



SENATE AGENDA

01/26/2021

Zoom

- I. Call to Order
- II. Two Minutes of Silence
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Announcements from the Chair
 - a. Speaker Murphy: thank you guys so much for coming on such short notice. Special elections are next week
- V. Consent Calendar
 - a. Approval of Student Senate Minutes from November 17th, 2020
 - b. Approval of Executive Cabinet Minutes from Jan. 24th, 2021
 - c. Approval of COVID Information Committee Minutes from Jan. 5th, Jan 7th, Jan. 12th 2021
 - d. Approval of Off-Campus Affairs Committee Minutes from Nov. 16th 2020
 - e. Approval of Funding and Audit Committee Minutes from Jan. 22, 2021
 - f. Approval of Infrastructure and Sustainability Committee Minutes from Jan. 4th, 18th, 24th 2021
 - g. Motion to approve consent calendar by unanimous consent
 - h. Motion seconded
 - i. Consent calendar is approved
 - j. Motion reorder student concerns to after New Business
 - k. Motion is seconded
 - l. Motion passes
- VI.
- VII. Report A: Trey Petrella, *Secretary for On-Campus Affairs*
 - a. Secretary Petrella: testing will happen in three forms this semester: widenet, Abbott testing, and COVID testing. Widenet is what we did last semester, which is a saliva test that tests 10 people at a time. If you test positive, you will be contacted to come back for an Abbott test. If you do not hear back from the testing center in 72 hours, you are negative. Abbott Test is the rapid test and is only for students who test positive. This is a nasal swab that gets results in 15 to 30 minutes. General COVID testing is only for students who are displaying symptoms. They must contact the health center and will receive a nasal/throat swab. The FDA has approved the vaccine for Emergency Use Authorization. This means students cannot be mandated to get vaccinated. The United States is currently administering the vaccine to teachers and anyone 65 and older. We are starting at age 80 and working our way down every week in 5 year increments. Miami hopes to get the vaccine in March. The Pfizer vaccine is two doses, and you must wait 21 days apart from the first dose for the second. Moderna is the same except you must wait 28 days from the first dose for the second. Miami has been deemed a vaccination pod for Butler County. We will be administered the vaccines through Millet and everyone will be issued a vaccination

- card. Physical Facilities and Dining Hall employees will most likely be vaccinated first.
- b. Senator Wu: does Miami have a policy in place for students who were in contact with someone who tested positive and wants a test?
- c. Secretary Petrella: Miami is still not offering voluntary testing
- d. Senator Maldonado: Miami stated that they didn't want to put a strain on the current testing system to ensure they're covering as many people as possible. Are you aware of whether the vaccines will prevent COVID spread or symptoms?
- e. Secretary Petrella: once we are vaccinated, life does not go back to normal. You will still be tested and still must wear masks and social distance.
- f. Senator Stephens: could you speak to false negatives and false positives?
- g. Senator Petrella: we have the same policy in place as if you test positive and you live on campus, you must move to the isolation dorms

VIII. Old Business

- IX. New Business Item A: SR202113, A Resolution Concerning the Credit/NoCredit Policy for the Spring 2021 Semester
 - a. Senator Harman: this is written to be our official response to the decision about the Credit/No Credit. This angered a lot of us and a lot of constituents, so this is important to have our voice be heard
 - b. Senator Elghazawi: the senate in the past has talked about picking and choosing our battles. This is a situation where picking to fight makes sense. We believe that the university isn't properly giving students their own voice.
 - c. Senator Wu: if the Provost's office doesn't choose to grant these requests, what are the next steps?
 - d. Secretary Pal: Provost Osbourne has already stated that the petition probably won't do anything. The next step is to take the petition to the University Senate. We will need faculty to vote in favor of this that will
 - e. Senator Capriolo: would you know what percent of the respondents have used the Credit/No Credit option during COVID?
 - f. Speaker Murphy: it's around 80%
 - g. Senator Capriolo: how would you respond to criticism that extending this policy could cause students to be entitled?
 - h. Senator Elghazawi: Usually, students know what they're getting into when choosing credit/no credit. Right now, students don't know what they're getting into
 - i. Vice President von Zastrow: what communication has administrators had with the authors or ASG prior to changing this policy?
 - j. Secretary Pal: last fall semester, I became aware from other cabinet members that there were conversations about not continuing this policy. I reached out to the Provosts to discuss this. Provost Osbourne expressed he did not want to extend the policy. When we revisited this conversation, I expressed we needed to negotiate an extension but was told Provost Osbourne was not willing to revise it.
 - k. Senator Stephens: can you further clarify where the breakdown in communication was about the policy between ASG and administrator?
 - l. Secretary Pal: when we heard back from the Provost's office that they were not going to extend the policy, we tried to take control of what we could, which was relaying the information clearly to students

