



SENATE AGENDA
03/14/2023
Joslin Senate Chamber

- I. Call to Order
- II. Motion to reorder special business item B to now
- III. Motion seconded
- IV. Motion passes
- V. SCRC Presentation
 - a. Secretary Stein: This is Steve, a member of SCRC which I chair. We meet monthly for students and our community to collaborate together. We recently started working on ending the divide between students and community members in Oxford by being one community rather than divided.
 - b. Steve: I am a community member and have come up with an idea that we think will work. Ox Rox - a day where everyone can interact with each other in the community. Teams of students in the community arts center for the day, there would be an Oxford adventure hunt and looking for ideas to add to this. Students and community members would find locations in the community, go there, take a picture and post it for a panel of judges and prizes are awarded based on merch locally and gift cards. Next, having some music and food to get a chance to mingle. We will need help from everyone to make a mini taste of Oxford by getting a free coffee or something. We are looking for people that may be interested in helping us with this. Ox Rox 2023. We will be outside for a while if you guys are interested.
- VI. Motion to reorder special business item A to now
- VII. Motion seconded
- VIII. Motion passes
- IX. Oxford City Council Presentation
 - a. Bill (mayor): As an undergraduate, I was very involved in ASG so I kind of know where you are. After my PHD I came to Oxford in 1977. I have run four times for city council, fifth and last one coming up. We are hoping to increase sustainability and also want to work on getting housing for everyone. We need more affordable housing. The rent for business uptown is very high. We are trying to stimulate our economy and try to make it.
 - b. Jason: The environment, including increasing solar is one of the biggest goals that we hope to work together on. The state has cut back Tallawanda's funding and they have asked for a levy to support their funding. That levy failed, it won in Oxford but in other areas did not and was outvoted. The only way to solve this is for the levy to pass in the future. Oxford has trouble funding fire and EMS services. To pass the school district levy, we may need all Oxford votes, and if we throw other levies on, it will hurt the Tallawanda levy which is the last thing that we

want to happen. Miami makes up 60% of our land, but do not pay property taxes so there is a very huge discrepancy. We would like Miami to help cover EMS/fire services. Bussing, we are going to have to take away for highschool kids within 2 miles. I would really like to be able to pass that levy to cover it and have Miami cover it.

- c. Bill: We also service the neighboring townships outside of Oxford who all pay their shares, but Miami does not. It may come to a point where our fire/EMS will only go to outside of the campus. We may have no choice. We are down 6 firefighters and EMS. I hope it's on your radar.
- d. Senator Holleran: Is it a problem how intertwined with Oxford and Miami.
- e. Bill: Miami doesn't follow any of our zoning laws or anything as a state school. Their faculty, pay income tax. We work together well on a lot of things. Randy Thomas is awesome who cares about the entire community. College@elm is a good example of that. This is one where we're getting shut down.
- f. Jason: We have to be intertwined but we need to have the right intentions when coming to divisions.
- g. Senator Frank: Why do you think the levies will fix that?
- h. Bill: People outside of Oxford feel like they're scraping by and have minimal property so they're not supportive of a property tax.
- i. Jason: There is a lot of misinformation about what happens. The school district said that they would have to cut down on certain things and then the public becomes upset. The wealthy are also concerned about their taxes and campaigned against this.
- j. Senator Gant: Thursday and Friday in Oxford, state coming, how is that impacted?
- k. Bill: On Green Beer Day, but there are so many more problems with drunken/disorderly people. They call up extra people to help them. We have a mutual aid agreement with other parts of Butler County.
- l. Senator Holleran: Can you expand upon your sustainability efforts?
- m. Jason: Solar is the biggest area.
- n. Bill: We have consultants looking at the rooftops of all city buildings to see if they can handle solar. We have a closed landfill by the parking lot on Chestnut and want to put a solar field on that whole hillside. Duke energy said stop, we can't handle that much energy. I always thought ASG did great things. The model for me, San Diego State University, they built the student center and own it. They put solar panels on all the parking decks.
- o. Senator Mandzak: Do you know how much the Talawanda school district is spending each fiscal year?
- p. Jason: It's easy to look up from the campaign from the school. The plans are constantly changing.
- q. Speaker Payne: Tallawanda School District.com will have that information
- r. Bill: The city council and school board try to stay out of each other's business.

