dining Equity”

i. Flexible swipes

ii. Questions:

1. Sen. Kamara: Would you be working with the HOME office to work on this?

a. Yes. We want a plan in place to implement next spring

a. Debate:

i. Sen Kamara: I think this is great legislation and I feel confident that the authors will take it far

ii. Sen. Turk: I really like this bill and it’s been researched well

iii. Sen. Stidham: I see no reason to not support this bill

b. Bill approved unanimously

X. Special Business of the Day

a. Dr. Greg Crawford, *President*

i. A foundation of excellence

1. Everyone wants to know where we are at and I would like to say how Miami is doing in terms of excellence.

a. We are ranked #3 nationally for teaching (9th consecutive year, last year we were #6)

b. It is a write in ballot

2. FSB is a top ranked business school (2018 poets and quants b-school rankings)

a. Ranked #17 among public universities nationally, #1 in Ohio

3. Engineering ranked in top 15 public

4. Nationally ranked in game design

ii. Talented and passionate students

1. Megan Zahneis

2. Britt Casey (Won first professional race)

3. Sara Al Zubi (Truman Scholarship winner)

iii. Engaged learning and creativity

1. Miami Mock trial team (2018 national champions)

2. Engineers without borders (biggest year ever in fundraising)

3. Opening minds through art (expanded to 150 locations)

4. Government relations network (1,200 visits in 2018)

5. Experience Silicon Valley (25-30 students per semester, work 4 days a week at a startup or innovative BigCo)
6. Echoes of Miami
- iv. Powering Leadership
 1. Lockheed Martin (Louise Morman)
 2. Business leadership (Megan Gerhardt)
 3. Wilks Institute (Eric Buller)
 4. ROTC at Miami (Navy, Air Force, and Army)
 5. Farmer school student team (placed nationally overall)
 6. The Miami Student
 7. Student Athlete (Adrian Texidor- Miami Baseball)
 8. ASG: Meaghan and Vince
- v. Nationally Ranked Entrepreneurship
- vi. Patents
 1. Nearly 1,000 Patents (develop for commercial and alternative applications)
 2. Faculty, students and classes developing ideas
- vii. Arts and Entrepreneurship
 1. Todd Stuart and Willie Caldwell
- viii. Altman Interns Program
 1. Laura Mena (RxBar)
 2. Katie Pauly (Narrative Science)
- ix. Student Venture Pitch Competition
 1. Zandaland (1st place)
- x. Inspiring Faculty
 1. Prof. Tammy Kernodle (CCA)
 - a. Winter 2018 Graduation
 2. Prof Melissa Thomasson (FSB)
 - a. Testified to Senate committee on Homeland Security
 3. Prof. Jim Kiper (Engineering)
 4. Prof Ashley Johnson (EHS)
 - a. Inclusive excellence classroom in McGuffey
 5. Prof Liz Wardle (Howe)
 - a. Working with faculty writing across curriculum
- xi. Global Mindset
 1. Ranked #4 among public universities in study abroad
 2. Career and the Why?
 3. 50th anniversary in Luxembourg
 - a. 700 Miamians traveled to Luxembourg for the celebration
 - b. 10,000 students have studied at MUDEC since 1968

- xii. Creativity and Discovery
 - 1. Broke a record for # of grants in research
 - 2. Miami science Friday from hall Auditorium
 - 3. Prof. Gary Lorigan got two NIH Awards
 - 4. Prof Amanda McVety got her book published with Cambridge University press
 - 5. National Endowment for the humanities
 - 6. Jacob Bruggeman (outstanding undergraduate)
 - 7. Thaiesha Wright (Outstanding scholarship and research)
- xiii. Miami University Veterans Tribute
- xiv. M.O.V.E Bootcamp
- xv. Miami is a bicycle friendly university
- xvi. Love Honor Care game (Luna cares partnership)
- xvii. One Miami Game
- xviii. Greek Spring Clean
- xix. Establishing inclusive excellence
 - 1. Launched new diversity module
- xx. Freedom summer of '64 award
 - 1. Awarded Congressman John Lewis
- xxi. Student Disability Service
 - 1. Center opened
- xxii. 2018 Convocation "Tigerland"
 - 1. All black high school in 1968 in Columbus. They won basketball, baseball, and debate championships
- xxiii. Hockey team
 - 1. Honoring a lot of causes when they play
- xxiv. Dave Dafoe
- xxv. National Trustee Mike Armstrong
- xxvi. Wil Haygood (The Harlem renaissance)
- xxvii. Dedicated staff
 - 1. Miami Holiday project (Anita Sackenheim)
 - 2. Officer Keith Hibbard (MUPD)
 - 3. Michelle Thomas (Summer camp)
- xxviii. Field Hockey, Volleyball, Cross Country (all MAC champions)
- xxix. Scholarships are the top priority
 - 1. New Presidential Fellowships
- xxx. Careers (Presidential series)
 - 1. Career center
 - 2. Career summit
- xxxi. Brooke FLINDERS (expansion of nursing)
- xxxii. Boldly Creative (\$50 million in surplus)