- m. Senator Stephens: you had no voice in this decision, correct? This decision should not be attached to your name.
- n. Secretary Pal: we had no hand in deciding this.
- o. Senator Stephens: should this fail in University Senate, there is nothing else we can do other than take it back up with administration
- p. Senator Pallant: are surrounding universities extending these policies?
- q. Senator Elghazawi: University of Cincinnati and Kent State have this policy. Across the country, Stanford University and Marshall University are also doing this
- r. Secretary Pal: during these unprecedented times, there is no clear precedent. We don't know what is the right move, so at this time we need to evaluate what is good for our own student body.
- s. Secretary Waugh: of the students who expressed who used the credit/no credit option, does that represent the student body?
- t. Senator Elghazawi: I do not know the number
- u. Senator Stein's alternate: are there any resources for the freshman population specifically in light of this policy?
- v. Secretary Pal: I think this is an issue that requires proper communication with any consequences.
- w. Secretary Small: I've received a concern from a student who does not have access to reliable wifi, so they were only able to access their course content during business hours. Were any of the responses related to intersectional concerns that disproportionately affects marginalized students?
- x. Senator Elghazawi: this is a consideration we took into note when writing this.
- y. Senator Jett's alternate: you're saying the email was an email sent from your email with your name that you didn't sign off on. Is this typical of administration?
- z. Secretary Pal: we did co-write the email. I did know everything that was said. I was under the impression that this email would be sent from the Office of the Provost, not my email.
- aa. Senator Chima: why does Provost Osbourne not view the pandemic as a disruption?
- bb. Secretary Pal: that's a great question. I've expressed that to him, but he expressed that he did not view the pandemic a disruption but viewed the change in modality as a disruption. I have told them I disagree with that.
- cc. Eli Davies: if this is passed, how much power do students have in contacting faculty about this?
- dd. Secretary Pal: we're about to find out. We have never seen this type of student concern. This is a fully student-led initiative without administration's support
- ee. Vice President von Zastrow: as a student, you can talk to faculty members on University Senate about what your experience have been like.
- ff. Senator Tran: do you think that if a proposal tonight or at the University Senate proposed making a cap of credit/no credit hours, would the Provost be more willing to compromise?
- gg. Secretary Pal: we have discussed this and are looking for an option that appeals to all parties
- hh. Senator Maldonado motions to introduce an amendment
- ii. Secretary Waugh: this gives the resolution room for negotiation and compromise
- jj. Vice President von Zastrow: this allows for an avenue of further discussion
- kk. Senator Maldonado motions to amend the resolution
- ll. Motion is seconded

- mm. Motion passes
- nn. Senator Capriolo: even if you do not use this option, please vote for it for others
- oo. Senator Wu: Provost Osbourne expressed that there is no more disruption. This is a complete disregard for students' wellbeing.
- pp. Senator Barnes: this is an issue the student body is very passionate about.
- qq. Eli Davies: as a student, I'm thankful that this effort is being made. There is a huge disruption that continue today, and we must continue to help students as they navigate COVID.
- rr. Olivia Thomas: things have not been stable for all students. Although the argument has been made otherwise, I'm sure that many others are still struggling
- ss. Secretary Pal: if any of you are facing changes in modality that is different on your syllabus compared to the BannerWeb listing, send them to me so we can report this
- tt. Senator Maldonado: I want to be clear about what we are voting for. This is us telling the university it is not okay to remove these policies that students are relying on right now so quickly. We also want to make it clear that we are also willing to compromise. This is an important conversation that needs to happen
- uu. Speaker Pro Tempore Villanueva: some of my professors have written into their syllabus that they are preparing for mid-semester disruptions. If professors are being proactive about this, the university needs to be proactive about it
- vv. Senator Stephens: for the students that need this and need to be supported, we need to do everything we can to help the,
- ww. Senator Chima motions to present an amendment to the resolution
- xx. Senator Chima: this discusses the new COVID strain and how this can affect students
- yy. Secretary Pal: working with administration is crucial, so not being flexible with a request will not benefit us
- zz. Motion to amend the proposed amendment
- aaa. Senator Chima: this amendment allows for more flexibility by changing "the" in the last sentence to "an".
- bbb. Senator Payne: this feels like a direct contradiction to the entire legislation. We're worried about the precedent.
- ccc. Senator Capriolo: I do not understand how this changes anything about the amendment
- ddd. Senator Kravitz motions to withdraw his amendment
- eee. Senator Elghazawi: the last sentence of the amendment is not what we are trying to accomplish with the legislation. I would like to strike the last sentence
- fff. Senator Payne motions to amend the amendment
- ggg. Motion is seconded
- hhh. Motion passes
- iii. Senator Payne: these are the whereas clauses, so this last sentence does not have a place here
- jjj. Senator Maldonado: it is already written later about asking the Provost to extend the policy
- kkk. Motion to recess for 13 minutes
- lll. Enter recess
- mmm. Exit recess
- nnn. Senator Payne motions to withdraw his motion

- ooo. Senator Kravitz: I am not in favor of retracting our opinion because I don't think it's needed to come to a compromise
- ppp. Senator Harman: we make our position very clear throughout the rest of this legislation
- qqq. Senator Kravitz: I don't think this is antagonistic. I think this is a fair statement to make to voice our opinion
- rrr. Senator Elghazawi: we can't let administration nitpick things we pass and this allows for them to do so. We have to show we are willing to work with administration
- sss. Speaker Pro Tempore Villanueva: I am not in favor of striking the clause about Provost Osbourne. We need to hold administrators accountable
- ttt. Senator Payne: I understand that point but this legislation otherwise does hold administrators accountable.
- uuu. Motion to divide the question, splitting the two further be it resolved clauses
- vvv. Motion is seconded
- www. Motion passes
- xxx. Motion to recess for 5 minutes
- yyy. Enter recess
- zzz. Senate votes to deny the first amendment, keeping the clause in the legislation
- aaaa. Motion to vote on the resolution in its entirety
- bbbb. Legislation passes