- s. Jason: There are plans to mitigate damage from the levy not being passed by not overburdening tax payers. I am reaching out to other cities that have big colleges in their towns for help on solutions.
- X. Motion to reorder new business item c
- XI. Motion seconded
- XII. Motion passes
- XIII. SR222309: A Resolution Encouraging Miami University to Establish Election Day as a Campus Holiday
 - a. Senator Tiemann: This is our resolution to encourage election day to be a campus holiday
 - b. Annabel: Last semester I made a survey about having election day be a campus holiday. 215/255 respondents said it would be easier to vote if they had this holiday. Respondents would attend civic engagement events and other democratic day engagements as a supplement. The factors impacting their ability to vote was most impacted by coursework and classes.
 - c. Secretary Gallo: There are 16000 undergraduates then where did these 300 respondents come from?
 - d. Annabel: The biggest way was through tabling at Wilks to anyone who talked to us. Some people from outside the polls on election day when getting their proof of address. I sent it to administrators that sent it to faculty and students that way. Out of 250 that responded to this questions, 164 are undergraduates and the rest is made up of graduate students, faculty members and other staff members. We had a flier with a QR code to get the most responses
 - e. Senator Frank: I am worried about disruptions in the academic calendar by extending it or other impacts?
 - f. Annabel: We are trying to get a show of support for the idea and then see what the impacts are when trying to move forward with it. Other schools have reading days or more days for fall break so it would be trickier. If we can show that this will benefit voting, we think it'll be easier to go into conversations with administrators. Staff may not have the day off. It's unclear at this point what the impact to the academic calendar year
 - g. Senator Gant: Theoretically administrators approve, but we will have another week of school. Does that decision come back to us to vote on?
 - h. Speaker Payne: This would demonstrate support for making this day happen and showing support.
 - i. Senator Pfister: Are there alternative solutions to making this easier for students to vote?
 - j. Annabel: There are other fellows at Wilks working to do so. Transportation to the polls and getting the word out is something we already work on. We think that this will give students the time to vote then they'll prioritize it.
 - k. Senator Abrams: Would there still be asynchronous classes continuing?

- l. Annabel: Ideally no. If this doesn't get full approved it might be an alternative solution. Most students would prefer the day off.
- m. Senator Mandzak: Is there any actionable evidence/research would increase election turnout and not just a 4-day weekend for students.
- n. Annabel: I don't know. The biggest comparison is democracy day where there is programming done on the day which isn't mandated but the day is fully dedicated to those programs.
- o. Senator Mandzak: At Stanford, is there any data showing the positive impact that it has had on their voting turnouts?
- p. Annabel: I'm not sure. I know they have speakers and discussions.
- q. Senator Martin: Are there enough students that are close enough to Miami for this to be impacted?
- r. Annabel: We asked students what their voting method was and a majority said in-person but it was also from people that were being asked to fill out the survey while they were voting in person. We also asked what their preferred voting method was where there is a chunk of people that want to vote in person and do not that are possibly being impacted by being busy with schoolwork.
- s. Senator Harvey: I think this resolution is really important and make voting for students
- t. Senator Gant: I completely agree, however if we can't guarantee not extending the calendar year by a week, I doubt students would truly be in support of this.
- u. Senator Osteboe: I agree with both, if we have to add another week of school, it will harm the entire student body. At the same time, I was not able to fill out my absentee ballot because it came the day it was due and had no time.
- v. Senator Abrams: I fully support this idea. I think the data may be a bit biased. Without seeing data that it will improve election turnout I'm not sure.
- w. Senator Wahl: I want to trust administrators that they would know students wouldn't be happy with adding another week
- x. Senator Parks: The vast majority of people voting on campus vote absentee so a lot of people would probably take that day to goof off
- y. Parliamentarian Davies: You can amend legislation
- z. Speaker Payne: If you decide this needs more context you can table.
- aa. Parliamentarian Davies: You can table legislation, which prolongs voting for another meeting but cannot be worked on. If something needs to be changed, you need to motion to recommit it to the committee for it to be worked on
- bb. Senator Frank: I feel like I need to hear from more students and administrator input so that this is the right direction
- cc. Senator Alford: We're missing a lot of perspectives here to make an informed decision

