**STUDENT SENATE AGENDA**

November 13, 2018

Joslin Senate Chamber

1. Call to Order
   1. This Meeting will be livestreamed on Facebook
2. Two Minutes of Silence
3. Roll Call
   1. Senator Meissner alternate present
   2. Senator Radilla present
   3. Senator Sarkisian present
   4. Senator Galarza present
4. Announcements from the Chair
   1. Happy Thanksgiving. Have a safe and restful break
5. Consent Calendar
   1. Approval of Student Senate Minutes from November 6
   2. Approval of Elections Committee Minutes from November 5
   3. Approval of Steering Committee Minutes from November 11
   4. Approval of Alumni Relations Council Minutes from November 11
   5. Approval of Academic Affairs Coalition Minutes from November 11
   6. Approved Unanimously
6. Student Concerns
   1. Sen. Radilla: The Armstrong accessibility door gets stuck and does not open
      1. Motion Committed to the On-Campus Affairs Committee. Please report back in two weeks
   2. Par. Mellott: Reporting back for Academic Affairs- The surcharge for CAS students who are economics majors applies to all students not just economic majors
   3. Sen. Davis: Faculty members should also receive mental health support
7. Reports
   1. Cecilia Comerford, *Secretary for Governmental Relations*
      1. Tabled until next meeting.
8. Old Business
9. New Business
   1. Senator At-Large Election
      1. Trey Petrella
         1. The Future is Bright
            1. I live at home with my mom and dad. I am from Chagrin Falls, OH.
         2. Why do I want to be a senator?
            1. I want to improve safety

I would like to add more blue lights

* + - * 1. More inclusive and welcoming environment

I have been lucky enough to travel the world. This has introduced me to new perspectives which is important

* + - * 1. Connecting with the students
        2. Showcasing the student successes
      1. What are the students saying?
         1. Dining hall improvements (omelet and waffle station specifically)
         2. More events

District 6 has only had 2 events this semester and one was canceled

* + - * 1. Faster Maintenance response
        2. Increase safety on campus
      1. Why me?
         1. I was elected student body president of my high school
         2. I want to change Miami for the better (showcase our school)
    1. Questions:
       1. Sen. Radilla: How have you made Miami a more diverse environment?
          1. I work with UNISEF, it is a fundraising organization where we have worked to make the organization more diverse because diversity is important
       2. Par. Mellott: What is a value that makes you a good student senator?
          1. I am a good team member. I love to work with a team and that is an important thing to do as a senator
       3. Sen. Small: What weakness would you like to work on?
          1. I hold myself to a very high standard. I expect people to hold themselves to the same standards but that is sometimes not fair
    2. Annemarie Thomas
       1. I am a RA in Hamilton Hall and VP Elect HRNN. If I am elected I want to help raise awareness of the work ASG does, I want to advocate for collective student needs (safety, dining, and accessibility), give students a voice to be advocates and active participants in the change that they want to see with assistance from me and other senators. My experience that makes me uniquely qualified: helped pass hygiene legislation with my position in RHA that also went through ASG and my knowledge of parliamentary procedure
    3. Questions:
       - 1. Sen. Small: What weakness would you like to work on?

I am too passionate and sometimes I can lose sight of what is needed for the whole. I try to listen to the collective and not just my own voice

* + - * 1. Sen. Gale: What steps would you take after an administrator tells you “no” to an idea of yours?

I believe there is always an answer that can be found, and I would find another path

* + - * 1. Sen. Beuerlein: When have you worked with administration?

My work with RHA has had me work with administration. Being a RA has led me to work with RDs and Vicka Bell Robinson

* + - * 1. Sen. Lui: What is one thing you hope to accomplish by the end of your term?