X. Student Concerns

- a. Speaker Pro Tempore Villanueva: some professors do not have flexible attendance policies regarding illness
- b. Motion to commit Speaker Pro Tempore Villanueva's concern to Academic Affairs
- c. Motion is seconded
- d. Motion passes

XI. Special Business of the Day

XII. General Announcements

- a. Secretary Waugh: funding applications are due soon, so please contact one of us with any questions
- b. Senator Elghazawi: join the Middle Eastern Students Association!
- c. Senator Capriolo: apply to join scholar leaders! The deadline was extended to February 7th!
- d. Parliamentarian Gates: apply for funding & audit! I would also like to see new senators on administrative committee
- e. Senator Maldonado: please review the COVID ad hoc committee minutes to see what we have been doing. There are two new committees that students can join: the ACC committee and
- f. Secretary McClary: please request the off campus newsletter!

XIII. Adjournment

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



Cabinet Meeting Minutes

January 31st, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

President - Jannie Kamara

Vice President - Jessica von Zastrow

Chief of Staff - Connor Moreton

Secretary of Finance - Ben Waugh

Secretary of the Treasury - Dan Bosworth

Secretary for Government Relations - Ben Finfrock

Secretary for Advancement and Alumni Affairs - Adam Weiss

Speaker of the Senate - Reena Murphy

Secretary for Communications and Media Relations - Megan Chunias

Secretary for Safety - Harper Sutton

Secretary for Academic Affairs - Ruku Pal

Secretary for Off-Campus Affairs - Emily McClary

Secretary for On-Campus Affairs - Trey Petrella

Secretary for Diversity and Inclusion - Brandon Small

Secretary for Infrastructure and Sustainability - Allison South

Faculty Advisor - Scott Walter

III. Goal Setting Breakout Rooms

A. We talked about things.

IV. Group Updates

A. Connor: Share one goal that you are really excited to work on and who you might collaborate on that goal

1. Allison: complete the on-campus recycling magnets to go in residence hall rooms. Talking with Trey and get to collab w/ a bunch of student orgs.
2. Ben F: changing the student IDs so that they comply with Voter ID requirements for the state (Univ. of Minn. did this last year). Working with Victoria on that.

3. Ben W: do a better job engaging with student orgs about the funding process to reduce the number of penalties handed out. More time in the office and reach out to orgs who have been previously penalized or may be a DAC/diverse org.
4. Dan: Cabinet stipend increase. Going to work with Reena and Evan on making sure the legislation and associated bylaw changes look solid.
5. Brandon: excited to engage community through conversations with CSDI which is more achievable now that staffing has been stabilized. One of the difficult things facing marginalized students is the lack of physical spaces to gather. Looking into it's on Us focusing on an intersectional approach to SIV.
6. Emily: renters rights education goal (resources for off-campus students on a website). Instagram Q&A about renters rights
7. Harper: Sufficient number of responses for student counseling survey to formulate a plan for student counseling based on this *data*
8. Jannie: Mental Health Forum = peer-peer engagement with student speakers and student performers
9. Jess: Dean of Students podcast focused on DEI
10. Reena: Utilize rank-choice voting this semester and hold a shared governance panel in the Senate. Encourage senators to take on more *spicy* initiatives.
11. Ruku: working to better represent all colleges on the Academic committee by passing legislation asking academic senators to sit on academic committees. MORE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION YAY!
12. Trey: Dining Hall Committee: really get that rolling :) Also, focus on adjusting fees for intramurals and recs
13. Connor: working with Jess & Jannie to reach more of their goals this semester

V. Cabinet Climate Survey

- A. Time to respond and provide feedback about how we can improve next semester

VI. Celebrations

- A. Emily's Goals are incredible!
- B. Reena (and other sorority members) for toughing it through recruitment
- C. Senate Leadership for a successful first Senate!



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Associated Student Government
COVID-19 Information Task Force
[1/28/21]

Present: Sen. Maldonado, Sen. Stack, Sen. Harman, Sen. Manley, Sec. Petrella, Sec. McClary, Sec. Sutton, Sec. Waugh

Excused: Sec. Pal

Unexcused:

- I. Attendance
- II. Updates from the Chair
 - A. Meetings over Winter Break
 - B. Behind Happy Faces Info
- III. Updates from the Committee
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
 - A. Testing Center Concern
 - 1. Sen. Maldonado: The testing center doesn't have a good amount of social distancing, especially during arrival testing. They have moved the help desk from its original location right by the door, but we have some issues still.
 - 2. Sec. Sutton: Paperwork area was crowded and didn't have anywhere to sit
 - 3. Sec. Waugh: Maybe places to sit would help people better distance in paperwork area
 - 4. Sec. Petrella: I will speak with Dr. Large about this.
 - B. Busy Gym Concern



