



**SENATE AGENDA**  
11/01/2022  
Joslin Senate Chamber

- I. Call to Order
- II. Two Minutes of Silence
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Announcements from the Chair
- V. Consent Calendar
  - a. Approval of Student Senate minutes from 10/25/2022
  - b. Approval of I&S committee minutes from 10/26/2022
  - c. Approval of Governmental Relations committee minutes from 10/28/2022
  - d. Approval of Communications committee minutes from 10/26/2022
  - e. Approval of Oversight committee minutes from 10/30/2022
  - f. Approval of On-Campus committee minutes from 10/30/2022
  - g. Approval of SDHAC minutes from 10/28/2022
  - h. Approval of F&A committee minutes from 10/30/2022
  - i. Approval of DEI committee minutes from 10/28/2022
  - j. Motion to reorder new business item a
  - k. Motion seconded
  - l. Motion approved
  - m. SR222303: A Bill to Create a Student SIV Advisory Committee
    - i. Parliamentarian Davies: What is the restructuring and why is it happening?
    - ii. Secretary Parker: Ever since Morgan started restructuring CCRT, they wanted to implement a student based subcommittee
    - iii. Motion to enter debate
    - iv. Motion seconded
    - v. Motion passes
    - vi. Senator Harvey: I think it's important to hear student voices on SIV.
    - vii. Senator Showalter: We are the ones that talk to each other and the school even though faculty is involved too. We deserve to feel safe and recognized.
    - viii. Senator Holleran: Our school tries to hide these things so having a voice with the students will be a huge help
    - ix. Motion to end debate and call to question
    - x. Motion seconded
    - xi. Motion approved
    - xii. Legislation passes by unanimous consent
    - xiii. Motion to reorder special business item a

- xiv. Motion seconded
- xv. Motion passes
- xvi. Student Trustee Presentation, *Dawson Cosgrove and John Fazio*
  - 1. John: I get to work with ASG and can come to ASG tonight. Sophomore studying microbiology. My term ends in February 2024. Dawson's ends in February 2023. The board is not very well-known. Board of trustees is the governing body of the university. There are 2 that serve off terms. Represent perspective of the student body to the board. Serve on the Academic Affairs committee of the board more so than F&A. We are not voting members, but the opinions have had an impact on the decisions the board has made. We work closely with a lot of Deans and VPs. Good public speaking and effective communication is needed since there are reports to the committee. Time management when 2 meetings are during finals week means knowing how to prioritize. Willingness to develop relationships is important. Applications are open now and are due on 11/8/22 at midnight. The committee will submit 5 names to the Governor of Ohio's office to appoint to the board. We need 2 senators to serve on our committee.
  - 2. Senator Harvey: Can you expand on the eligibility?
  - 3. John: They are political appointees so they must be Ohio citizens, remain on campus for the terms, registered to vote.
  - 4. Senator Mandzak: On the website it says that the applications are due November 4th..
  - 5. John: We moved it back to the 11th to give more people the opportunity to apply
  - 6. Speaker Payne: It's like nominations off the floor for the 2 senators. You get to serve with COS SBP and SBVP. The 13th you need to be available all day for that if you want to do this. Amitoj was a student trustee. It's a 2 year term so freshman and sophomores can look into it. You can't be a position in senate if you are a student trustee.
- xvii. Motion to approve the consent calendar by unanimous consent
- xviii. Motion seconded
- xix. Motion approved

## VI. Student Concerns

### a. Reports back

- i. Senator Fang: Secretary Payne cannot make it in person. Concern made by senator Pfister on 9/27 about SDS accommodations. The response back that we have discussed this over slack that it is a general concern that students face concerns with. There were

different responses this is not the first time that there have been inconsistencies. Students and faculty should have a dialogue at the beginning discussing this. Students are expected to work with them in good faith. Some faculty may push back even after arguing with students. SDS works with faculty to ensure accommodations are met fairly and in a timely manner, there are still concerns. If students are concerned or nervous, please feel free to reach out to me. Senator Novak submitted on 10/4 there is comprehensive licensing for higher education institutions, Quizlet plus can be installed on university computers. If there is expensive interest then I can take this to university libraries and tech services. It looks like individuals having an account won't be an option. Senator Holleran on 10/4 about Proctorio camera being used. A fellow judge deemed room scans unconstitutional so Miami no longer uses this.