- dd. Secretary Tiefenthaler: I am not a voting member but wanted to voice my support for this resolution. The purpose is that students care about election day and would use this day to do so.
- ee. Senator Mandzak: I'd like to propose a friendly amendment to change the resolution to reflect
- ff. Secretary Tiefenthaler: I spoke with parents, students and in the end, we said we wanted to go big or go home. The asynchronous option was something to consider as a backup. The goal in this is that students are so concerned that they don't want to have any classes at all.
- gg. Senator Gant: In the past, what has the result been to there being extra days off proposed?
- hh. Speaker Pro Tempore Bakshi: Administrators have not been very open to adding another day off because it will add another week whether that's fall break, thanksgiving, or wellness days
- ii. Senator Orlando: We have to uphold our civic engagement and if you want to goof off, do it.
- jj. Senator Dunn: For the majority of students that vote absentee, people who live close enough to go home or even time to mail it, this would give it to you
- kk. Senator Marcum: This legislation is opening the door for administrators to pursue this
- ll. Senator Mandzak: Every student is impacted by extending this by a week and why not just propose the strongest option with asynchronous?
- mm. Senator Abrams: I am concerned that presenting this to administration as is would without more research supporting the positive impact of it wouldn't be great
- nn. Senator Tiemann: Bowling green just enacted this recently. The way we wrote this as an academic holiday, as pausing synchronous classes allows a bit of flexibility
- oo. Senator Patel: We have concerns that this would extend the school year then why don't we put that in the legislation now
- pp. Motion to amend the resolution
- qq. Motion seconded
- rr. Call for division
- ss. Motion passes
- tt. Senator Mandzak: Instead of saying a complete day off, to hold classes asynchronously
- uu. Senator Ogunnowo: Having classes asynchronously, the sentence is vague and not consistent and would defeat the purpose of this legislation. The purpose is to not have work, and asynchronous classes doesn't accomplish that
- vv. Senator Frank: I completely agree.
- ww. Senator Day: Even if it was asynchronous, labs cannot have these days and would impact them still

- xx. Senator Holleran: I think just having the amendment be just as long as the academic year is not impacted satisfies everything
 - yy. Senator Orlando: I think the asynchronous part of this amendment weakens this legislation
 - zz. Senator Patel: Let's take out the asynchronous part of the amendment
 - aaa. Motion to end debate and call to question on the amendment
 - bbb. Motion seconded
 - ccc. Motion passes
 - ddd. Amendment passes
 - eee. Senator Ogunnowo: We're all college students, if you're going to miss classes, that's on you. We're suggesting this, the university makes the decision at the end of the day
 - fff. Motion to end debate and call to question
 - ggg. Motion seconded
 - hhh. Motion passes
 - iii. Legislation passes
- XIV. Two Minutes of Silence
- XV. Roll Call
- XVI. Announcements from the Chair
- XVII. Consent Calendar
- a. Approval of Student Senate minutes from 02/21/2023
 - b. Approval of SDHAC minutes from 02/22/2023
 - c. Approval of Communications minutes from 02/24/2023
 - d. Approval of I&S minutes from 02/24/2023
 - e. Approval of Governmental Relations from 02/24/2023
 - f. Approval of On-Campus minutes from 02/26/2023
 - g. Approval of Communications minutes from 03/03/2023
 - h. Approval of Elections minutes from 03/05/2023
 - i. Approval of Safety minutes from 03/05/2023
 - j. Approval of SOFS minutes from 03/05/2023
 - k. Approval of Academic Affairs minutes from 02/27/2023
 - l. Approval of SDHAC minutes from 03/08/2023
 - m. Approval of Oversight minutes from 03/12/2023
 - n. Approval of Elections minutes from 03/12/2023
 - o. Approval of Safety minutes from 03/12/2023
 - p. Approval of On-Campus minutes from 03/12/2023
 - q. Approval of Governmental Relations minutes from 03/10/2023
 - r. Approval of SOFS minutes from 03/12/2023
 - s. Approval of Funding Pre-Approval Minutes from 03/12/2023