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1. Sen Maldonado: Martin and Main fitness center are overcrowded. Lines going out the door and people are not distancing. The rags are being used too often -don't use one per machine. We can put up signage for this.
2. Sen. Harman: Share concern with Sec. South and we could start passing out reusable masks and putting out signage about distancing.
3. Sec. Petrella: Not sure how people know how the staff washes masks. I can talk with Rec Staff about this.
4. Sec. Waugh: Hours could be a big change for this. For the smaller regional facilities, the hours have been cut from 2-10 to 4-9pm. Having more hours could reduce some of the congestion in the Rec.
5. Sec. Sutton: We could do some kind of shifts based on last name or something like that.
6. Sec. Petrella: Demand for indoor facilities is going up because it's winter. Also, everything is about staffing this year. A lot of student workers did not come back this semester.
7. Sec. Sutton: We could also do some form of signup beforehand.
8. Sen. Manley: Do we know how many people try to go into the Rec?
9. Sec. Waugh: Yes, the Rec keeps a cap. That's why we see the lines, because only 57 people are allowed in the workout area. The lines are more of a concern because there are lots of people in that line and hardly any distancing. Additionally, students are frustrated for paying money and are often not able to use the facilities.
10. Sen. Manley: We could put the dots on the floor to remind people to keep distanced.
11. Sec. Sutton: Do people exit the same way that people enter?



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12. Sec. Waugh: Yes, but it also helps with managing the counts of people.
13. Sen. Maldonado: We could have people enter in the North entrance and exit out the South.
14. Sec. Waugh: Tide would be better if we did that. The desk is closer to the North end and the shop exit is closer to the South end.
15. Sec. Petrella: I will reach out to them and recommend that we open up the rooms that are, for example, being used for classes. We have to deal with the demand and be flexible.
16. Sen. Harman: We also have to keep in mind disability accommodations. The elevator is only on one side (the North side) of the building.

C. Frustration at Lack of OPD Mask Enforcement

1. Sec. McClary: There is some student frustration at the lack of OPD enforcement of the mask mandate. The Off-Campus committee is in conversations right now.
2. Sec. Petrella: Also a note that Uptown is now a mask mandated area like Campus. You can be fined for walking up there without a mask. For people on Campus, people can now be put through Community Guidelines for just 3 violations, rather than the previous 5.
3. Sec. Waugh: Is there a tally of some sort for that within the Community Guidelines office?
4. Sec. McClary and Sec. Petrella: For both on and off campus, you will be notified if you have one of those strikes.



5. Sec. Petrella: MUPD is not enforcing the curfew. If a student is en route to their dorm late at night and not causing issues, they might say something, but students are likely okay.

D. Goals for this semester

1. Vaccine Information is going to be a top priority this semester.
 - a) Sec. Petrella: Student Life is assuming that we will not be back to normal until January 2022. Whether this committee continues or not, we need to have a plan for how we will continue these efforts next semester. For example: what does a transition to normal life look like? We have to be prepared for this to continue for a while longer than we had hoped.
 - b) Sec. Waugh: What is this committee's stance on vaccine usage?
 - c) Sec. Petrella: Student Life has the stance of "highly recommending" it. We have to be concerned with policy compliance once students get vaccines, as it will be more difficult to get them to follow the rules and reduce spread.
 - d) Sen. Maldonado: It's within our rights to recommend it as well. We are also going to have to fight the general apathy people might have after getting the vaccine.
 - e) Sec. Petrella: We will also have to give a strong definition about what "herd immunity" actually means. For example, we need to hit 60-75% vaccination rates in the US, and that will take a long time to reach, and will continue into the fall.
2. Create a plan for COVID-19 committee as it might exist next semester.



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3. Continue inviting people to come to ask their questions
 - a) Sen. Maldonado: A signup form would work much better than reaching out to people like last semester.
4. *Continue pushing administration on what the students need in this time.*
 - a) Sec. Petrella: Finding the little things, like C/NC, that are still affecting students' lives is of utmost importance. We need to continue pushing for student interests, because COVID will end and Miami will still stand, and we have to continue pushing to make it better.
5. Make our report to the Senate at the end of the semester

VI. Action Items

- A. Sen. Maldonado: Create a form for people to sign up and come to meetings.
- B. Sec. Petrella: Have conversations with Rec Center and Dr. Large

VII. Adjourn



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Associated Student Government
Steering Committee
1/28/2021

Present: Villanueva, Gates, Elghazawi, Stein, Pallant, Chima

Excused:

- [Gov. Relations Bylaw Change](#)
 - Murphy: feel free to do friendly amendments.
 - Elghazawi: it looks good.
 - Stein: minor but necessary, I don't see an issue with this.
 - Pallant: are these things the Secretary is already doing?
 - Murphy: yes, he was doing them, with assistance with AGF. training for voter registration was provided by AGF, from my understanding.
 - Pallant: there's not as many details needed for a bylaw change, but I think it's good.
 - Vote: 4-0-0

- Small groups
 - Murphy: could be improved on, so what are everyone's thoughts on ways to improve them?
 - Stein: took a lot of time to get it together and at that point only a few people were left.
 - Chima: I don't really remember much about them, to be honest.
 - Murphy: Do we want to scrap the idea all together? Do something else for office hours? Combo?
 - Chima: to work on legislation and get advice it would be good.
 - Murphy: the goal was to get people talking to those who aren't in their committees, to see more of what ASG is doing outside of your bubble. Was also an opportunity to give people "diet-leadership" opportunities.