- ii. Senator Novak: Breakfast paninis at Pulleys, they will be bringing it back on a small sample size. Plates in maple - they will be adding more plates.
- iii. Senator Oppenheim: The sprinklers, since there was not a lot of rain in the fall, they had to do it more than usual. I will bring it up in the spring if it's a problem again
- iv. New student concerns
  1. Senator Ryan: Restrooms in Maple are not marked so it's unclear on which one you should go into
  2. Motion to commit to on-campus
  3. Motion seconded
  4. Motion passes
  5. Senator Pfister: There are a lot of real spider webs on the blue lights
  6. Senator Ryan: The blue lights are super underutilized. I would encourage you to submit the concern
  7. Motion to commit to safety and wellness
  8. Motion seconded
  9. Motion passes
  10. Senator Page: Met quad is very old and not updated
  11. Senator Wahl: I sit on I&S and we recently discussed with the university about this and they do not have the budget for it yet
  12. Senator Schowalter: I live in Minnich and have water shutting them off. They can clear the pipes to make that better.
  13. Senator Crabtree: During posted TA hours, there are not TA's for CSE.
  14. Senator Holleran: Often times their office hours are on zoom
  15. Motion to commit to academic affairs
  16. Motion seconded

17. Motion approved
18. Senator Page: A student went to advisors for their major and in that major it has been a problem in emerging technologies major
19. Senator Sampson: If there are multiple complaints about a specific advisor or something
20. Senator Harvey: Contact the chair of the department and then you can go to the deans office
21. Senator Holleran: Other schools do have sustainable solar power on their buildings. Is this something we can do?
22. Senator Harvey: we have the geothermal plant which is different. they are expanding it
23. Senator Wahl: We are talking about how we can educate people about sustainability and talking about solar powers.

## VII. Reports

- a. Meal Swipe Donations, *Secretary Grace Payne*
  - i. Secretary Payne: Campus services and ASG does this every year. Students go home for Thanksgiving break but you get your meal swipes for the entire week. You can donate up to 7 meal swipes for that week. Everything is done through the Get App. These swipes go to students that need these meal swipes. We do not dictate where they go but we basically market for them. Usually we get asked why we only do this once a year. Last year we got over 500 and we do not give out that many. If you don't have a meal plan, you can use your declining dollars to donate in a box in a lot of the markets. You decide how many to donate. We need to encourage students to download the Get App so that this is so much easier to do. We will also be tabling in all of the dining halls. We need one person for each hour to help us out in tabling. Please share all the social media graphics so that we can still get the word out. You can message anytime if you have questions.

## VIII. Old Business

## IX. New Business

- a. SR222303: A Bill to Create a Student SIV Advisory Committee

## X. Special Business of the Day

- a. Student Trustee Presentation, *Dawson Cosgrove and John Fazio*
- b. Dawson: I work as the head of the economics department for Rinella so I had to do one of my sessions tonight since they have an exam on Thursday. I was appointed as a sophomore. We deal with macro issues of Miami university. I highly encourage you to apply. I have made

relationships with past student trustees and also this position for someone that wants to see the inner workings of a room. This helped me get my job after graduation due to the connections that I made.

XI. General Announcements

- a. Speaker Payne: We will be electing 2 senators next week.
- b. Senator Holleran: Rowing team is going to Tennessee
- c. Senator Houlihan: Election day is in one week. vote.
- d. Secretary Parker: Working on replacing steam powered heating on all buildings. There is a multi-year plan on this that has done. You can slack me.
- e. Parliamentarian Davies: There is a student leadership recruitment fair happening now in the pavilion so this might appeal to some people here
- f. Senator Osteboe: I sent a google form in the slack for people to fill out for the website. The website is kind of dead right now.

XII. Adjournment

- a. motion to adjourn
- b. Motion seconded
- c. Motion passes



# Infrastructure and Sustainability

Secretary Jules Jefferson

02 November, 2022

## 1. Attendance

- a. Jules Jefferson
- b. Lily Wahl
- c. Jack Isphording
- d. Maggie Sampson
- e. Unexcused
  - i. Greg Betchkal

## 2. Icebreaker

- a. What is the worst song you have ever heard?
- b. Introduction, Name, Pronouns, Position

## 3. Secretary Announcements

- a. [Tour Guide Spiel](#)
  - i. Plaque by the post near Bell Tower ... check it out
  - ii. Andrew is happy to have it added... tour guide training is on Thursday
- b. SSC
  - i. IT form
  - ii. Collaboration in META spring semester
  - iii. Green Org Party Nov 4 5-7 in Maplestreet 3rd floor
  - iv. Focus Group
    1. Recycling
    2. How to use BCRTA
    3. Wash laundry on cold
- c. Compost
  - i. Start week November 7
  - ii. Cody ask about insurance with cars
    1. Follow up?
- d. Summer Orientation
  - i. Meeting with Liz Walsh, Director of Orientation
  - ii. [Module](#) to be improved
- e. Empty Bowls Food Waste Volunteering Saturday  
11/12/2022 11:00 AM





- f. Oxford Empty Bowls is returning with an in-person soup luncheon event. You can help advance **food security AND sustainability by helping out as a food scrap compost monitor**. Sign up [here](#). Location: Oxford Community Art Center.

g.