XVIII. Student Concerns

XIX. Reports back

- a. Senator Abrams: Allergens in food for students with allergy concerns, chef knew what happened and was dealt with and staff was trained
- b. Senator Mandzak: Classes for advanced writing courses not consistently counting for the requirement. Meet with the department or college advisors to make sure you know the options and what you need to obtain a degree. We had a brief conversation with Parliamentarian Davies regarding his submission. In essence, another student approached him with a concern regarding advanced writing courses needed outside their major, with the main issue being that classes that were marked in compliance with this requirement haven't consistently applied.
- c. I know you have heard this from me before, but it is undeniably true. It is CRUCIAL to meet with your department advisors (or, if necessary, college advisors) to understand what classes are offered for your major, and what options are available if you are required to pursue a course outside of your major to successfully obtain your degree, whether it be part of a thematic sequence or not. This may also require visiting with advisors from the department offering the course, as they may have more knowledge on how it applies to outside students. Oftentimes, faculty may have the most helpful advice regarding scheduling in accordance with department/major requirements. Now, if an advisor tells you something that turns out to be incorrect, that would be a different issue that must be addressed separately.
- d. Along with developing the syllabus repository initiative, the committee has discussed the importance of updating course summaries on the course list as well as on the DAR. Having the most up to date (and accurate) information is crucial for students, especially given that requirements can change on a semesterly or yearly basis for some majors. At the end of the day, we want each student to succeed, and this can hinder their ability to do so.
- e. In all, I am unsure of the full scope of this issue among the student body. Perhaps some of you have experienced this yourselves and could shed some more light on this concern. If Parliamentarian Davies is interested in further discussing this concern, I would be happy to do so in more detail as well as reach out to the student involved.
- f. Senator Marcum: Picnic tables by the Phi Delt gates, I emailed some people in the planning department and the response from 3 people was that they do not and will not put furniture out so mowers can mow and have impromptu sports
- g. Secretary Jefferson: Accessibility concern I&S and DEI partnered for an accessibility tour, please slack me or Kennedy so we can include those places on our tour

- h. Parliamentarian Davies: charging stations in armstrong on-campus committee is partnering with armstrong to get chargers for the desk
- XX. New Concerns
- a. Senator Grady: I was in Maple and noticed condiments were replaced with pumping containers. They sit far back and someone couldn't reach or pump the container. Single use is wasteful but maybe there's another solution
 - b. Motion to commit to on-campus
 - c. Motion seconded
 - d. Motion passes
 - e. Senator Alford: North quad, there is no place to print. Armstrong is the closest place
 - f. Senator Abrams: There are some options in the engineering building. We are working with this to assess where you can print on campus
 - g. Motion to commit to on-campus
 - h. Motion seconded
 - i. Motion passes
 - j. Senator Ogunnowo: ASG bylaw pages are not numbered
 - k. Parliamentarian Davies: That's something the parliamentarian before me never noticed but we can just fix it
 - l. Motion to commit to administrative committee
 - m. Motion seconded
 - n. Motion passes
 - o. Senator Gant: This national swim meet that was in the rec center. A bunch of people come in from out of town and park in my parking lot. I pay slightly more to park closer to my dorm. Parking services don't monitor on the weekend.
 - p. Motion to commit to on-campus
 - q. Motion seconded
 - r. Motion passes
 - s. Senator Alford: If you have a parking pass on campus, you pay semesterly, yet our tickets are fiscal years. They don't reset on the semester.
 - t. Senator Gant: That's true. Your warnings per semester balance it out
 - u. Senator Menter: They do not give out warnings on a consistent basis at all
 - v. Senator Osteboe: A lot of people aren't getting warnings this semester
 - w. Senator Harvey: You only get one warning per year, July 1st to June
 - x. Motion to commit to on-campus
 - y. Motion seconded
 - z. Motion passes
- XXI. Reports
- a. Infrastructure and Sustainability Committee Presentation
 - i. Senator Isphording: Poll activity. President Crawford signed the president's climate leadership commitment to switch to electric