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- Gates: I stayed in contact with a lot of people during campaigning and that was the best way to meet with them, so finding a way to do something similar to that could be a good way to give them a better sense of community.
- Villanueva: agree with Evan. It was meant to benefit the newer senators, I think senators who have been in ASG for a semester don't really have that problem anymore. Something in lieu of what the small groups were for only the new senators would be good.
- Stein: People viewed it as optional and there wasn't really any reason to go, wasn't viewed as required. If we do something else it needs to be treated as something like a committee (but chill) so people actually show up.
- Murphy: What if once a month the first 30 minutes of Senate we spend time in breakout rooms? Something for a way to chat with people before Senate meetings.
- Villanueva: a lot of people felt what Sarah did was unnecessary, but I think it makes sense for us as a replacement for office hours.
- Murphy: it's not the norm to spend this much time outside of a student org in meetings. I think we can try it on the 16th provided we don't have too much legislation.
- Feedback from Tuesday and timeline for the next few weeks
 - Feb 2: IOB hearing (not vote), Student Org allocations, Special Elections, Committee Approval
 - Feb 9: Retreat*
 - Possibly Jason Osborne; if he agrees we'll do an open forum type deal (submit questions ahead of time, open to the student body), which will be an hour; switch to retreat after that.
 - No Osborne: just normal retreat.
 - Villanueva: How long is the retreat gonna be?
 - Murphy: 2 hours, probably get out early.



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- Feb 16: IOB vote, approval of SBP/VP election packet, Gov. Relations Bylaw; gonna try and make that a short day for a wellness day.
 - Villanueva: the code could be approved, but that can wait a week. Oversight might also do a presentation but that can wait as well.
- Tuesday's meeting
 - Pallant: I liked the recess.
 - Villanueva: should be the norm for long meetings, depending on what's happening.
 - Pallant: can a senator motion to recess?
 - Murphy: Yes
 - Gates: reiterated the need for legislation to come out more than 24 hours in advance. Lots of important ideas that were just getting jumbled. I understand the situation with this specific piece but it shows that we need a lot more time.
 - Elghazawi: it was a meeting.
 - Murphy: we have over 900 responses now too, USenate legislation is almost done. Before special elections we'll likely have recess too.



January 28 Governmental Relations Committee Meeting

- I. Roll Call
 - A. Present:
 1. Senator Barnes
 2. Senator Farag
 3. Senator Bar
 4. Senator Maldonado
 5. Senator Brown
 6. Senator Stack
 7. Senator Chenkus
 8. Senator Sassan
 9. Senator Ubay
 10. Senator Ike
 11. Senator Stephens
 12. Senator Capriolo
 13. Senator Singleton- Remote
 - B. Absent:
 1. Senator Farag
- II. Updates from the Chair
 - A. Have a conflict cause requirement, let Secretary Finfrok know
 - B. Statehouse day might happen again
- III. Round Table
 - A. What did you do over break?
 - B. Talk about the semester ahead
 - C. Discussion on civic engagement of last semester
 1. Voter registration went really well (could've used more advertisement/spread the word more next time)
 2. New ideas that were created in the last meeting, could work on those this semester.
 3. Big change: time management and making sure things are done a little bit earlier.
 4. Execution and increasing of initiatives were very well done, especially with the resources and the limits we had.
- IV. Action Items
 - A. Legislation coming to floor on Feb 16th

- B. Change Miami ID to include voter id (with/Victoria)
- V. Celebrations?



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On-Campus Affairs Committee
31 January 2021

Attendance:

Present: Senator Capriolo, Senator Farag, Senator Giang, Senator Kodman, Senator Linkey, Senator Pallant, Senator Sammouri, Senator Singleton
Excused: Senator Sparks, Senator Kelley, Senator Pallant
Unexcused: N/A

I. Updates from the Chair

A. Updates from J-Term

1. Testing

- a) We have three forms of testing this semester:
Widnet/Surveillance, Abbott, and general COVID-19 testing.
- b) Wident/Surveillance Testing is being tested through pool testing meaning we can have many students be tested at one point. After that if a student tests positive they must come back for the Abbott test where the results come back in 15-30 minutes. General COVID Tests are available for students who are displaying COVID symptoms
- c) Remember! No news is good news. If you do not hear back within 72 hours then you can assume that you are negative.

2. Vaccinations

- a) Secretary Petrella was appointed to serve on the vaccination planning committee. We will have more information every other week but for now, we can hope to get the vaccines by March. Once the information is more clear, this committee will take a big role in the process of helping get the student body informed.

3. Isolation and Quarantine Dorms



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- a) Isolation and Quarantine dorms are both 10 days. Same procedures as last year except the Quarantined students have rooms with their own private bathrooms.
- B. Plans for the Spring
 - 1. Newsletter
 - a) The newsletter will be sent out with a recap of the fall and plans for next semester.
 - 2. Constituent Outreach
 - a) This will follow how a normal constituent outreach is supposed to be. The senators will plan the event and execute it how they choose.
 - 3. Accessibility Audit
 - a) We are so excited to be moving forward with this! The plan is to have the Miller Center train us and we will complete the audit from March 8th to March 26th.
 - 4. Student Dining Committee
 - a) I am meeting this week with the other secretaries involved to get this underway. Application will be available in the next few weeks.