#### 4. Meeting goals

- a. Olivia Herron
  - i. Director of Sustainability
- b. Director's goals
- c. How has hiring a student intern gone?
  - i. Share hiring link by end of week
- d. Any initiatives you think I&S should work on?
- e. What would you like to see students improve with sustainability?
- f. Climate Action Task Force
  - i. Figure out replacement
  - ii. Semester update required
    1. Filling goals for subcommittees
    2. "Stoplight" system (green = done etc). Three goals left that have not been started out of 30, prerequisites have been completed.
  - iii. Re-energizing committee! Meeting with climate neutrality plan organization to confirm the Climate Action Task Force follows recommended forms.

#### Action Items Update

- g. John- **Would you want to continue with the native plants or switch to another initiative?**
- h. Lily- **Project Paper :) [update](#)**
  - i. Gary Rudemiller [rudemiger@miamioh.edu](mailto:rudemiger@miamioh.edu) and Julie Bischoff [bischoja@miamioh.edu](mailto:bischoja@miamioh.edu)
  - ii. **Dr. Steven Keller** [kellerds@miamioh.edu](mailto:kellerds@miamioh.edu)
    1. No response
  - iii. **Dr. David Kremer**
    1. No response
  - iv. What paper use is on the administrative level
  - v. Physical facilities reduced





- vi. Procurement department
  - 1. Tell us more about where it is going
  - 2. Which company we are contracted with
- i. Jack- Miami Institute for Food Farm and Composting
  - i. [Compost Update Meeting](#)
  - ii. How should we frame education around compost
  - iii. Paper programming turn to seed planting
- j. Maggie- students finding businesswear
  - i. Maybe pair up with Zero Waste
    - 1. Ryan Ruso (rosurv@miamioh.edu)
  - ii. Update on Tuesday meeting
  - iii. Check in with Career Services
  - iv. Instead of JCPenney
- k. Posters Update
  - i. Aramark can help with funding
  - ii. Within a week we will see the draft?
- l. Education on reducing campus
  - i. Maybe a big event like an inclusion forum
    - 1. How do you create a bigger
  - ii. Tabling to pass things out
    - 1. Jules wants everyone to brainstorm a reusable item to pass out
      - a. Tote bags
      - b. Flower pots
      - c. Succulents
      - d. (milk)Seed with (reused)paper covering
      - e. Book marks
      - f. stickers
  - iii. Sustainability graphic at Miami
    - 1. How does Comms want it?- depends sometimes
  - iv. UNV 101
    - 1. Tool kit about analyzing situations
    - 2. What can you do and how it affects you
    - 3. Understand the balance
    - 4. Video with the narrative with this perspective

## 5. Action Items

- a. Lily - Check in on STARS procurement reports & brainstorm legislation



- b. Lily- send Emmet a Slack message asking about whether or not comms pieces get an ASG logo (done)
- c. Maggie-reach out to contacts about businessware initiative
- d. Jack- compost informational
- e. Jules- update John about orientation meeting
- f. EVERYBODY-



**November 4, 2022**  
**Governmental Relations Committee**  
**ASG Office**

**1. Attendance**

- a. Present
  - i. Senator Matt Gant (he/him)
  - ii. Senator Patrick Houlihan (he/him)
  - iii. Senator Spencer Mandzak
  - iv. Senator Kirsten Osteboe
  - v. Secretary Cameron Tiefenthaler (she/her)
  - vi. Senator Peren Tiemann (any)
- b. Excused:
  - i. Senator Melinda Barman (she/her)
  - ii. Senator Troy Parks
- c. Unexcused:
  - i. Senator Matthew Lodge
  - ii. Senator Josh Kennedy

**2. Secretary Announcements**

- a. Thanks to Kirsten and Matt for GOTV help w Wilks!
  - i. How'd it go?
- a. Election night watch party w GRN starting at 7 in Old Manse
- b. Sign up for Party at the Polls!
  - i. + Party at the Polls Signups
- c. Posted voting plan reminders on asg insta on Wednesday
  - i. Included resources via vote.org to research candidates
- d. Tell friends to GOTV!