1. Health sciences
2. Data analytics
- xxxiii. A model Greek Community
- xxxiv. A focus on sustainability
 1. Geothermal infrastructure is impressive
 2. New charge (Adam Sizemore)
- xxxv. Headlines in Higher Ed
 1. State support funding is down since 2008
 2. Affordability (tuition way up)
 3. Demographics (fewer high school graduates)
- xxxvi. Advancing Miami Strategic Plan
 1. Academic excellence
 2. Diversity and inclusion
 3. Path to growth and sustainability (creativity and courage)
- xxxvii. Why choose a certain university?
 1. Academics
 2. Career options
 3. Finances
 4. Fit. /living/halls
- xxxviii. Understanding “Marketplace”
 1. Competitive
- xxxix. Bringing it all together
 1. New strategic plan
 2. Boldly creative
 3. Julia Guichard and Bob Applebaum
- b. Questions:
 - i. Par. Mellott: How does the Ingress policy help safety?
 1. The ingress policy was made by a committee that consists of faculty, staff and the police department. We have been collecting data and the police officers like this plan because they can have officers ready at the doors. The committee likes what the policy is doing but we are assessing it. Our strategy is to stand up and help. A lot of instances people were there but did not step up so we want people to be able to help to create a safe community.
 2. Alcohol Intervention matrix
 - ii. Sen. Kamara: Last year there was a couple instances of racial discrimination which led to BAM 2.0 how is the progress coming with their demands?
 1. We are addressing them. I charged a committee to get it done by Prof. Rodney Coates. We are starting with education

like the diversity module and he had a class that gave us recommendations. The second thing is advanced training if you wanted to go above and beyond. That will be launched this semester and you can receive a diversity certificate. Hopefully what will be started this semester is coins that will build a culture of inclusivity for students. Diversity and Inclusion must be a part of everything we do. It is a specific goal for every unit. Athletics are really shining in this area.

- iii. Sen. Davis: A lot of people in ASG specifically have tried to figure out the problems with the ingress policy. What would you say to keep us motivated?
 - 1. I would say keep working with the VP of student life because she is the chair of the committee. Meeting with the chief of police would help too because he is also on the committee.
- iv. Sen. Small: The strategic planning committee is broken up into sub committees. Who is selected for the implementation committee?
 - 1. We have an implementation committee to track the progress and drive the strategies that are working. We can then check what is working and what is not. We have not structured it yet but I hope it will include faculty, students, and staff. The strategic planning committee will interact with everyone on campus, I do not know what will come out of it but I want to tell you what I hope will come out of it. Academic excellence and trans disciplinary curriculum. I also want to work on the residence halls and infrastructure that will be there. Another thing is advising and if we should include student life in that area.
- v. Sen. Meissner: Will business and entrepreneurship classes be a part of the Miami Plan?
 - 1. I see that coming in the future. I could see it broadening the experiences for students. The liberal arts core curriculum makes leaders.
- vi. Sec. O'Donnell: Recent climate report show we need carbon neutrality. Do you plan on committing to carbon neutrality?
 - 1. The committee will be looking into that.
- vii. Sen. Wexler alternate: Miami did not rank well on a renewable energy report what are you doing about this?
 - 1. The committee will be looking into that
- viii. Sen. Venzke: Will school be closed tomorrow?
 - 1. Right now the school will be open but it will be out at 6am if it is closed

- ix. Par Mellott: There have been a lot of concerns about future curriculum?
 - 1. The strategic planning community will look at majors and minors and how those will work. Also have state guidelines to follow.
- x. President Murtagh: Where do you think ASG can be most beneficial for the student body?
 - 1. Leadership is so important. Can we be the best or most sustainable campus on the planet. I would also love to protect exercise and health along with diversity and inclusion. Working together more.

XI. General Announcements

- a. Sen. Kamara: FAFSA due please fill it out
- b. Sen. McGuff and Sen. Lui: I will give rides after senate

XII. Adjournment