II. Committee Updates

- A. Senator Capriolo: The RSG initiative is being sent to the regional executive board. We are hoping to push it through to administration once that is completed. I am happy to be working on the accessibility audit with Nhu-y
- B. Senator Farag: Worked on a bunch of signs for houses in my neighborhood
- C. Senator Giang: Spending time with my Aunt and learning to cook many recipes.
- D. Senator Kelley: N/A
- E. Senator Kodman: I went to Hocking Hills for the day
- F. Senator Linkey: I worked for Walmart and you got to witness how retail is during the holidays
- G. Senator Payne: Presenting to executive council for credit/no credit and proctorio. I worked retail for shoes too over J-Term
- H. Senator Pallant: N/A



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- I. Senator Sammouri: Spending time with family and playing some games
 - J. Senator Singleton: I worked at Old-Navy over j-term so that was a lot of fun!
 - K. Senator Sparks: N/A
- III. Student Concerns**
- A. N/A
- IV. Committee Work**
- A. SDAC Collaboration
 - 1. Welcome President VP of SDAC, Christina Martins and Kinshuk Tella!
 - B. What do you want to work on this semester?
 - 1. Capriolo: I would like to advance the RSG information as well as having the tangible items from the accessibility audit to bring to admin
 - 2. Payne: Improving the GET app. It can be approved upon as somethings are not available on the app when they have it at the location. This is for Pulley and Redzone that I noticed.
 - 3. Linkey: I would like to push forward the mentorship program and get in contact with the groups on-campus that currently have a mentorship program.
 - 4. Giang: I want to work with a student counseling center and put out more wellness events for our students. Especially the ones that are not on-campus
 - 5. Singleton: I am hearing a lot from the Black community with mental health and many are feeling isolated. I think this something that needs to be looked into.
 - 6. Kodman: We started working on working on more information and putting it on the app for students to know.
 - 7. Sammouri: I want to work on the Ramadan initiative and help get students food once the fast breaks.
 - 8. Farag: I am looking forward to helping distribute vaccines on-campus.
- V. Action Items**
- A. Brainstorm ideas and ways to push your initiatives through
 - B. Reach out if you have any questions



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VI. Upcoming Events/Acknowledgements

A. Have a great week!



ASG Infrastructure and Sustainability Committee Meeting
31 January, 2021

1. Attendance

- a. Senator Alia Agee*
- b. Senator Nicole Bacon*
- c. Senator Danielle Barnes*
- d. Senator Harry Harman*
- e. Senator Nathaniel Ike*
- ~~*f. Senator Grace Kelley*~~
- g. Secretary Allison South*
- h. Senator Cameron Tiefenthaler*

2. Secretary Announcements

- a. Reminder that Funding hearing (might need to defend the expenses) is Feb 16
 - i. \$32 for posters
 - ii. \$150 for reusable bag prototypes
- b. Review Accessibility Audit plan
 - i. [List of buildings](#)
 - ii. Grace: any updates from on-campus?
 - iii. Allison: Last week, emails were sent out to faculty/staff who would be involved with content or training. Allison meeting... add Harry to Miller Center meeting on Friday at 3pm. If don't send invite, update next meeting.
- c. Check in on what everyone is working on (outside of these action items)
 - i. Grace and Dog Park?
 - 1. Grace: N/A - check next week. First week of February On-Campus is emailing Dean Moore.
 - ii. Harry and Hueston Woods access?
 - 1. Survey in the works
 - 2. Jannie requested \$720 for a two Saturday pilot
- d. Any infrastructure projects?

3. Old Business

- a. Analysis of single use items on campus to find more wholistically sustainable alternatives



- i. Cameron added a units/per item breakdown of cost
- ii. **We will be meeting with the large group in the next two weeks to share our updates from our meeting in early January and prepare a presentation for Adam Sizemore after comparing research.**
- iii. Alia: how could we be more effective? Could we set aside some time this week to work on this? Not too much work on research, so could we work faster and take the reins ourselves (larger group is less productive with moving parts). People want to be involved, but this might not be their priority so we could move faster.
 - 1. Cameron: let's put a last call out to the group for research they have. Then putting together the presentation is not a full group thing.
- iv. Cameron: Bryan Gutridge, who does stuff with plastic bags in markets. He said while sustainability is good, COVID makes it hard. Still good to find a substitute for plastic bags so people can still have bags.
- b. Residence hall recycling signage: order is being placed likely next week for magnets
 - i. Transition planning for replacements will be a conversation to come so that they can be ordered in 2022.
- c. Tracking other schools' initiatives and grants ([College Research](#), [Miami's Past work](#)) and general Composting information (and stickers for portion control)
 - i. Meeting with Adam (and now Brent) on Friday to debrief about Dayton composting and Dickinson stickers to plan how best to convince dining (of both but mostly the latter).
 - ii. Cameron: Brent Mason meeting about stickers on 1/29
 - 1. **Brent is personally on board with the idea and is contacting his supervisor to ensure they also support the initiative. He thinks we can begin training the dining staff and informing students this semester about using the lingo. Program may not be too helpful when we return to pre-covid self-service, but something is better than nothing. We're meeting w Adam and him again on 2/5/21 to discuss any updates or new info.**
 - 2. Vada and Miami's marketing department to design a sticker.



d. Individual ketchup packets, silverware, and napkins automatically - should just be by request

i. **Cameron (was it Cameron who emailed Brent?), can you remind me what happened last semester?**

1. Cameron: did email him and he said it was fixed. Harry said it wasn't.
2. Harry: I was asked about condiments today.
3. Danielle: sushi place you have to ask for chopsticks and stuff

ii. **We need to get a meeting with Brent Mason, or at least explain in a detailed email asking for a shift in staff training/policy (make these items only by request). If that's not possible, another button for "no condiments" "no silverware"**

1. Buttons: staff might not make a change, those who don't want condiments can seek that out, but we have to spread the word,
 - a. If they change POS, it needs to pop up and ask if you want any condiments
 - i. Cameron: Brent said we can't do a pop up
2. Staff behavior change: students might not press the button so they'd have to ask anyways, immediate effectiveness from this procedure change,
 - a. The kiosk is already too crowded. Having the employee ask would be most effective.