**3. Project Updates**

- a. Election Day as a holiday link
  - i. Data will be used in next CE coalition meeting
- b. UNV 101 classes – Melinda
  - i. No recent traction with Liz Walsh, reach out to her again soon?
- c. BCRTA transit
  - i. Kirsten: can't add bus stops on election day. Have graphic for lyft, uber codes, "ride share to vote" to share graphic today and also on election day
- d. Civic Engagement forum
  - i. Spring semester

- ii. GRN partnership–Cameron ask Randi
- iii. Permanent thing with an award? Something similar to freedom summer?
- iv. Brainstorm names of potential speakers [HERE](#)
- e. I voted contest for Tuesday
  - i. Wilks wants to partner, asking Randi today too
  - ii. Grubhub certificate? → can't only reward those who voted so maybe no reward besides publicity on the asg insta page

#### **4. Round Table**

- a. Senator Melinda Barman
- b. Senator Matt Gant
- c. Senator Patrick Houlihan
- d. Senator Josh Kennedy
- e. Senator Matthew Lodge
- f. Senator Spencer Mandzak
- g. Senator Kirsten Osteboe
- h. Senator Troy Parks
- i. Senator Peren Tiemann

#### **5. Kudos**

#### **6. Action Items**

- a. All: brainstorm ideas for a civic engagement event in the spring and sign up for party at the polls
- b. Senator Melinda Barman
- c. Senator Matt Gant
- d. Senator Patrick Houlihan
- e. Senator Josh Kennedy
- f. Senator Matthew Lodge
- g. Senator Spencer Mandzak: contact SOS to get roll of I Voted stickers to pass out at tabling
- h. Senator Kirsten Osteboe
- i. Senator Troy Parks
- j. Secretary Cameron Tiefenthaler: contact Miller to see about CE module
- k. Senator Peren Tiemann



## On-Campus Affairs

*Grace Payne*

5 November, 2022

### I. Roll Call

- A. Present: Zach, Grant, Thomas, Jarrett, Matt, Maya, Jackson, Maggie
- B. Excused: Anna, Orlando, Troy, Riley, Dylan
- C. Unexcused

### II. Announcements from Chair

- A. We have been approved for tabling in Armstrong Student Center for Meal Swipe Donations!
  - 1. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uzGg-83Edq6OVfaLL1JRD8kklgm1V8Cs3Co64ByOM44/edit?usp=sharing>

Grace: Link for sign ups above, Armstrong answered pretty fast! It's only the 21st and 22nd, two days before Thanksgiving. Not a requirement, but try and sign up for one hour if possible. No word on dining halls yet, but should be a yes.

- B. TBD on dining halls
- C. I'm thinking about adding office hours for you all and anyone to come to me with student concerns or potential initiatives or just to talk!
  - 1. It would be Monday from 1:00-2:30 in the ASG Office!

Grace: not a requirement, but for ideas if you wanted to share outside of committee in-person. Or if you just want to talk!

- D. I'm going to try to be better about adding action items to the end of our meetings - for me and for all of us

### **III. Senator Updates/Check in**

- A. Tour registration form doesn't allow for people to mark whether they need an accessibility tour
  - 1. When the form is submitted, the confirmation message states to let the Admissions Office know if an accessibility tour is needed

Grace: There is an option, people just need to check their confirmation email

- B. Sprinklers are on an unnecessary amount of time

Maya: I responded at the meeting on Tuesday, it was simple and said they needed to use the sprinklers because there wasn't a lot of rain, but if it happens again I'll bring it up.

- C. Bathrooms in Maplestreet are not marked well

- 1. Grace and Grant will take this

Grant: Greg checked about breakfast paninis but there isn't anything yet.

Grace: We will check in at the next dining hall meeting.

Zach: There's a survey by BSAC at Dividends.

Maggie: I also got a Miami Dining one, is it the same?

Grace: No, but still fill that out.

### **IV. Business Item #1**

- A. We need to market the Meal Swipe Donations!
  - 1. Thoughts on doing almost like small pieces of papers with how-to-donate meal swipes so that people don't have to donate them right then and there?
    - a) Email Vicka about using list-servs!

- b) Donated leftover meal swipes each week to be used as almost a scholarship for on-campus students that can't afford meal plans but are forced to have one

## B. Student concern box

1. Another thought I add - potentially putting them in the markets, and then having a senator or two assigned to check it once or twice a week?