Letting the student body know about ASG. I think meeting reports would help get the word out about what ASG does as a whole

* + 1. Antonio Vazquez Lim
       1. I was born and raised in West Virginia. My qualifications are two years of experience in high school senate and 1 year as the Vice President of my high school. I have had 3 years in Civil Negotiations/Lobbying with Citizens Climate Lobby and Kanawha Forest Coalition. My proposals include increased campus safety. It is crazy I have received 8 emails about sexual assaults this year, that is only those reported. The solution is not damage control, its prevention. We need improved MUPD food and bike patrol and improved lighting, and a safe walking program (as well as work on the ingress policy). Diversity is also very important, improvement to the Everfi Diversity Module. Better sustainability and less sprinklers that waste water.
    2. Questions:
       1. Sen. Radilla: How has being Latino impacted your time on campus at Miami?
          1. Not a lot of diversity on campus and I would like to see more of that
       2. Sen. Beuerlein: Have you had experience working with administration?
          1. In high school I would confront administration when I disagreed with policies and not back down. It is important to compromise
       3. Sen. Small: What weaknesses can you work on?
          1. I have a bit of an ego that needs some improvement. It is also a strength because it makes it easier to get things done because I believe in myself
       4. Sen. Gale: If you were in charge of the school’s budget where would you put money?
          1. I would put money to sustainability. I would also put it towards diversity. We need students that are less privileged and can focus a fresh perspective
    3. Congratulations to the next Senator At Large, Antonio Vazquez Lim
  1. **SB 181907** “The Bylaw Cleaning Reaching Tie Agreements Act”
     1. Tabled to next session

1. Special Business of the Day
   1. Jennifer Bazeley, *Coordinator for Collection Access & Acquisitions*

Carla Myers, *Assistant Librarian & Coordinator of Scholarly Communication*

Open Educational Resources and Affordable Learning Initiatives

Textbook costs can be a barrier for college students

Annual % changes for educational books, medical care, new home prices, and the CPI (1978-2014) those costs are all increasing

Florida textbook survey tells us the impact of the cost of textbooks (not purchasing textbooks, take fewer courses, not register for a specific course, earn a poor grade, drop a course, and fail a course because of the increased costs of textbooks)

Why are textbooks expensive?

Flaw in publishing industry

Not a “normal” market

No checks/balances

Five textbook companies control most of the market (11 billion-dollar market)

Renting rather than buying textbooks is a solution biut it is being ruined by new textbooks being printed annually when they do not need to be

What are we doing about it?

Affordable and open educational resource committee

New initiatives and grant programs

Open Educational Resource (OER)

Totally free textbook

Anyone can go online and purchase this textbook for free

Textbooks and modules

OER Explore: workshop through which faculty can learn more about textbook affordability issues and OER

OER Adopt: A grant program that supports faculty in replacing their current commercial textbook with an OER

OER Create: Launching in the fall of 2018, this grant program, will provide publishing support to faculty looking to author an OER textbook for their course

Affordable Learning (Affordability Initiatives)

Course Pack Consultation Service: This program allows faculty to reduce or eliminate the costs associated with reading-based course packs for students

Alternate Textbook Program: Faculty work with library staff to develop a reading list comprised of resources pulled from the Miami University Libraries’ purchased electronic collections (eBooks, electronic articles), legal online resources and reading selections made in compliance with US copyright law

A lot of participation from the faculty

Student cost savings (since January 2017)

Course Pack Consultation Service: $19,662

Alternate Textbook program: estimated $3,260

OER Adopt: estimated about $39,000

Canvas Integrated E-Textbook

Pending process. Follow up with us if you have any questions

ASG Affordable Education Leader Award

Thank you for offering this award

Other Successes:

Revision of textbook policy to encourage faculty to select affordable and open educational resources

Developed Canvas site for all faculty working with OER/AL initiatives

Revision of promotion and tenure dossiers to recognize adoption, or creation of OER

Consultation on OER/AL initiatives to faculty who are or are not affiliated with the grant programs

Founding member of the open textbook networks publishing co-op

Forthcoming published article

Questions:

Sen. Silbey: How is Miami marketing these initiatives?

We go to department meetings and tell faculty this information. Faculty members follow up with us and express interest about the initiatives. We do not force this on the faculty member, but we introduce options that increase affordability

Sen. Siegel: Would it be possible to expand the number of textbooks the library has by buying textbooks back from the students?

That is a great idea. The biggest issue is we do not always know what textbooks the professors are using because sometimes they miss the deadline to report this

Sen. Beuerlein: Has there ever been a class or subject you are not able to find textbooks for? When will this program be at its peak?

Yes, the Adults in Aging professor was very passionate about this. There was not a OER in that subject. We worked with her and as a result the library was able to find a solution

OERs are not always the best option. We want students to have the best educational experience. Word of mouth is the best way to market this program. Faculty members need to know the advantages of this program from other faculty members and from the students

1. General Announcements
2. Adjournment