Pulley Diner and Redzone have a tendency to give out so many extras with each meal even when they aren't asked for. Today I ordered an omelette and they gave me a plastic cup, 7 pepper packets, 5 salt packets, and 6 ketchup packets, none of which I asked for. Even if I were to use the condiments, I would need one packet of each maximum.

I'm not sure if this is something your committee would be able to work on, but I thought I'd send this in before I forget! Thank you!

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iii.

iv. **Who wants to do this?**

1. While it's clear that you've been making an effort, which students recognize and appreciate, we've noticed some inconsistencies.
2. Save money and resources
3. **Harry - draft this email and send to Allison**



- e. Fraternity Sustainability/Recycling
 - i. Nicole going to talk to new initiates in February. New house manager then.
- f. Editing the I&S bylaws
 - i. I have started [drafting what the changes](#) could look like but we need to put together a resolution for the change to be approved by Senate.
- g. Mailroom Delivery Change
 - i. SEND OUT THIS SURVEY - well we will do this once we get it. Adam found out he can't offer a prize for a survey where winning is by chance. So he had to edit the survey and is waiting on final IRB (human subjects research) approval). Once he has that, we are going to ask that you send it out to all of the groupchats you're in. EcoReps will also send it out with their EcoFact.
- h. Alia: was brainstorming, but COVID makes them less feasible. For example, **food waste**.
 - i. Let's keep checking in with Adam Sizemore about the Butler County grant project that will be evaluating this.
- i. Danielle: Look into sprinkling system. Some schools use grey waste water to run them. Also reusable cups (sticker thing they used to do) and more options for using them.
 - i. Plan for presenting grey water case study?
 1. Danielle: I did research on what Miami is already doing, but they really only have information about at the farm. OSU has information on the types of grey water you can use in Ohio to see the feasibility of using it on campus. Green roof irrigation. Health risks research. Going to find who runs this stuff at Miami.
 2. Allison: Boyd greenhouse. Green roof on geothermal plant.
 - ii. Plan for conversation about long term reusable cup options?
 1. Next week
- j. Nathaniel: sourcing for lights in dorms.
 - i. Jeff?
 1. Nathaniel: I emailed Jeff about sourcing for lights, if he thinks Miami would switch. If he responds, I'd follow up asking about what we have in our dorms. Follow up mid this week.



- k. Grace: when handing out masks, people were wearing disposable masks to throw out after so no washing. More info in the gym about disposing safely (cutting the strings). Heavy on poster education.
 - i. Also thinking of sprinkler system.
 - ii. Grace, plan for enacting change regarding disposable/reusable masks at the Rec?
 1. Grace did email Doug/John about virtual mask graphics in the pool.
- l. Reusable bags:
 - i. Nicole: Grace and I started looking on Monday, but it's hard to find bags you can order only 10 of. We also made a survey for "would you buy this and how much would you pay?"
 1. Allison: reach out to the vendor to explain we'd eventually do a bulk order, but we need prototypes.
 2. Nicole: send survey in slack to see if it makes sense

4. New Business

5. Round Table

- a. Senator Alia Agee:
- b. Senator Nicole Bacon:
- c. Senator Danielle Barnes:
- d. Senator Harry Harman:
- e. Senator Nathaniel Ike:
- f. Senator Grace Kelley:
- g. Secretary Allison South: Alia, help me remember to check in with Lauren and Sarah about Garden.
- h. Senator Cameron Tiefenthaler:

6. Kudos!

- a. Allison: for Harry for the legislation on Tuesday
- b. Alia: for Harry for his funny joke
- c. Allison: for Danielle, Nicole, Cameron, Grace for working through rush

7. Action Items

- a. Senator Alia Agee: SUP research with Cameron (*finish research* and start presentation), figure out plastic bag stuff, and help with resolution writing



- b. Senator Nicole Bacon: meet to discuss reusable bags (reach out to vendors about small quantities), send survey in the slack
- c. Senator Danielle Barnes: bylaw update, update on sprinkler system case study.
- d. Senator Harry Harman: send Allison draft email to Brent, look to update us on bus details (including survey).
- e. Senator Nathaniel Ike: slack Allison a couple of options for weekly 15 min virtual meeting. Follow up email to Jeff.
- f. Senator Grace Kelley: Meet with Nicole about reusable bags, track accessibility audit and dog park.
- g. Secretary Allison South: see about Miller Center meeting on Friday with Harry, review draft email from Harry to Brent, schedule weekly meeting with Nathaniel, ask Adam about But Co grant, send everyone the mail room survey when ready, approve recycling magnet order with Butler County.
- h. Senator Cameron Tiefenthaler: meet w Alia to start presentation for SUP, contact CCA about potential partnership w marketing team for the sticker/poster design, figure out plastic bag actual quantity w Grace, Alia, and Nicole and find prices for paper bags