Jarrett: General concern that Western is on the decline, but Maple is back to normal. Spices should be available.

Zach: When should Western be expected to be on the Miami Dining revamp

Maya: The pasta bar takes a long time now, it isn't self-serve.

Grace: We will talk about the buffet style pasta option.

Zach: Waffle maker is really busy, but it might be peak waffle hours. The placement is kind of weird, by the stir-fry.

Maggie: Keep using the gluten free sticker on take out.

Jarrett: There are cookies in the refrigerator section, but they get hard and soggy.

Zach: Maybe turn the fridge off? No other dining hall does this.

Grace: Sign up around next week's meeting for dining hall tabling before I send it out to all of Senate.

Maggie: Parking tickets for people who are picking up at on-campus dorms.

Zach: You have to have your hazards on and email a certain person to not have this happen.

Grace: Maybe an initiative for parking.

Zach: You have to email [parking@miamioh.edu](mailto:parking@miamioh.edu) about this.

Grace: Going through the education department could be a good way to go. Maybe coming up with a parking graphic?

Jarrett: Do we know where the ice machine initiative is for residence halls?

Grace: If that's something we want to work on, we can.

Zach: Who is going to buy them?

Matt: Maybe infrastructure? This would be different because it's an amenity.

Grace: We can work on funding later, but we should propose the idea first.

Maggie: I'll bring it up at I&S.

Jarrett: Maybe an ice machine in Shriver that you could go to and use.

Grace: Maybe we start in a central location for a trial period.

Zach: How are people going to store ice?

Jarrett: Put one in the rec center?

Matt: Would have to be a drop down shoot of ice, not an open one.

Grace: At a college campus I worked with in the summer, they had drop-down ice machines that were popular. I like the idea of seeing if it's a possibility.

### C. What kind of merch should we hand out at our tabling events?

1. I'm thinking that we'll do a mix of merch and food at the tables

Grace: For meal swipe tabling, maybe hand out a how-to guide at tabling.

Maya: Does ASG ever send emails to the general student body?

Grace: There are list serves and that's a good idea. I have individual lists for residence halls too. That would also be more environmentally friendly!

Jarrett: Can unlimited meal swipes be donated?

Matt: Have we ever evaluated a meal swipe donation for the whole year?

Grace: We've never come close to running out of the ones donated just from the Thanksgiving break initiative. If we did, we would do another. Maybe better advertising for this donation process?

Matt: What about people who can't afford a meal plan and it is a scholarship in a sense?

Maya: Are students who live on campus required to have a meal plan? Does a scholarship cover it?

Grace: Yes, not sure about the scholarship part.



Matt: This would be a scholarship in a student-to-student sense, but I bet there is a market for people who can't really afford a meal plan, but are forced to anyway.

Grace: This could be for off-campus students too.

Jarrett: This could be for whatever breaks and other left-over swipes.

Matt: This would be realistically for a certain group of people. But this could drive profits down.

Grace: Maybe we add a cap or a certain amount of swipes you can donate.

Maya: I feel like the university thinks about these things and how people can't afford meal plans, but if everyone has a meal plan, then how does this work?

Jarrett: This is more for people who have one, but are taking out more money or loans to pay it.

Grace: I will try and set up a meeting with Brian Woodruff and some senators can attend if you are interested. Maybe we just revamp how we do meal swipe donations.

Zach: Are they even being used if we aren't giving them out?

Maya: Is there an infographic for this?

Grace: Yes, we should have it from communications soon. Similar to last year on ASG Instagram.

#### D. Let's plan our tabling events

1. How many
2. When
3. What will we

Grace: Could we put concern boxes in the markets?

Maya: They have a bunch of things over by the Armstrong info desk.

Jackson: Maybe closer to dining related-places

Grace: Maybe QR codes for markets, box for Armstrong? Tabling other points on the agenda for next meeting.