base heating through the geothermal plant. Single-use plastic bags, pick your portion are all recent interests.

- ii. Senator Holleran: To start/expand earth week, building certification, recycling, and composting. We started composting at cafe lux.

XXII. Old Business

XXIII. New Business

a. Spring Semester Opportunity Two Funding Allocations

- i. Secretary Gallo: Funded 127 organizations this cycle. If a student organization applied for funding twice, they were counted twice. There is a 42% increase in the amount of funding. On average we funded 88% in this cycle.

- ii. Senator Harvey: I think it's great
- iii. Motion to end debate and call to question
- iv. Motion seconded
- v. Motion passes
- vi. Funding allocation approved

b. SR222308: A Resolution to Support the Michigan State University Students, Victims, and Community

- i. Senator Grady: This is just to support the community in Michigan that was affected
- ii. Senator Tiemann: I will be reading their names..
- iii. Senator Wahl: I am a school violence survivor. It is important to me as a part of ASG to support their student government. I wanted them to know that we will support them. We are compiling a video of a line from different clips put together. Shoot me a message for lines I need to distribute. The goal is to be a personal message rather than simply a statement of support
- iv. Senator Grady: We included some resources if you want to share them or take a look at them yourself
- v. Senator Pfister: Do you think this video would come off as the imagine dragon video after covid would give the same message?
- vi. Senator Grady: I don't think this is as out of touch and I really don't think it will
- vii. Senator Harvey: I am in support of it.
- viii. Senator Frank: I want to thank the authors and Lily for reaching out. I am in full support.
- ix. Parliamentarian Davies: Shoutout to the senators for this legislation. I'm glad we are working on something here that impacts them
- x. Motion to end debate and call to question
- xi. Motion seconded
- xii. Motion passes

xiii. Resolution passes

~~e. SR222309: A Resolution Encouraging Miami University to Establish Election Day as a Campus Holiday~~

XXIV. Special Business of the Day

- ~~a. Oxford City Council Presentation~~
- ~~b. SCRC Presentation~~

XXV. General Announcements

- a. SBP/SBVP video
- b. Parliamentarian Davies: if you want to get involved with Ox Rox, reach out to Secretary Stein. Questions about city council, reach out to me or Secretary Stein too
- c. Senator Alford: You all get a free t-shirt and you can order other merch if you want to

XXVI. Adjournment

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

Oversight Committee



Tia Bakshi, Speaker Pro Tempore

14 March, 2023

I. Roll Call

- A. Present: Senator Abrams, Senator Menter, Senator Cioffi, Senator Ogunnowo, Senator Jansen, Senator Jenkins, Senator Grady,
- B. Excused: Senator Showalter, Senator Scott, Senator McAllister
- C. Unexcused:

II. Vibe Check

III. Updates from the Chair

- A. Timeline recap

IV. Old Business

- A. [Solidify some changes for reform](#)
- B. [Google Doc Senator Abrams](#)
- C. [Brainstorming Doc](#)

V. New Business

- A. [ASG Bylaws](#)

VI. Adjournment