Associated Student Government

Diversity and Inclusion Committee Meeting Agenda

Sunday, January, 31st, 2021

I. Rollcall

II. Updates from the Chair

A. Black History Month Programming

1. Freedom Summer Commemoration - Virtual Ceremony on Feb. 22nd
 - a) References death of men from western college that traveled down south to register voters of color
 - b) Working to rename 3 residence halls after the men that were killed
 - (1) Have renamed the lobby area of these 3 halls as a starting point
 - c) Feb 22nd release of the virtual event with the families of the men that were killed
2. Program Overview
 - a) Nellie Craig Walker dedication
 - b) 2. Western Lobby dedication
 - c) 3. interfaith panel
 - d) 4. CSDI scholarship
 - e) 5. CSDI/Student "fun event" (DJ)
 - f) 6. BIPOC chat
 - g) 7. GSA--mentoring Q&A
 - h) 8. Black Alumni & Emmitt Till
 - i) 9. Black LGBTQ experience at MU
 - j) 10. Social media and black student business
 - k) 11. (possible) Odell Bizell (MLK and X)

B. Presidential DEI Task Force and CODI

1. Implemented 13 out of 40 recommendations
2. All recommendations being actively pursued
3. CODI Restructuring
 - a) Just finished restructuring of CODI



- b) Only 1 student on CODI
- c)
- 4. VP Institutional Diversity Search
 - a) CODI acting as review board in VP search
 - b) D&I committee will discuss what we would like to see with the VP
Brandon will submit these recommendations/requests as a report
- C. DEI in Greek Life
 - 1. Brandon, more concerned with the way greek life impacts the community rather than what happens in greek life
 - 2. D&I will be helping to guide the changes that occur
- D. ASG Podcast
 - 1. Helps students learn what is happening in ASG
 - 2. Each week will have a guest speaker from other student leaders and senators
 - 3. Will enable real conversations with admin

III. Committee Updates

- A. Looking Back: Fall 2020 Recap
 - 1. Committee was strong last semester with the most legislation passed
 - 2. Goal: do 2X as much as last semester
- B. Moving Forward: Semester Updates
 - 1. Attempt to have a D&I senator at every ambassador meeting

IV. Administrative Overview

- A. Structure of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 - 1. CODI: University committee on D&I
 - a) Branch of U-Senate
 - b) One of the most powerful D&I entities at Miami
 - 2. CSDI: Works to serve the students
 - a) Provide advising
 - b) Home to the women's center and LGBTQ center
- B. Key Administrative Roles
 - 1. VP for institutional diversity: works under Crawford



C. 'Shared Governance'

V. 2021 Spring Inclusion Forum

A. Updates from the Chair

1. Meeting with Lauren Brassfield

- a) Originally wanted to do the event hybrid style
- b) Can use space in Armstrong but cannot have more than 10 people in the room
- c) Unsure if it is worth it to request the space

B. Brainstorming Session

1. Live streaming a panel of 10 people with audience interaction through Zoom

- a) Miami does not offer streaming services
- b) "Hybrid model"
- c) 2 panels?
 - (1) Both panels will be mixed with admin and students
 - (2) The panels will have different focuses
- d) Invite 3 tri-council presidents from greek life
- e) Having one panel would mean we have to do it through zoom
 - (1) Enables all voices in one space to have more in-depth conversations

VI. Action Items

VII. Upcoming Events



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Off-Campus Affairs Committee

January 31, 2021 via Zoom

Present: Connor Manley, Gus Lake

Absent: Jack Farag, Mathias Adjei

Excused: Jonathan Hudak, Chloe Sassan, Becca Pallant

I. Updates from the Chair

A. CollegePads Collaboration

1. McClary: Over break, I've collaborated with CollegePads on the creation of a Miami website for off campus students. This website will list all properties available for students in Oxford, as well as tailored resources to fit the specific needs of off campus students. Resources that will be included are ASG's renters' rights edu pamphlets, resources for international students, and Miami's renters' rights edu canvas course and outreach page.
2. Manley: Resolution will be submitted to steering committee this week.
3. Let the record reflect that Gus Lake has spilled pink lemonade on his computer and is currently soaking it in rice.

B. Community Newsletter

1. McClary: The January newsletter is out! I'm really excited about all the resources that it highlights since this can help with outreach and connecting off campus students with health and wellness resources off campus and within the community. Other topics of the newsletter were local business support, a wellness checklist for spring semester, a reminder of COVID-19 guidelines in Oxford and



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on campus, as well as an ASG spotlight (shoutout to Connor and Becca for all their amazing work)

II. Semester Objectives & Goal Evaluation (*Tabled to Next Week*)

- A. Recap of Last Semester
- B. Goal Setting Session

III. Project Reporting

- A. McClary: In the shared drive, you can find the OFFC initiative tracker. You can add whatever initiatives you're currently working on and see the status on all other projects happening in the committee. This is how we'll keep track of everything we're working on and make sure that we have solid teams on all our initiatives.

IV. Action Items

- A. Adjei: N/A
- B. Farag: N/A
- C. Lake: Fix laptop, local business infographics
- D. Manley: submit steering form for CollegePads, look into funding exemptions for Mask Ambassadorship, continued conversations with Mask Ambassadorship
- E. Pallant: N/A
- F. Sassan: N/A

V. General Announcements

VI. Adjournment