#### E. Revamping the student org outreach presentation

1. We will most likely dedicate a committee meeting to doing this

## V. Adjournment

### A. Action Items

1. Maggie: Talk to I&S Committee about the ice machine initiative; in Shriver and the Rec?
2. Grace:
  - a) Things to talk about at SDHAC
    - (1) Chocolate chocolate chip cookies at Western are delicious
    - (2) Bathrooms in Maplestreet are not marked well
    - (3) Breakfast paninis are not yet at Dividends - any update on that
    - (4) Would it be possible to add some spices to the dining halls? No ones in particular, but we could figure it out
    - (5) No more pasta buffet at Maplestreet?
    - (6) Wafflemakers are in somewhat of an awkward location at Maplestreet
    - (7) Cookies in Western are put in the fridge; makes them get hard or soggy
    - (8) Students really like the use of the Gluten Free sticker on GF food in Armstrong
    - (9) Potential for putting QR codes in the market advertising student concerns for ASG specifically, as a form of outreach
  - b) Email/talk to Dr. Bell-Robinson about using the list-servs to send out information about meal swipe donations
  - c) Start brainstorming how to work on initiative for Education majors to not get tickets for sitting outside of a residence

hall when picking people up; probably just educating education majors on what to do/the process

- d) Email Brian Woodruff about doing meal swipe donations throughout the year, and taking all of the meal swipes to be used as a scholarship of sorts (idea was for on-campus students, potentially expanding it for off-campus students too). Mention that we know there could be some logistical issues with that.



# **Committee on Student Organization Funding and Audit**

*Michael Gallo, Secretary of Finance; Maria DeVictor, Secretary of the Treasury*

6 November 2022

## **I. Roll Call**

- A. Present: Colin Hall, Sarah Grace Selby, Jack Ernstberger, Patrick Desch, Venus Harvey, Laura Giaquinto, Tyler Knapp, Molly McCoy, Nikhil Patel, Jackson Gunn, Jack Isphording, Jarrett Pfister, RJ Mentor, Maricela Anderson,
- B. Excused: Liam McAllister, Mia Gaddis
- C. Unexcused:

## **II. Updates from the Chair(s)**

- A. Roadmap!
  - 1. 11/6: Last standing rule review
  - 2. 11/13 & 11/20: Capital Audits
  - 3. 11/27 & 12/4: No meetings
- B. Please fill out the survey/return form when it gets sent out!

## **III. Updates from the Committee**

## **IV. Old Business**

## **V. New Business**

- A. Rule Changes
  - 1. Add article 22: Pre-approvals
    - a) Not previously in the standing rules
    - b) Updated to match new pre-approvals procedures
      - (1) Opt-in / opt-out



2. Review Article IV

- a) Move 4.1, 4.2 to 3.7, 3.8
- b) Remove other sections of Article 4

3. Review Section 6.1

- a) Accessible by BCRTA route -
  - (1) Reword to require that there be a way for students to get to event for free to qualify (Reasonable Transportation is Available)
  - (2) Add " or Transportation is provided at no cost"
- b) "Educational in nature"
  - (1) "Educational" does not reflect committee precedent of requiring events to merely fit the primary purpose of the organization as based on the organization's purpose
  - (2) Change title and wording to reflect current precedent
- c) Open to all students
  - (1) Currently would penalize most fundraisers under strict readings
  - (2) Maria: There is value in single day nature, but travel has already been exempted
  - (3) Nikhil: Having non members be able to attend is good, but internal events shouldn't be penalized
  - (4) Laura: Why would you be a member if there is no benefit?
    - (a) Some orgs are competitive in admissions
  - (5) Strike requirement to not charge admission
  - (6) Might want to change to a different requirement altogether



- (7) Strike previous "open to all students", come up with new requirement
- (8) Replace with the requirement that no prior experience or knowledge is required to safely participate in the event.
  - (a) "Participation" is defined at the discretion of the committee.
  - (b) Rename qualification to "participation"
- d) Spending history
  - (1) Rename to "does not have a penalty"
  - (2) Receive 25% if org does not have a penalty
- 4. Review Section 6.2
  - a) Strike portion telling orgs to resubmit request at next hearing if they did not have a quote
- 5. Review Section 6.5
  - a) Remove everything but portion about gas calculator
- 6. Review Section 10.2.5
  - a) Delete second sentence - redundant
  - b) Global cap if participating in unity lowered to 7,500, unity funding notwithstanding
- 7. Review Section 12.4
  - a) Fundraising and capital items; unauditale
  - b) Strike to reflect current precedents
- 8. Review Article XVI
  - a) 16.1: good
  - b) 16.2: Not harmful
  - c) 16.6: specify one mention of "standing rules"



## VI. Adjournment



# Academic Affairs Committee

## Agenda & Minutes

Secretary Cathleen McLaughlin

2 November 2022

- I. **Call To Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
  - A. Present: Senators Kirk, Fang, Mandzak, Day (left early), Sampson (left early), Showalter
  - B. Excused: Senators Crabtree, Gaudreau, Page, Ogunnowo
  - C. Unexcused:
- III. **Secretary Updates/Announcements**
  - A. Stay Healthy!
    1. McLaughlin: Quite a few people I know are down with the flu or other illnesses. As the weather gets colder and we are inside more, just be cautious about your health. Remember that you are people first. I am the first to admit that I will neglect these things sometimes, so just take care of yourself :)
  - B. Let's Touch Base
    1. Reflect: Highs & Lows for the week, what were you dressed as for Halloween?
      - a) McLaughlin: High for Halloween was that the weather was nice, and I finally made time for myself to have some fun; Low is my feet are still lowkey destroyed because I wore heels. Not the best idea on my part, but it was for the fit; I was the stars, and my twin sister was the moon.
      - b) Day: High is I don't have a chem exam this week, low I was sick over the weekend
      - c) Kirk: High is that she is getting roommate on Friday, low is that I am getting roommate on Friday, Halloween was a dalmatian.
      - d) Showalter: Low is that she had two exams today, high is that she officially signed lease for apartment, Halloween was Carrie from Carrie and Ghostface from scream
      - e) Sampson: My high is that I did well on exam, low is bad allergies, for Halloween was statue of liberty





- f) Mandzak: High was in D.C., low was in D.C. because with GRN and drama, missed Halloween
- g) Fang: High was presentation and exams, low is very tired, for Halloween wanted to be a plague doctor but painted pumpkins instead

### C. Updates from the Chair

#### 1. Proctorio

- a) McLaughlin: As I mentioned last week, the administration is still debating whether to choose Proctorio again, or go with another service, Honorlink. According to Speaker Payne, it is looking like Provost's Office is implementing a three-step plan of sorts for remote proctoring. I just recently reached out to Liz Wardle, who is the Director of the Howe Writing Center, though have yet to hear back. She can give us more comprehensive information about the University's plans and may require our help in addressing this matter. Stay tuned!

#### 2. Provost Search

- a) McLaughlin: As I mentioned last week, the University is in the throes of searching for a new provost. Liz Mullenix is the current interim provost. I only have a slight update, and that would be that the search committee has reached the last round of interviews with the candidates and will deliberate and select finalists. Again, I am largely out of the loop because this is a process that is under the radar right now (But Amitoj had to be out of town earlier this week to sit through those hourlong meetings, bless her soul). Obviously, the Provost is a very prominent office in administration and is a very important partner of ASG, especially this committee.

#### 3. UNV 101 Reform

- a) McLaughlin: Senator Barman, Sec. Tiefenthaler, and I had a scheduled meeting with Liz Walsh, director of Orientation and Transition programs, last Wednesday. Unfortunately, I was sick, but got the low down on what happened. Overall, I would say she was not overly enthusiastic about the prospect of changing things, just because it is a class that is filled to the brim with information, but she was open to discussing things. We brought up civic engagement, Miami history (like the Miami Tribe and Freedom



Summer), refining career preparation, and several other things. This is still in its initial stages, and it is a process, believe me, so expect more updates as we progress in conversations with the administration. We had a fantastic conversation during our last meeting about changes that you would like to see and issues you have had with the class. We will continue bringing your voices into the matter. I love having committee members interested in pursuing this.

4. Weekly University Senate Updates
  - a) McLaughlin: When the lovely senators on our committee start attending U Senate meetings, I will invite them to give a brief update or summary on what was discussed, especially those matters that are relevant to this committee.
  - b) Day, Kirk approve
5. Reporting to Senate on Concerns
  - a) McLaughlin: Shoutout Senator Fang for stepping up on Tuesday and reporting back on several concerns on my behalf.
  - b) McLaughlin: I assume there were no other questions raised by the senate in response?
6. Two Miami's Celebration
  - a) McLaughlin: Next Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 11 am in Millett Hall
  - b) McLaughlin: It is a celebration of the 50th anniversary between University and the Miami Tribe
  - c) McLaughlin: As student leaders, it is important to recognize such a unique partnership that we have. It is a privilege to have the Myaamia Center and Myaamia students on campus. Just a fascinating historical and cultural dynamic all around.

#### **IV. Student Concerns and Senator Updates (Open Discussion)**

- A. Any recent concerns?
  1. McLaughlin: Senator Crabtree, I noticed that you committed a concern to this committee about TA office hours. Could you please go into a little more detail about this? (Will table this discussion due to Senator Crabtree's absence)
- B. Scheduling? Any concerns?
  1. McLaughlin: Have you guys heard any concerns from students about scheduling so far?



2. Showalter: A lot of people have this, where there is a specific course that all these students need to take to graduate, and there is not enough availability. We know how many people need to take it, but it is incredibly difficult. I have had one I have been trying to get into since freshman year for three semesters. Professional writing majors like myself must take this course, and it is difficult for students to get into it with only one section being taught per semester. A lot of time nursing students run into times with automatic time registration as well. I understand there could be staffing issues, but if we could possibly make required courses more available.
3. McLaughlin: You are right in positing that it is an issue with staffing and teachers having the flexibility to teach different courses. Is this a course you must take by a certain year, or just by senior year?
4. Showalter: It is a 100-level course, and it has been closed three times in a row. I am pretty sure it is ENG 171.
5. McLaughlin: with a 100-level course, you would be taking those freshman and sophomore years. Where we run into some issues is when courses like these are pre-requisite courses for upper levels.
6. McLaughlin: Have you tried force add and request override? Or reach out to instructors?
7. Showalter: I talked to my advisor, but it wasn't very helpful.
8. McLaughlin: The first thing they would tell you would be to force add. But it can be useless cause they consistently get denied.
9. McLaughlin: I would recommend moving forward that you reach out to the instructor with questions or the department chair with concerns if you are not able to schedule this class this time around. I am more than happy to help you with this.
10. Showalter: I know I am not the only one with these issues.
11. McLaughlin: We had a couple of issues last year with asterisks on the course list and differentiating sprint courses from regular courses.
12. Showalter: They only open to 6 students per block, and it is not a big lecture, just a smaller class size and for other classes.
13. McLaughlin: Is this just taught in the spring?
14. Showalter: No, both semesters usually.



15. Showalter: For my nursing friends especially, a lot of courses are automatically registered and what is available is at the same time as other classes they need, and they don't have a choice.
16. Showalter: Students should not have to stress about whether they can graduate over one course.
17. McLaughlin: I absolutely agree. Let me know how it goes, and we can go from there. I hope to talk about this a little more during our next meeting.

C. Addition Concerns

1. Receiving textbooks on time

- a) Kirk: Book ordering is not going very well; some people ordered some at the beginning of the semester and just got them, tried to get books off Amazon, but didn't end up returning them due to complications and stress. Other people said they are getting them late. I got mine fast, but is there something we can do?
- b) McLaughlin: A lot of the time, it depends on obviously when you order them. And a lot of students don't know what materials they need until the first-ish week of class, because sometimes teachers won't update syllabi. That is an issue. As I mentioned, it depends on when and where you are ordering them from. If you are ordering from the bookstore especially, there can be supply issues and backlog. A lot of times, there will be other used bookstores and other options.
- c) McLaughlin: We have been pushing for increased use of open-source textbooks that you don't have to pay for and can use online.
- d) McLaughlin: It is more of a case-by-case basis. It is something we could investigate, but if it is just receiving it on time, they would probably urge you to look at other places or libraries. It is not a great answer, but that is where it is at this point. I will look into this issue specifically at the university level and see what I can find.
- e) Kirk: Sure.

V. Action Items

- A. Keep collecting student concerns! Our next meeting will be Nov. 16 unless otherwise noted by Sec. McLaughlin.
- B. Senators Kirk and Day: Will let Sec. McLaughlin know if/when they receive notification from COS Stein or U Senate representatives about joining.



C. Reach out to Secretary McLaughlin if interested in helping with ongoing initiatives or if you have any proposals.

**VI. Adjournment**



# Oversight Committee

*Tia Bakshi, Speaker Pro Tempore*

6 November, 2022

## **I. Roll Call**

- A. Present: Senator Roemer, Senator Novak, Senator Scott, Senator Ogunnowo, Senator Menter, Senator Tipton, Senator Cioffi
- B. Excused: Senator Thi, Senator McAllister, Senator Ryan
- C. Unexcused:

## **II. Vibe Check**

## **III. Updates from the Chair**

## **IV. Old Business**

## **V. New Business**

- A. Pick teams
  - Scott and August and Thi outcomes of no investigation
  - RJ Janelle outcomes if an investigation is closed
  - Letter Grant and Liam
  - Censure Zach and John
- B. Walk uptown
- C. Team building exercises

Everyone had different core values. Senator Roemer and Parliamentarian Davies

overlapped with knowledge. Show that different values/leadership styles is not bad, just need to understand each other.

D. Breakout teams

Groups broke out to discuss their initiatives for reform.

## **VI. Adjournment**